# 2021 SRF WORKSHOP

LOAN PROCESS OVERVIEW



#### STATE REVOLVING FUND PROGRAMS





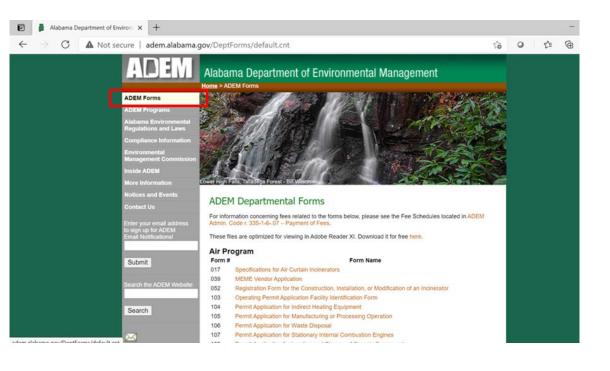
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)
  - Clean Water Act (1989)

- Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)
  - Safe Drinking Water Act (1999)

#### **NEW TO 2021**

#### Updated Application Forms

- Application Forms Form 339 (CWSRF) or Form 369 (DWSRF)
  - ADEM Forms adem.alabama.gov
    - Water Program
  - Fillable electronically
  - Electronic submittals preferred



#### NEW FOR 2021 - UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION

- Updated Supplemental General Conditions (SGCs)
  - New contact information for identifying DBE contractors/subcontractors

In a DDL subcontractor rais to complete work under the subcontractor any reason, the prime contractor must notify the Owner in writing prior to any termination and must employ the six good faith efforts described above if using a replacement subcontractor. Any proposed changes from an approved DBE subcontractor must be reported to the Owner and to ADEM on the Changes to Approved Subcontractors Form prior to initiation of the action. EPA Forms Nos. 6100-3 and 6100-4 must also be submitted to ADEM for new DBE subcontracts.

#### VI - Resources for Identifying DBE Contractors/Subcontractors

The following organizations may provide assistance in soliciting DBE participation:

City of Birmingham Office of Economic Development ATTN: Monique Shorts, Economic Specialist 710 20<sup>th</sup> Street North Birmingham, Alabama 35203 205/254-2799 205/254-7741 FAX monique.shorts@birmingh amal.gov U.S. Small Business Administration http://www.pronet.sba.gov National Association of

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Minority Contractors (NAMC) http://www.namc-atl.org Alabama Department of Transportation ATTN: John Huffman 1409 Coliseum Boulevard Montgomery, Alabama 36130 334-244-6261 http://www.dot.state.al.us U.S. Department of Commerce Minority Business Development Agency ATTN: Donna Ennis 75 5th Street NW -Suite 300 Atlanta Georgia 30308 404/894-2096

http://www.mbda.gov/

Governor's Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises Ms. Hilda Lockhart STEP Project Director 401 Adams Avenue Suite 360 Montgomery, Alabama 36130 334/242-0442

Birmingham Construction Industrial Authority ATTN: Ashley Orl or Kimberly Bivins 601 37th Street South Birmingham, Alabama 35222 205/324-6202 aofi@bcia1.org kbaydobivins@bcia1.org

#### NOTES:

(1) The Owner and the prime contractor shall use the necessary resources to identify and directly solicit no less than 3 certified DBE/MBE firms and 3 WBE firms to bid in each expected contract/subcontract area. If a diligent and documented search of ALDOT, SBA, and MBDA directories does not identify 3 potential certified DBE/MBE firms and 3 potential certified WBE firms, then the prime contractor shall post an advertisement in at least 1 of the other online or print resources. Whenever possible, post solicitation for bids or proposals for a minimum of 30 calendar days before the bid or proposal closing date.

