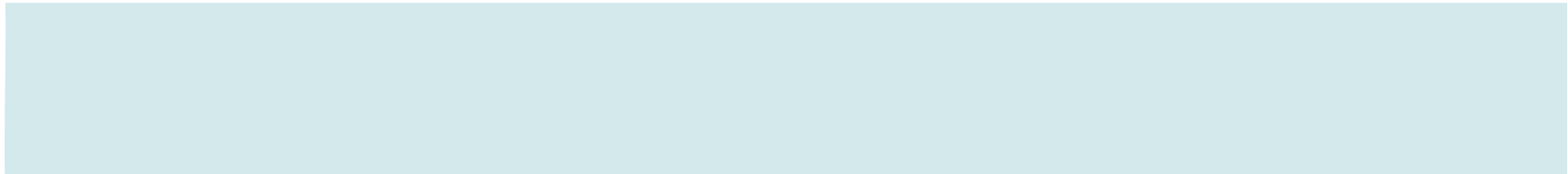




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# Tire Products Grant Informational Meeting

July 11th, 2023

Lena Chambless, Sarah Knapp, Scarlett Fuller, Cassandra Rowicki  
Recovered Materials and Abatement Program  
Solid Waste Trust Fund Grants Team  
Georgia EPD



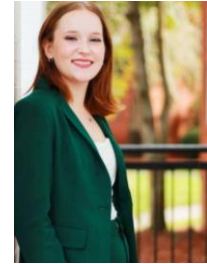
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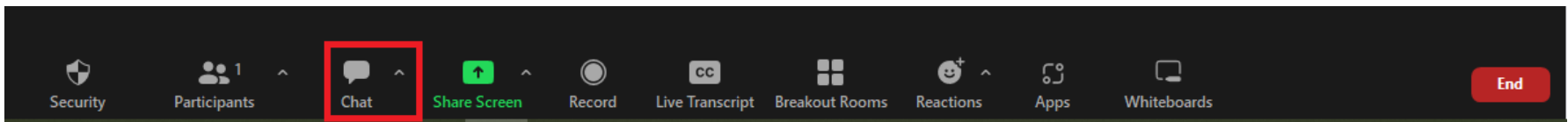
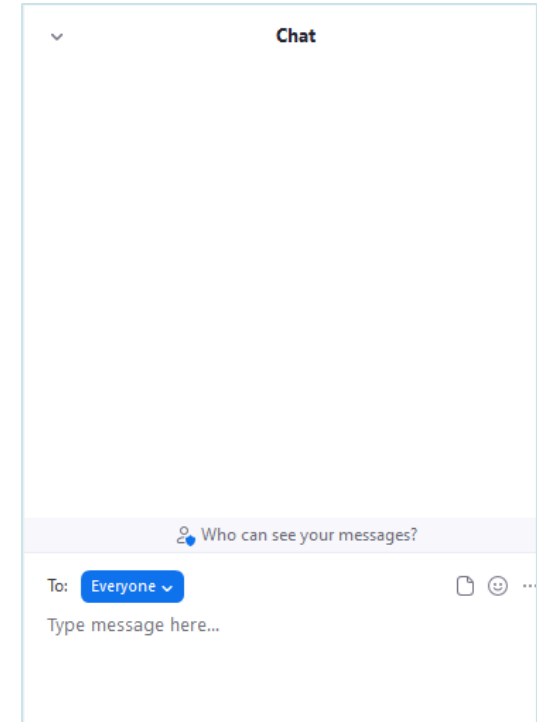


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# HOUSEKEEPING

- We will pause throughout the presentation to allow time for Q&A
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# **TIRE PRODUCTS GRANT**





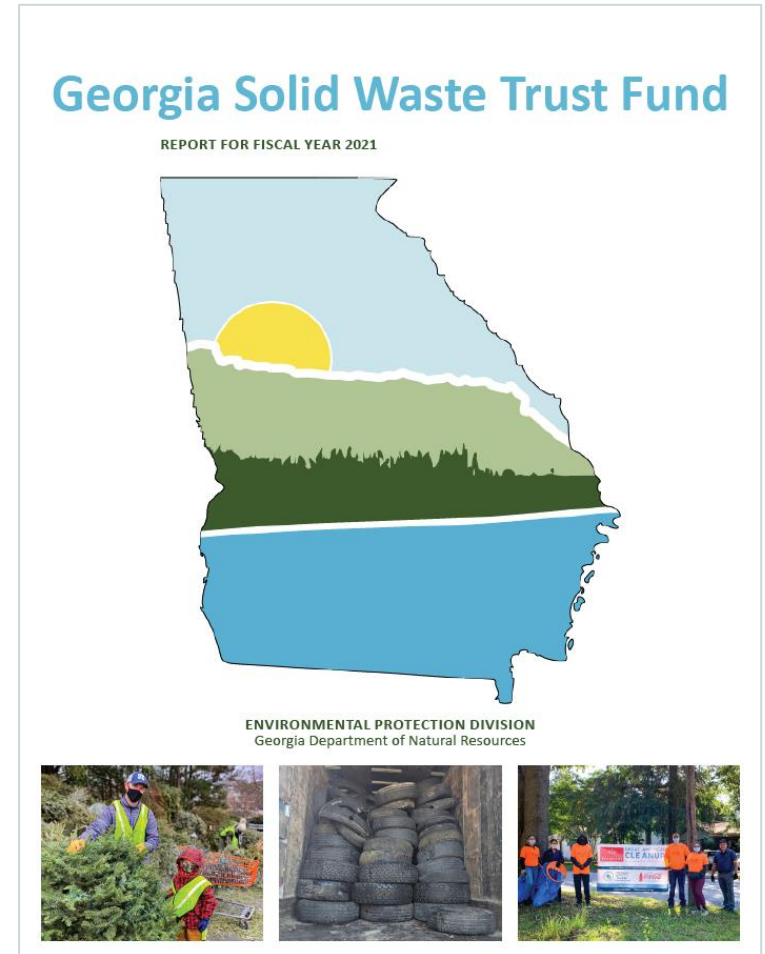
# TIRE PRODUCTS GRANT - AGENDA

- Background
- Project Examples
- Eligibility
- Funding
- Timeline
- Application
- Reporting and Invoicing
- Evaluation and Scoring
- Question and Answer Session



