

FS-6200-0046 (REV. 07/2024) OMB 0503-0028 Exp. 11/30/2025

### Must Match box 8 in the SF-424:

Project Title:

Applicant Name:

Applicant E-mail:

Applicant Phone Number:

Applicant Physical Address:

## Select the organization that you represent:

# Nonprofit Organizations and Community Groups:

Not Applicable 501(c)(3) (or has applied) 501(c)(4) (or has applied) Group without 501(c)(3) or (c)(4) status Community Board Faith Based Organization School-Affiliated Group

# For-Profit Entities:

Small business

Other- Please describe:

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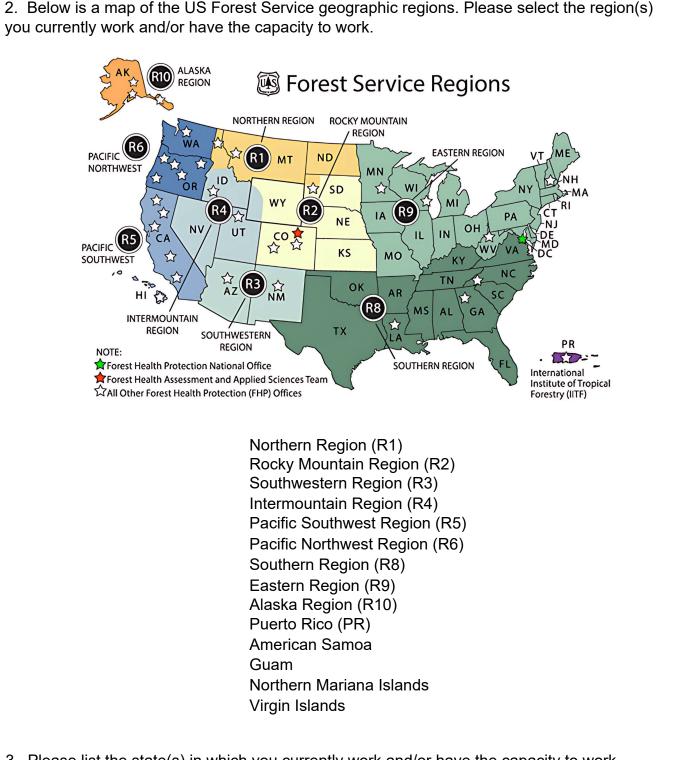
# 1. What is your timeline for implementing this action? If additional space is needed, please use the referenced Attachment form.

### Government Entities:

Not Applicable City/Local Government County Government Federal Government Tribe State Government Other Government

### Higher Education Institutions:

Not Applicable College University



2. Below is a map of the US Forest Service geographic regions. Please select the region(s)

3. Please list the state(s) in which you currently work and/or have the capacity to work.

4. Describe how this project scope fits within your organization's mission, and how it serves as a shared mutual interest and benefit between the Forest Service and your organization.

5. Describe the key personnel who will be involved in this project. Please include current full time staff, and anticipated personnel (e.g. 1st year PhD candidate in Chemistry, 2nd MS Candidate in Materials Engineering, etc.).

6. How will this project serve or impact communities that are disadvantaged, historically undeserved, marginalized, or have been adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality?

7. Briefly describe an existing or potential project in which you would be interested in partnering with USDA Forest Service. Please include the goals, objectives, and describe how it relates to nanocellulose research and development for sustainable materials. Please also describe how it relates to past work that you or your team have completed.

8. Briefly describe your team's experience with biomaterials, bioprocessing, or biomaterials research. Please include any relevant references. Do you have any specialized laboratory facilities or expertise that could be used in this work?

9. Briefly describe your experience in managing research projects. Please include the names of the projects, the funding level, and the deliverables (e.g. publications, workshops, number of students graduated, etc).

10. Please describe how a joint research project with the USDA Forest Service would help expand research capacity at your institution. What would be most helpful to in expanding your research capacity (e.g funding, expertise, lab resources, internships, etc.)?

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