#### NEW FOR 2021

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  - New project sign requirements

#### NEW FOR 2021 – SIGN TEMPLATE



STATE OF ALABAMA Honorable (Name), Governor



ALABAMA DRINKING WATER FINANCE AUTHORITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

> (NAME OF OWNER) (NAME OF PROJECT)

\$(amount) STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN

(NAME OF CONTRACTOR) • CONTRACTOR (NAME OF ENGINEER) • CONSULTING ENGINEER

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

## NEW FOR 2021 – SIGN TEMPLATE

- Sign is to be constructed of <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" MDO plywood, 4' x 8'. Alternate materials may be used if approved by ADEM prior to use.
- 2. Paint with two (2) coats oil-base enamel before lettering.
- 3. Background color white; lettering black.
- 4. Lettering may be painted or vinyl. All lettering sizes to be proportionate to sign layout.
- 5. Sign shall be attached to 4" x 4" x 8' treated posts. Alternatives may be used if approved by ADEM prior to use.
- 6. Sign shall be placed in a prominent location easily readable from existing street or roadway.
- 7. Sign shall be maintained in good condition until completion of project.

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- Drinking Water Needs Survey and Assessment (DWINSA)
  - Respond to surveys
  - Pre-application priority ranking

## UPCOMING IN 2021

- Clean Watersheds Needs Survey (CWNS)
  - Expected to begin in late 2021/2022
  - Respond to surveys

#### SRF PROGRAM DETAILS

20-Year Fixed Rate Loan

Low Interest Rate – 2.2% for 2021

Minimal Closing Fee

Principal Forgiveness

#### THE SRF PROCESS

Pre-application

Application

Credit Review

Loan Closing

Pre-construction

Construction

Reimbursement

Project closeout

#### THE SRF PROCESS

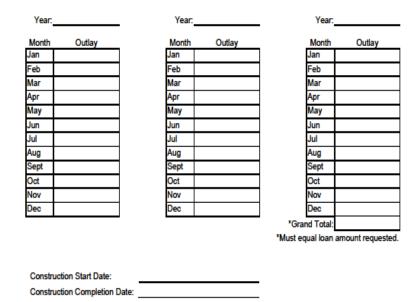
- Pre-application
  - Pre-application form
    - Form 340 CWSRF
    - Form 370 DWSRF
    - Available electronically on website
  - Due date is February I<sup>st</sup>
  - Preliminary engineering report (PER)
  - Three (3) years of financial audits

## Full Application

- Due within 60 Days of receiving fundability letter
- Electronic submittal preferred
- Project Budget/SRF Cost Share
  - Total project cost vs SRF assistance requested
    - Additional funding from other programs
    - Self funding parts of the project
- Resolution Designating Official Representative
  - Keep up to date
- Certifications/Form 4700-4
  - Cannot close loan with out all signed certifications

- Projected outlay schedule
  - Should match amount requested for SRF funds
  - Construction start dates determine loan closing
  - Construction end dates determine first payment date
  - Capital interest is calculated based on construction period and payment date
  - Update as soon as possible if changes are needed.

#### Projected Outlay Schedule



Note: The construction completion date should be selected carefully, as loan repayment will begin immediately thereafter. Please contact the SRF Section if you have any questions.

- Environmental Information Document (EID)
- Audited Financial Statements
- Plans and Specifications
- Engineering Consultant Contract

## SRF PROCESS – ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION DOCUMENT

- Outline in application forms
- Concurrence Letters (USFWS, COE, AHC, and RPC)
  - US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
  - Core of Engineers (COE) New program details
  - Alabama Historical Commission (AHC)
  - Regional Planning Commission (RPC)
  - AL Power or TVA if applicable
    - State that these would not applicable in EID if not

- Project Maps
- Alternatives four project alternatives required <u>including</u> "no action"
- Environmental Justice
- Public Meeting

#### SRF PROCESS – AUDITED FINANCIAL REVIEW

- Previous 3 years audited financial statements required
  - Must show a 1.1x coverage ratio
  - Rate increases recommended when the coverage ratio cannot be met
    - Submit audits as soon as possible for review
    - Contacted by SRF financial advisor if recommended

- Plans and Specifications
  - Must be submitted prior to Project Review and Cost Summary
  - Must be approved prior to bid of project
- Any permits must be obtained by the applicant prior to plan approval
- Engineering Contract
  - Must be approved prior to payment of Engineering expenses
  - Should include a ceiling amount for contract accounting