# BACKGROUND

- The Solid Waste Trust Fund (SWTF) is funded by Georgia's Tire Management Fee
- FY23 dedication of SWTF fees and the launch of the SWTF Grant Program:
  - ❖ Recycling and Waste Diversion Grant
  - ❖ Local Government Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement Program
- FY24 Georgia EPD announced \$3.5M for the SWTF Grant Program







# WHAT IS THE TIRE GRANT?

- Tire Products (Tire) Grant announced for FY24 with \$1M
- Encourage the use of Tire Derived Products (TDP), innovation, and market development for scrap tires
- Provide financial support for projects in Georgia that:
  - Reduce solid waste
  - Encourage innovation
  - Support market development for scrap tires
- Projects at various stages will be considered and must be concluded in 24 months from award



# TIRE-DERIVED PRODUCTS

- Projects that utilize TDP instead of conventional or virgin materials
- No match required for this track
- Grant funds will only pay for the difference in price for the direct cost of incorporating the TDP
  - Direct cost may include material costs, or specialized services, such as the mixing of TDP





# TIRE-DERIVED PRODUCT PROJECT EXAMPLES

Examples of Tire-derived Product projects may include:

**Paving** - Using TDP to pave roadways



**Poured playgrounds or trails** - Using TDP to create trails or playgrounds

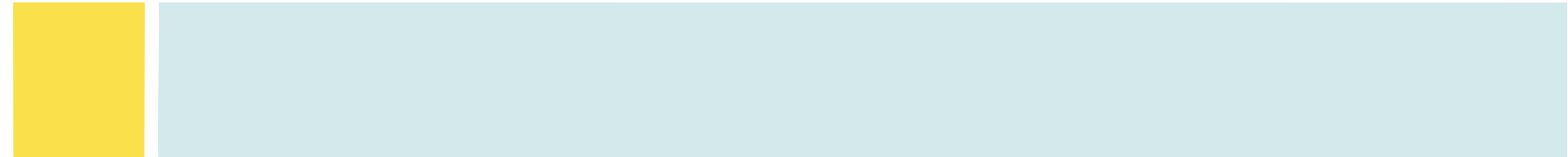


EPD will maintain and post a list of helpful industry contacts to the [Tire Grant website](#)



## INELIGIBLE TIRE-DERIVED PRODUCTS PROJECTS

- Recent studies have raised concerns with the environmental and public health impacts
- As a result, EPD will NOT fund projects utilizing tire-derived mulch or tire-derived beads for artificial turf





# RESEARCH OF NEW AND/OR INNOVATIVE USES

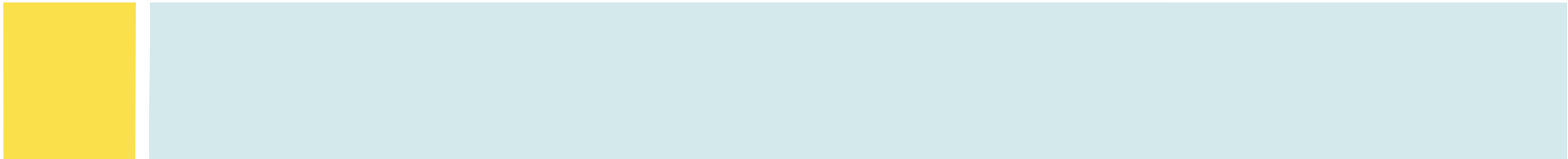
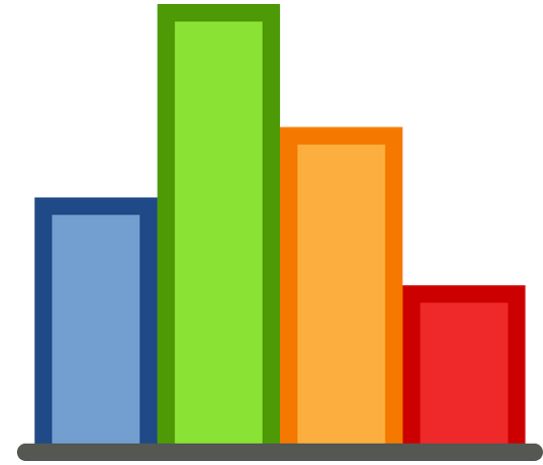


- Projects that seek to identify innovative uses
- Conduct research, tests, or develop beneficial uses for products derived from scrap tires
- Awarded grant funds may be used for all costs related to research, such as material testing
- A minimum 20% match of the total project cost is required



# APPLICANT POLL

What type of organization do you represent?





# ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

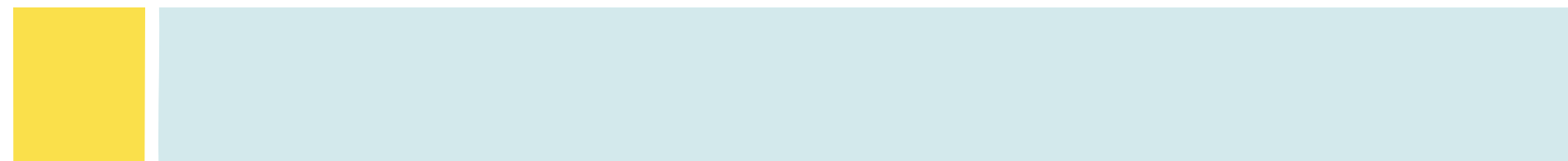
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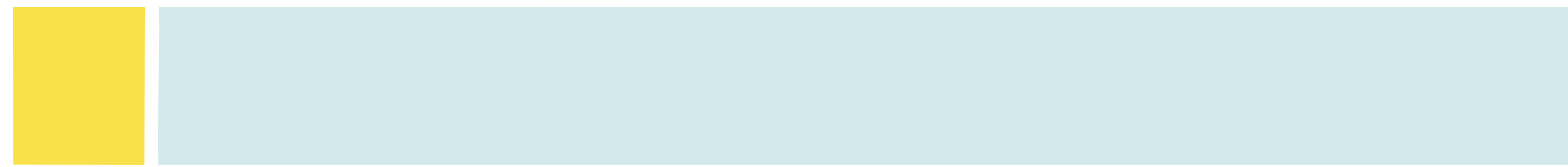
\* Located in Georgia





## **PUBLIC AUTHORITIES, AGENCIES, COMMISSIONS, OR INSTITUTIONS**

- **Examples include:**
  - **Public Colleges and Universities**
  - **City/County/State Agencies**
  - **Solid Waste Authorities**







## ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Local governments applicants must have a qualified local government status as of the date of their application, as determined by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs

<https://apps.dca.ga.gov/LocalGovStatus/planning.asp>

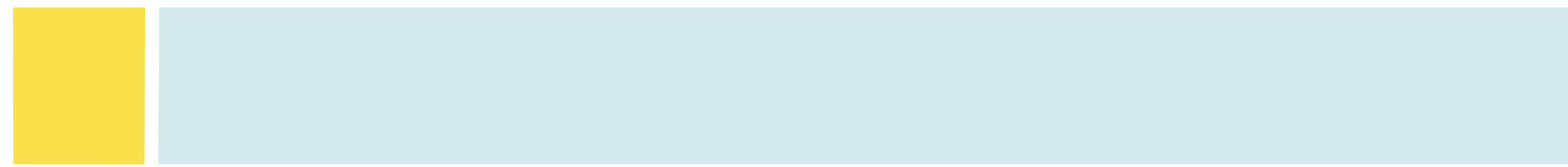
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to view this list before developing an application to confirm they are eligible





# INELIGIBILITY

- Nonprofit or private organizations are not eligible for funding, although applicants may partner or contract with nonprofits or private organizations
- Applicants who are subject to an open EPD consent order or other EPD enforcement action
- Applicants who have received grant funds in past years but have NOT demonstrated successful administration of those grant funds





# AVAILABLE FUNDING

- A total of \$1,000,000 has been allocated for the FY24 (July 1 – June 30) grant cycle
- At this time, maximum grant award is \$250,000
  - Applicants may apply for up to the maximum grant award
- Projects not selected in one grant cycle may be resubmitted in subsequent grant cycles



# AVAILABLE FUNDING

- Grant funds are paid out on a reimbursement basis. If you require advance funds in order to achieve grant objectives, please contract grant staff and indicate this in your application and provide justification
- For the Product track, funds will cover the direct cost related to the incorporation of TDP and associated services into projects which normally would utilize conventional or virgin materials
- For the Research track, funds will cover up to 80% of the total project cost; applicants are required to provide a 20% match of the total project cost



# TIRE PRODUCT GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION TIMELINE

Application Period Opens

July 12, 2023

Applications Due by 4:30 PM

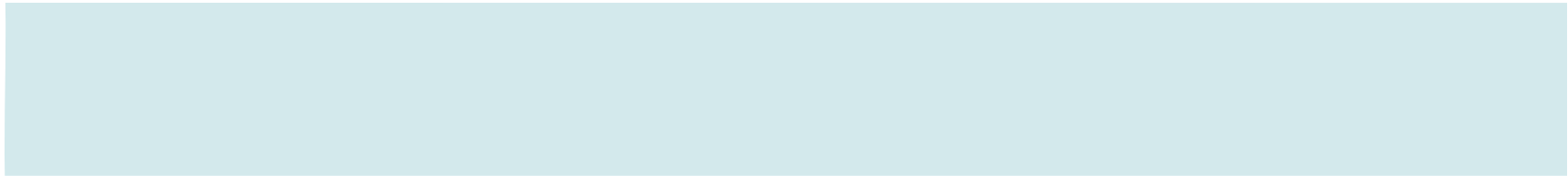
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Application Review

