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ADEM Accepting Proposals for Boat Docking Grants

MONTGOMERY –The Alabama Department of Environmental Management is seeking proposals from publicly owned or operated marinas for projects that would provide docking facilities for transient vessels that are 26-feet or greater in length. Proposals submitted to ADEM will be forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for funding consideration under the Boating Infrastructure Grant Program.

Funding in the Boating Infrastructure Grant Program is divided into Tier I and Tier II divisions. Tier I funding is provided to participating states in the amount of \$100,000 annually. Tier II projects compete for funding with other applications that are submitted nationwide.

The deadline for receipt of proposals by ADEM is August 21st at 5 p.m. Any individual, company, agency, or organization interested in submitting a project proposal should ensure the submittal includes the following information:

- Project statement and detailed plans for development of docking facilities for transient vessels as defined in U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service guidelines.
- A letter of commitment to provide at least 25-percent cost match on the project and to operate the facility for at least 20 years from date of construction.
- An itemized project budget, clearly identifying the amount and source of matching funds.

The Boating Infrastructure Grant Program is designed to provide transient dockage for recreational boats 26-feet or more in length for recreational opportunities and safe harbors, as well as:

- enhance access to recreational, historic, cultural and scenic resources;
- strengthen community ties to the water's edge and economic benefits;
- promote public/private partnerships and entrepreneurial opportunities;
- provide continuity of public access to the shore;
- promote awareness of transient boating opportunities.

For more information on this program, please contact Edwin Johnston at (334) 271-7729.

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