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Slaying Ambiguity
Writing a Project Abstract

Instructions: *Write a 1-2 paragraph abstract about a hypothetical project, using the information in the bullet points below. Write clearly, with no "room for interpretation" on the part of the reader. Assume the reader has no knowledge of the subject.*

Tell a story, including information you feel would be of interest to the reader, and important for the reader to know, in order to fully understand this project. Including a lot of minute details is not as important as ensuring that the information you provide is clear and logical, and that there is no ambiguity.For purposes of the exercise, please feel free to fabricate facts and context, as you see fit, to improve your story and ensure it is as clear as possible.

Bullet points for a hypothetical project



1. Poor communities near the coast of Gulfport, MS have been inundated with toxic flood waters during large storms in each of the past two years.
2. The problem is due to both insufficient regulations related to discharge of effluents from manufacturing plants and wastewater treatment plants, and to the lack of physical infrastructure to prevent and/ or mitigate flooding.
3. The applicant is proposing to establish a task force that will…
    a. conduct research to understand the problem;
    b. identify potential solutions; and
    c. facilitate a process with the community to choose a solution.
4. The goal of the project is to create new, enforceable regulations and to improve the physical infrastructure.
5. There is probably money in the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and/or the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).
6. Hopefully after the project, the community/ people in the community will experience some tangible benefits. What might those look like?

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