September - October 2023

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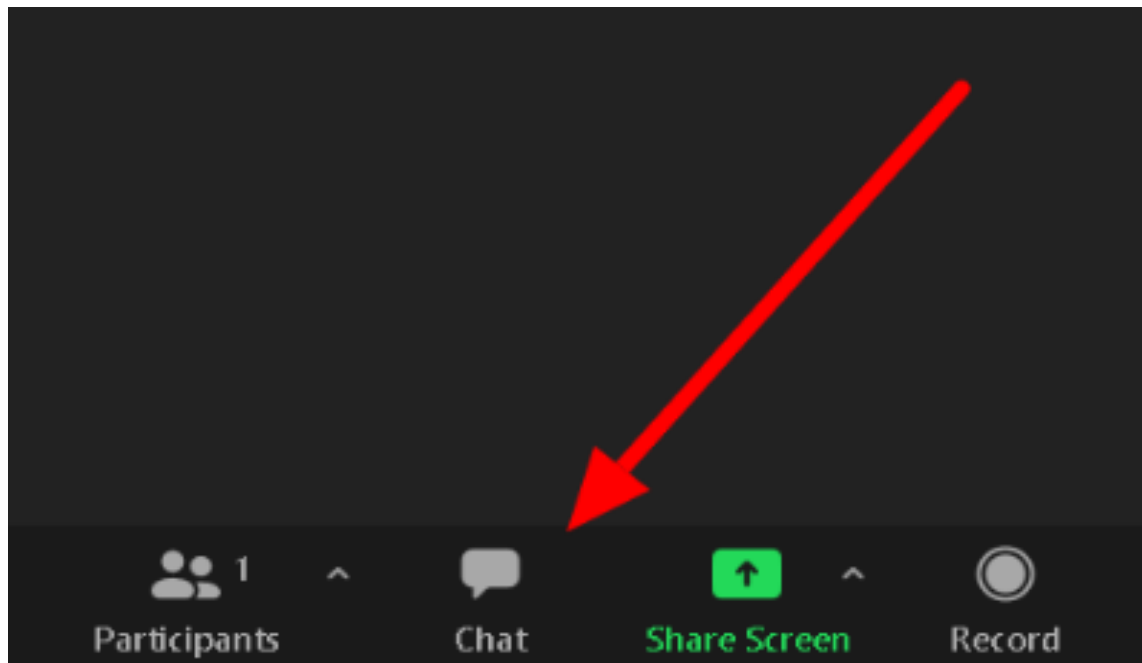
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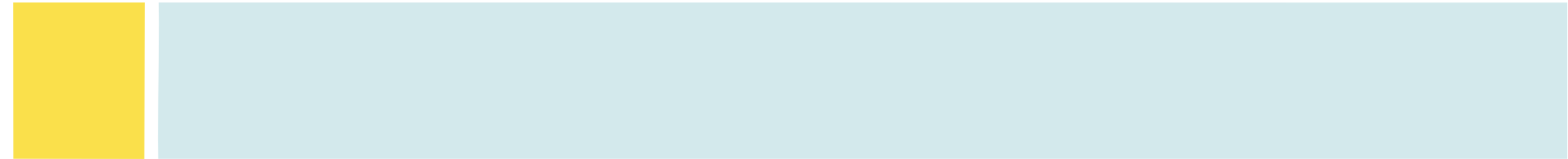
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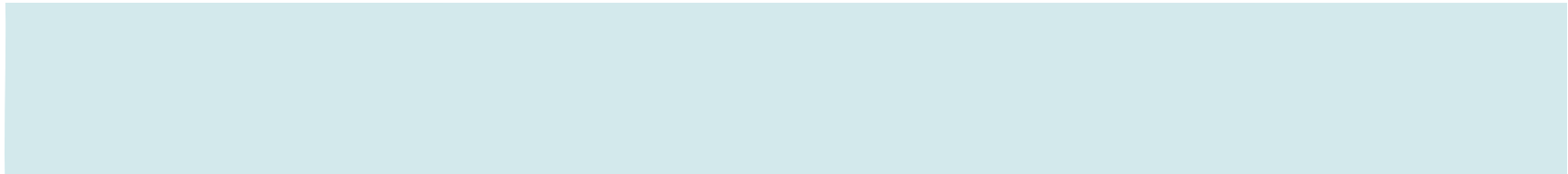
# APPLICATION





# APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applicants must submit a complete application to be considered for award
- Applicants may submit one project to the Tire Grant Program per grant cycle
- There are two different applications for Tire-derived Products and Research of New and/or Innovative Uses for Scrap Tires project types







# CONSIDERATIONS BEFORE APPLICATION

- ✓ Does my project and organization meet the eligibility criteria?
- ✓ Does my project meet the purposes of the Tire Products Grant Program?
- ✓ Does my project and organization have the support of the authorized official who will sign off on each step?
- ✓ Who in my organization is going to administer the project?
- ✓ Does my organization understand the amount of work it will take to complete the project before beginning?
- ✓ Is my organization able to see this project through to a successful and timely completion?
- ✓ Does my project fall under the tire-derived products track or research of new and/or innovative uses for scrap tires track?
- ✓ Does my organization understand all expectations that receiving a grant entails?



# APPLICATION

The application consists of the following documents:

1. Cover Sheet
2. Project Narrative
3. Project Timeline
4. Budget
5. Supporting Materials

## **Tire-derived Products Application Instructions**

Please review the Tire Grant Program Guidelines and application instructions carefully before applying.

The application consists of the following components, which must be fully completed to be considered for review:

1. Cover Sheet
2. Project Narrative
3. Project Timeline
4. Budget
5. Supporting Materials

Please attach all supporting material documentation to the application. If a single email, including all supporting material(s), exceeds the email size limit, supporting material(s) may be sent separately. Applications may be submitted electronically through email or mailed. Applications may also be hand delivered. Applications through fax will not be accepted.

Mailing and Street Address: Georgia Environmental Protection Division  
Recovered Materials Unit  
4244 International Parkway, Suite 104  
Atlanta, GA 30354

Email Address: [SWTF.Grant@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:SWTF.Grant@dnr.ga.gov)

Include the contact information for the primary individual responsible for grant project administration. This is the person who will be the main point of contact for all grant-related communication and questions. This may or may not be the same individual who applies for and/or submits the grant application.

Please also include the contact information for the official responsible for approvals for your entity. If selected for award, this will be the individual who will sign the agreement. Examples include but are not limited to the chief executive officer, commissioner, mayor, or solid waste director.

Applicants may include an organizational chart as supporting material to clearly define other members involved with grant administration.

**DO NOT SUBMIT THIS INSTRUCTION PAGE ALONG WITH YOUR APPLICATION.**

The application period will open July 12, 2023. The deadline for submitting applications is 4:30 PM on August 31, 2023.