#### SRF PROCESS – ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

- Environmental Review
  - Completeness of Application and EID
  - Comments will be issued through letter to the applicant and consulting representative
- Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) or Categorical Exclusion (CE)
  - 30 day public notice period
  - Completed environmental review

#### SRF PROCESS – LOAN CLOSURE

#### Legal Review

- Amortization schedules produced by ADEM
- Loan closure managed by ADEM attorney's
- Applicant's financial representative and legal counsel is contacted by attorney
- Loan approved for closure after final loan documents have been adopted by the borrower

## SRF PROCESS – LOAN CLOSURE

- Draft loan documents from closing attorney
- Exact payment amounts and dates are detailed in amortization schedule
- Review information in loan documents and appendices.
  - Principal Forgiveness
  - Capital Interest
  - Payment Start Date
- Project manager will contact you and provide payment request form upon loan closing

Project and Loan Information -Appendix A

- Correct contact information
- Authorized Representative
  - Update Application Form
- Payment Date
  - February or August after construction completion date
- Loan Amount
  - Capital Interest
  - Principal Forgiveness

Loan Recipient:	Name of Borrower Street Address City, AL Zip Code			
Name and telephone number of contact:	Authorized Representative Telephone Number			
SRF Project Number:	10 digit SRF # starting with CS or FS			
SRF Trustee Number:	8 digit identifier (XXX-XXXX-X)			
Date of Commencement of Loan Payment: (This date will not be extended or changed				
Project Name:  Name of project    Estimated Completion:  Construction end date				
I. Loan Amount				
a. Project Fund:	\$1,000,049.17			
b. Capitalized Interest:	\$14,950.83			
c. Loan Recipient's Share of Finance	e Expenses*: \$10,000.00			
Total Loan Amount:	\$1,025,000.00			
II. Repayment Amount				
a. Total Loan Amount:	\$1,025,000.00			
b. Principal Forgiveness:	\$500,000.00			
Total Loan Repayment Amount:	\$525,000.00			
*Note: The Loan Recipient's share of finance expension	ses have been adjusted to deduct any applicable loan			

\*No commitment fees paid by the borrower.

- Amortization Schedule Appendix C
  - Payment Start Date
  - Principal
  - Interest
  - Total Amount

PMTDATE	PRIN	INT	PMT
08-15-2022	\$20,000.00	\$4,299.17	\$24,299.17
02-15-2023	\$0.00	\$5,555.00	\$5,555.00
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02-15-2024	\$0.00	\$5,335.00	\$5,335.00
08-15-2024	\$20,000.00	\$5,335.00	\$25,335.00
02-15-2025	\$0.00	\$5,115.00	\$5,115.00
08-15-2025	\$25,000.00	\$5,115.00	\$30,115.00
02-15-2026	\$0.00	\$4,840.00	\$4,840.00
08-15-2026	\$25,000.00	\$4,840.00	\$29,840.00
02-15-2027	\$0.00	\$4,565.00	\$4,565.00
08-15-2027	\$25,000.00	\$4,565.00	\$29,565.00
02-15-2028	\$0.00	\$4,290.00	\$4,290.00
08-15-2028	\$25,000.00	\$4,290.00	\$29,290.00
02-15-2029	\$0.00	\$4,015.00	\$4,015.00
08-15-2029	\$25,000.00	\$4,015.00	\$29,015.00
02-15-2030	\$0.00	\$3,740.00	\$3,740.00
08-15-2030	\$25,000.00	\$3,740.00	\$28,740.00
02-15-2031	\$0.00	\$3,465.00	\$3,465.00
08-15-2031	\$25,000.00	\$3,465.00	\$28,465.00
02-15-2032	\$0.00	\$3,190.00	\$3,190.00
08-15-2032	\$25,000.00	\$3,190.00	\$28,190.00
02-15-2033	\$0.00	\$2,915.00	\$2,915.00
08-15-2033	\$25,000.00	\$2,915.00	\$27,915.00
02-15-2034	\$0.00	\$2,640.00	\$2,640.00
08-15-2034	\$30,000.00	\$2,640.00	\$32,640.00
02-15-2035	\$0.00	\$2,310.00	\$2,310.00
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02-15-2036	\$0.00	\$1,980.00	\$1,980.00
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02-15-2037	\$0.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00
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02-15-2038	\$0.00	\$1,320.00	\$1,320.00
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02-15-2039	\$0.00	\$990.00	\$990.00
08-15-2039	\$30,000.00	\$990.00	\$30,990.00
02-15-2040	\$0.00	\$660.00	\$660.00
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02-15-2041	\$0.00	\$330.00	\$330.00
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- Amortization Schedule Appendix C
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#### LOAN CLOSURE – COMMON QUESTIONS

