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Re: Solicitation for FY2014 Preapplications – Clean Water and Drinking Water SRF Programs

Dear Local Government Official:

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management is pleased to announce that preapplications are currently being accepted for consideration of funding by the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program (CWSRF) and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program (DWSRF). These programs offer low-interest financing for publicly-owned treatment works, non-point pollution control systems, green infrastructure, and public drinking water improvements. Only municipalities, counties, boards, authorities and other public bodies are eligible to apply.

The CWSRF has expanded the scope of eligible project types to include not only wastewater treatment and collection, but also:

- Water reuse/recycling
- Stormwater pollution control
- Non-point source pollution control
- Estuary management projects
- Water efficiency projects, including water efficient fixtures and devices
- Energy efficient retrofits
- Decentralized treatment systems

The DWSRF program will also consider applications for water and energy efficiency, in addition to source, treatment, storage, and distribution facilities.

Interested public bodies must submit a preapplication form with supporting documents no later than December 31, 2013. Submittals will be evaluated for eligibility and ranked according to the Department's priority point system. Projects that score above the funding line will be requested to make final application by May 1, 2014, with loans expected to close in late summer – fall 2014.

We recommend limiting applications to projects with estimated construction costs of at least \$300,000. For 2014, we estimate there will be \$62M available for Clean Water loans and \$38M for Drinking Water loans. There may be additional loan subsidies available to projects that meet the definition of green infrastructure. Please see the eligibility guidelines on the reverse for more information. Preapplication forms and guidance are available on our website at <http://www.adem.alabama.gov/programs/water/srfguidance.cnt>.

Please feel free to contact the SRF Section at (334) 271-7913 if you have any questions.

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Aubrey White, Chief
General Services Branch



Eligibility Guidelines for State Revolving Fund Projects

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund program is available only to public bodies, including municipalities, commissions, counties, districts, authorities, or other entities created by or pursuant to state law that have authority over the disposal of sewage, industrial wastes, or other wastes. The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund is available only to public water systems, including boards, districts, authorities, municipalities, and counties. Non-profits and private entities are not eligible for assistance from either program.

The following project types are not meant to be all-inclusive; other projects may be eligible and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)

Projects Generally Eligible for Funding

- Planning, design, or construction of wastewater treatment facilities and collection systems
- Water reuse/recycling
- Stormwater pollution control
- Non-point source pollution control
- Estuary management projects
- Green projects including green streets, water or energy efficiency, rainwater harvesting, and decentralized wastewater treatment

Ineligible Projects

- Projects for systems owned by private or nonprofit entities
- Land purchase, unless integral to treatment
- Operation and maintenance

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)

Projects Generally Eligible for Funding

- Water treatment
- Storage
- Sources, including wells
- Distribution systems
- System consolidation
- Water or energy efficiency

Ineligible Projects

- Projects intended primarily for future growth
- Dams, reservoirs, and water rights
- Fire protection
- Non-viable water systems
- Projects for systems owned by private or nonprofit entities
- Land purchase, unless integral to treatment
- Operation and maintenance

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