Additional information about the Tire Grant and supporting documents can be found at the following website address: <https://epd.georgia.gov/tire-product-tire-grant>



# SECTION ONE: COVER SHEET

Use the template in the application to complete the Cover Sheet (same for both)

SECTION ONE: Cover Sheet			
Project Title			
Local Government/Entity			
Federal Tax ID			
Mailing Address			
City			
ZIP			
County			
Primary Grant Administrator Contact Name (this should be the main point of contact for the project)		Responsible Official for Approvals (if grant is awarded) Contact Name	
Title		Title	
Organization		Organization	
Phone		Phone	
E-Mail		Email	
Project Start Date			
Project End Date			
Grant Amount Requested for Tire-derived Product \$			
Total Project Amount \$			
Is your entity listed on the DCA noncompliance list?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Is your entity involved in any open consent orders or enforcement actions with EPD?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Has your entity received any grant funding from EPD in the past? If yes, select the grants that apply:			
<input type="checkbox"/> RWD		<input type="checkbox"/> STAR	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
The TIRE Grant is a reimbursement grant. However, up to 90% of funds may be provided in advance if requested.		Does your entity require funds in advance? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
If YES is selected, provide justification as to why funds in advance are required:			
I, the undersigned authorized representative of the applicant, certify that to that to the best of my knowledge, the information contained herein is true and correct, the document and project has been duly authorized by the governing body of the applicant, and, if funded, the applicant will carry out the implementation steps in the manner described in this application. I also certify that the applicant shall maintain accounting records in accordance with generally accepted government accounting principles and that the funds awarded will be included in those audits or financial statements that cover all or part of the project duration period noted above.			
Official Signature (Responsible Official only)			
Name (print)			
Title			



# SECTION TWO: PRODUCT PROJECT NARRATIVE

## Project Narrative

### 1. Project Description

- Describe the overall project, including project location

### 2. Need and Purpose

- Describe the need and purpose of the project

### 3. Community Served

- Describe how the project benefits the community

### 4. Utilization and Metrics

- Describe the products to be used and how they will be incorporated in the project
- Describe the total project cost utilizing conventional or virgin materials vs. the project cost utilizing TDP
- Describe the number of lbs. of TDP used
- Describe the sourcing of the materials and related services

### 5. Marketing and Education

- Describe how information about the project be shared with the community



# SECTION TWO: RESEARCH PROJECT NARRATIVE

## Project Narrative

### 1. Project Description

- Describe the need, purpose, and objectives of research project

### 2. Methodology

- Describe methodology used to conduct project

### 3. Evaluation

- Describe how the projects impact on recycling and material recovery for scrap tires will be evaluated

### 4. Marketing and Publicity

- Describe how will the results of the project be shared with the scrap tire industry and other decision makers

### 5. Scaling Potential

- Describe how the project will benefit markets for scrap tires and the usage of TDP

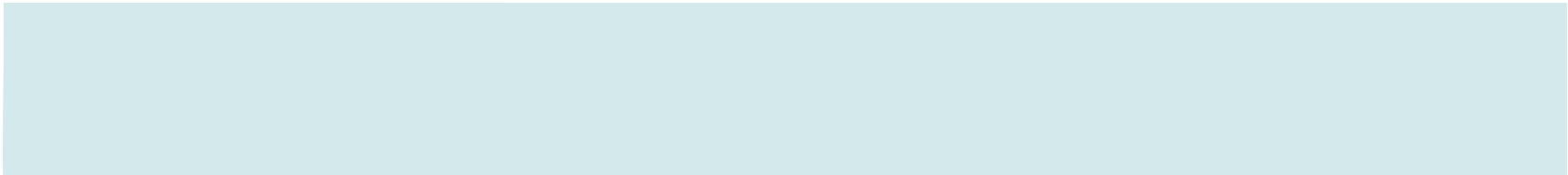
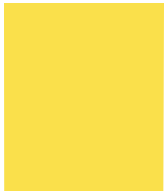
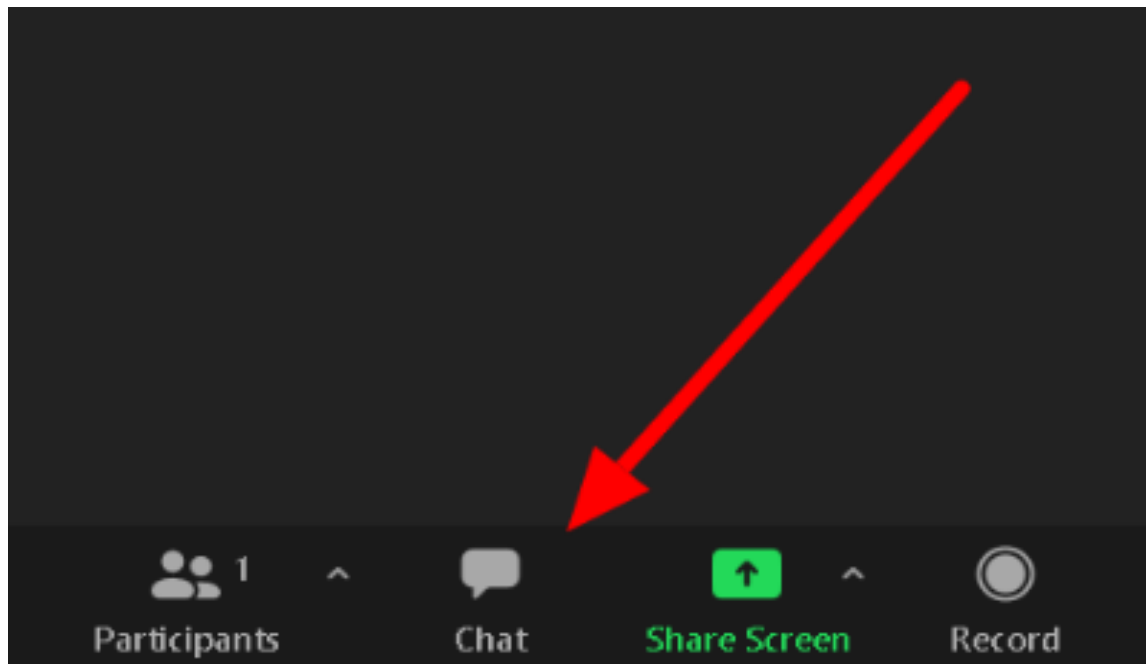
### 6. Innovation