- Can we start the project prior to loan closure?
  - Applicant may receive short term funding from local banks or use existing cash
  - SRF loan may be used to pay off the bank loan, including accrued interest
  - ADEM must be notified if this plan is to be used

#### **BIDDING AND PR&CS**

- Plans and Specs must be submitted and approved prior to Bid
- Project Review and Cost Summary documentation received (SGC-36 filled out by consulting engineer)
- DBE solicitation documentation of Prime Contractor and contractors must be documented
- DBE documentation of the contractor is required
- Approval to award letter issued after a satisfactory review of PR&CS

#### **PRE-CONSTRUCTION PHASE**

- Pre-construction meeting
  - SRF Project Manager must be present
- Contracts must include current ADEM Supplemental General Conditions

If project is bid prior to loan closing, ADEM must be notified

## DBE REQUIREMENTS

- The "Six Good Faith Efforts" approach must be utilized when soliciting disadvantaged business enterprise contractors.
  - Available in Supplemental General Conditions

Annual DBE Report – EPA Form 5700-52A

- Failure of the prime contractor to follow the six affirmative steps
  - Document even if there are none available
- Failure to not have procurement processes documented and approved by ADEM
  - Starting prior to loan closing
  - Communication ask us before proceeding
- Not including ADEM SGCs in contract documents
  - Updated for 2021
  - Must be used even for subcontractors

## CONSTRUCTION PHASE

- Davis-Bacon Wage Rates Required
  - Must be incorporated into bidding specifications
  - Project type and county specific
  - Can be obtained at beta.sam.gov
  - Conduct interviews

#### CONSTRUCTION PHASE

- American Iron and Steel Requirement
  - Requires construction materials made of primarily Iron and Steel (>50%) and permanently incorporated into the finished project to be manufactured within the United States
  - Supplier provides certification
    - Include where the material is forged <u>and</u> melted. Both must be in the U.S.
  - EPA working with suppliers to develop standard documentation
  - Contact EPA for help with market research and waiver eligibility

## PROJECT REIMBURSEMENT

- Loan must be closed
- ADEM payment request form must be submitted with invoices
  - Change orders
- Only one payment request per month will be processed
- Payments will not be made directly to the contractor

## PROJECT REIMBURSEMENT

#### Payment Request

- Pay request form will be provided through email after loan closure
- Pay request should be submitted electronically by email using the format specified in the quick reference guide provided
- Pay Request should be emailed to the SRF Project Engineer
- Carbon Copies (cc) should be provided to Diane Lockwood and Laketa Reese (Fiscal) and the SRF Mailbox (srf@adem.alabama.gov)
- First request <u>must</u> include wiring instructions from the borrower's bank

## PROJECT CLOSEOUT

- Inspections by SRF staff
  - Documentation review
- Initiation of Operations
  Letter/Performance Certification
  - Return form letters to ADEM

#### Non-eligible costs

- In-kind labor
- Land costs
- Growth specific projects
- Industry
- Additional Sources of Funding
  - Let us know as soon as possible to avoid issues
  - Still must follow SRF requirements
  - May need to see additional documentation from other funding source for payment reimbursements
    - Submission of payment request forms for both programs.

#### Supplemental applications

- Same project scope to qualify
- Environmental Review already completed
- Supplemental Application Form
- Due by February I<sup>st</sup> of fiscal year
- Financial Review still required updated audits
- Principal Forgiveness/IUP
  - Released in April May
  - 30 day notice period
  - Can begin closing once IUP notice has ended

- Submit all required documentation separately if possible.
  - Large documents can cause issues
  - Documents are sent to multiple places for review
- Electronic submittal preferred

• Your project manager is your point of contact

## QUESTIONS?

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