- Describe how the project is innovative



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# SECTION THREE: PRODUCT PROJECT TIMELINE

1. List start date and completion date
  2. Describe key milestones, such as when the tire-derived product(s) will be installed
- ❖ Note: There is no time limit for the project, but the grant must be used in the 24 months awarded

Timeline		
	Month	Year
<b>Project Start Date</b>		
<i>Rubber asphalt mix will be poured starting at Peach Dr and ending at Peach St</i>	March	2024
<i>Enter milestone</i>		
<i>Enter milestone</i>		
<b>Project Completion Date</b>		



# SECTION THREE: RESEARCH PROJECT TIMELINE

1. Describe clearly identifiable steps and milestones
2. List start date and completion date
3. Note: There is no time limit for the project, but the grant must be used in the 24 months awarded

Timeline			
Activity		Start Date	Completion Date
1	TDP will be tested under rail like conditions to look at possible effects of the runoff.	May 2024	June 2024
2			
3			
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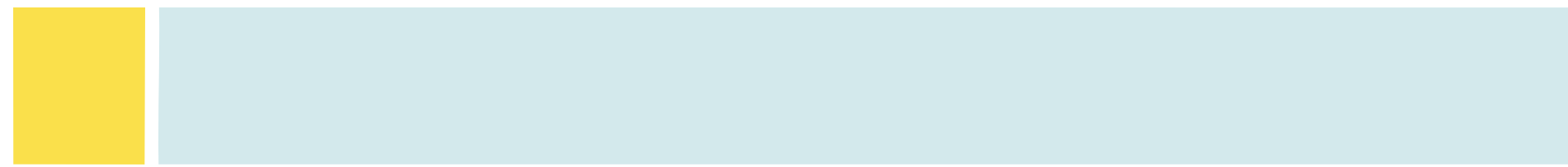




# SECTION FOUR: PRODUCT BUDGET

1. Complete the Budget Form provided in the application
  - ❖ Documentation for each line item must be provided
  - ❖ No match required

Budget							
Description		Grant Funds Requested	Anticipated Expenditure Date	Are the funds attributable to a GA business?			
1		\$		<input type="checkbox"/>	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N
2		\$		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
3		\$		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
4		\$		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
5		\$		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Total cost of tire-derived products and associated services</b>		\$					
<b>Total Project Cost (including tire-derived products and associated services)</b>		\$					
<b>Percentage of project (by cost) that consists of tire-derived products and associated services</b>		%					





# SECTION FOUR: RESEARCH BUDGET

1. Complete the Budget Form provided in the application
  - ❖ Documentation for each line item must be provided
  - ❖ A 20% match is required

Budget										
Description		Grant Funds Requested	Match Contribution		Total Cost	Anticipated Expenditure Date	Are the funds attributable to a GA business?			
			In-Kind	Cash			<input type="checkbox"/>	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N
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2		\$					<input type="checkbox"/>	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N
3		\$					<input type="checkbox"/>	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N
4		\$					<input type="checkbox"/>	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N
5		\$					<input type="checkbox"/>	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N
Totals										
Percentage of Match										



# MATCH

- ❖ A minimum 20% match of the total project cost is required for the research track only; tire-product grants do not have to provide a match
- A match is a cash or in-kind resource commitment beyond the grant dollar amount requested
- Match items should be documented through letters of commitment, copies of checks, payroll records, etc.
- Commons sources:

## Cash

- Engineering
- Construction costs
- Materials
- Equipment Rental

## In-kind

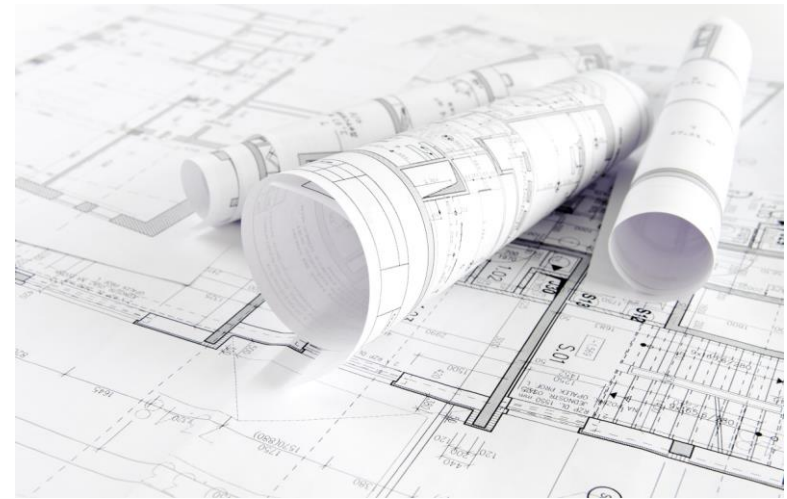
- Donations
- Volunteers
- Staff time
- Materials
- Land



# SECTION FIVE: SUPPORTING MATERIALS

Attach the following supporting material(s)

- Manufacturer product sheet
- Quotes or other cost estimate documentation
- W9 form
- Contractor Affidavit form





# APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applications may be submitted through email or mail
- Separate emails may be sent if file size and/or attachments are too large
- Use the following as your subject line:
  - Applicant Name, Tire Grant Application, Email #1 (#2, #3 if multiple emails are needed)
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Mailing and Street Address:

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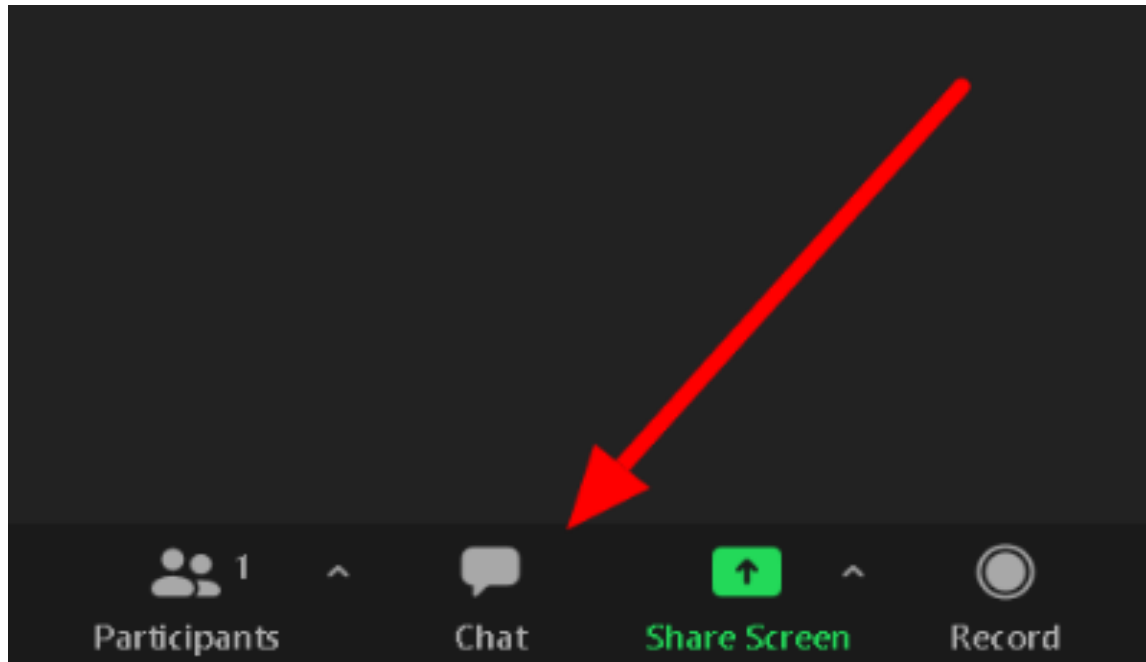
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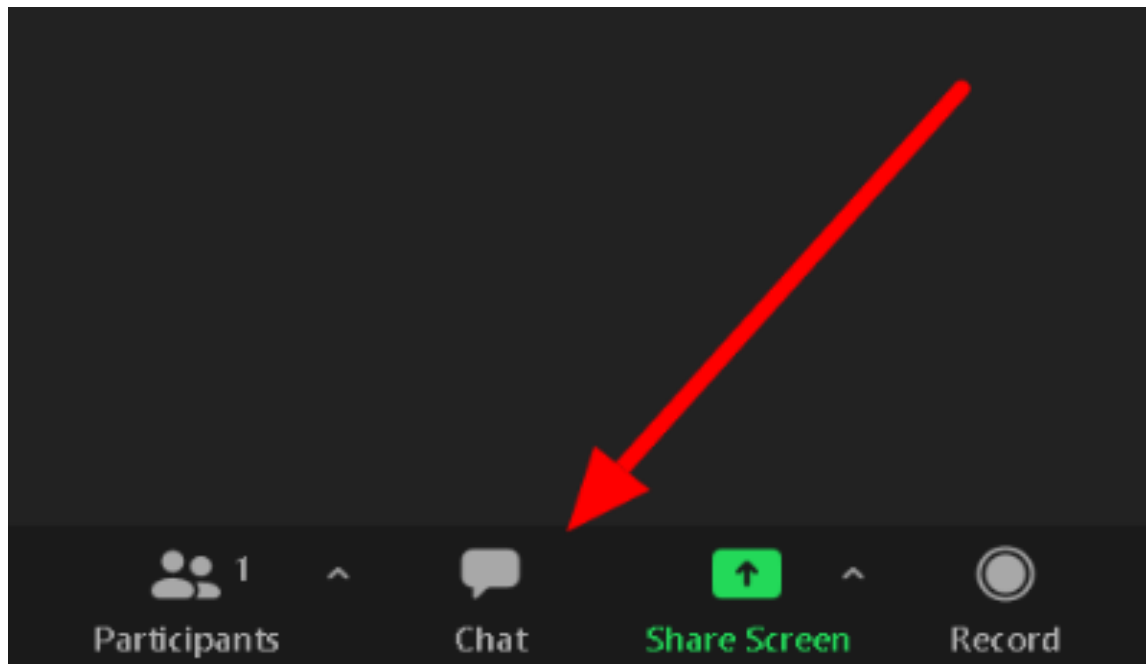
- **Reporting**
  - Recipients are required to submit Quarterly Reports to EPD throughout the duration of the project to document progress
  - A Final Report must be submitted at the end of the project that includes a summary of the project
- **Invoicing**
  - Recipients must submit a Reimbursement Request Form to EPD along with invoices and proof of payment for grant spending
  - Reimbursement Request Forms may be submitted along with the quarterly reports or as needed, no more than once every 30 days





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# **EVALUATION AND SCORING**





# SCORING

- Applications will be reviewed by EPD to determine if the applicant and proposed project are eligible
- Eligible projects will be scored according the evaluation criteria
- EPD will fund projects starting with the highest-ranking score first and will continue awarding funds until all funds have been exhausted
- If a grant application is approved for award, EPD will notify the applicant and provide an agreement for signature
- Both project types total the same amount of points
  - 75 base with 10 bonus points for 85 total points maximum





# SCORING: TIRE-DERIVED PRODUCTS CRITERIA

Category Weight	Evaluation Criteria for Tire-Derived Products	Score 0 = incomplete 1 = Poor 2 = Good 3 = Excellent	Weighted Score
3.00	Does the application provide a clear description of the overall project, including location?	0	0
3.00	Does the application demonstrate the need and purpose for the project?	0	0
2.00	Does the application demonstrate how the project benefits the community?	0	0
2.00	Does the application describe the TDP(s) that will be utilized in the project, and was manufacturer documentation provided?	0	0
1.00	Does the application describe the total project cost utilizing conventional or virgin materials vs. the total project cost utilizing TDP(s)?	0	0
1.00	Does the application include a description of the number of lbs. of TDP(s) used in the project?	0	0
1.00	Does the application describe how the TDP(s) will be incorporated into the project?	0	0
1.00	Does the application describe where the TDP(s) and/or related service(s) are sourced?	0	0
3.00	Does the application describe how information about the project will be shared with the community?	0	0
1.00	Does the application provide a timeline?	0	0
3.00	Does the application provide a clear and coherent budget?	0	0
4.00	Does the application demonstrate the percentage by cost of the project that utilizes TDP and associated services in relation to the total project cost? 1 point  If yes, what is the percentage by cost of the project that utilizes TDP and associated services in relation to the total project cost? <50% = 1 point; 51%-100% = 2 points	0	0
Total			0



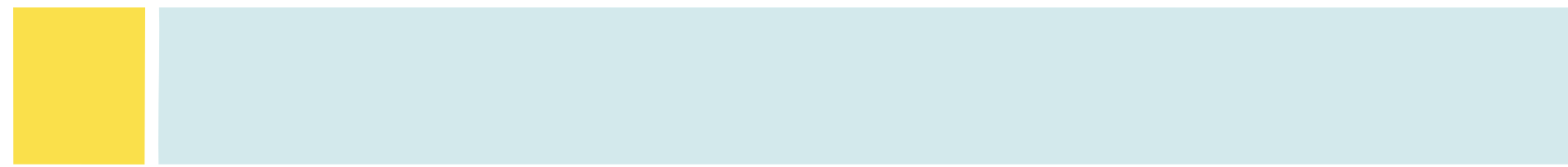
# SCORING: RESEARCH AND INNOVATION CRITERIA

Category Weight	Evaluation Criteria for Research of New and/or Innovative Uses for Scrap Tires	Score 0 = incomplete 1 = Poor 2 = Good 3 = Excellent	Weighted Score
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2.00	Does the application describe the objective(s) of the research project?	0	0
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2.00	Does the application demonstrate how the research project will benefit markets for scrap tires and the usage of TDP?	0	0
4.00	Does the application demonstrate how the research project is innovative?	0	0
1.00	Does the application provide a robust timeline with clearly identifiable steps for project implementation?	0	0
3.00	Does the application provide a clear and coherent budget?	0	0
Total			0



# SCORING: ADDITIONAL POINTS

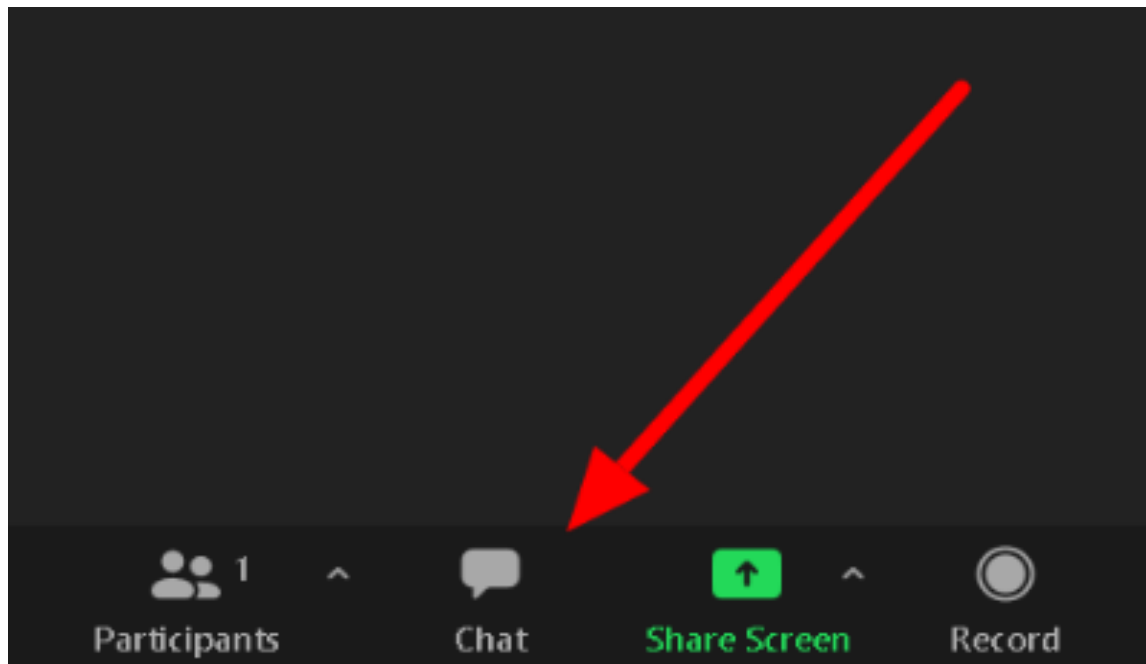
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5	Will the proposed project use Georgia-based suppliers for products and services?	
5	Does the application propose a regional or multi-jurisdictional project serving two or more eligible applicants?	





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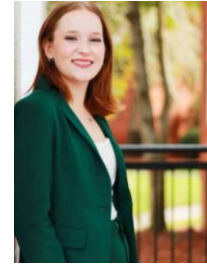
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