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Funding

Funding for this joint solicitation is provided by the U.S. EPA, AWWARF, and ACWA for a total of approximately \$3 million. Any proposal submitted will be considered for an EPA grant or AWWARF contract, unless the proposal stipulates otherwise. EPA will fund approximately \$2 million worth of grants, and AWWARF/ACWA will fund approximately \$1 million worth of contracts. It is expected that three to six applications, each with a project period of up to 3 years, will be funded under this joint solicitation.

Eligibility

Academic and not-for-profit institutions located in the U.S. and state or local governments are eligible under all existing EPA authorizations. Profit-making firms are not eligible to receive assistance from EPA under this program, but are eligible to receive funding from AWWARF. Researchers in federal agencies other than EPA may submit applications, but federal employees may not request salary reimbursement. Federal employees may cooperate or collaborate with other eligible applicants within the limits imposed by applicable legislation and regulations.

Researchers who are late in any ongoing AWWARF sponsored studies without an approved no cost extension will not be eligible for funding by AWWARF; however, they may be eligible for funding by EPA. Potential applicants who are uncertain of their eligibility for an AWWARF contract should contact their AWWARF project manager.

AWWARF and EPA have a policy of non-discrimination and abide by all laws, rules, and executive orders governing equal employment opportunity. All entities receiving funding under this solicitation will be required to agree not to discriminate on the basis of age, sex, race, religion, color, national origin, handicap or veteran status. AWWARF expects its contractors to be equal opportunity employers who accept the goal of having a workforce that generally reflects the minority composition of the community in which it is located. It is the policy of AWWARF to encourage proposals from qualified minority owned or directed institutions.

Funding Mechanism

The funding mechanism for all awards issued under this solicitation will consist of grants from EPA and

contracts from AWWARF and depends on the availability of funds. In accordance with Public Law 95-224, the primary purpose of a grant is to accomplish a public purpose of support or stimulation authorized by Federal statute rather than acquisition for the direct benefit of the Agency. In issuing a grant agreement, EPA anticipates that there will be no substantial EPA involvement in the design, implementation, or conduct of the research funded by the grant. However, EPA will monitor research progress, based in part on annual reports provided by awardees. ACWA and AWWARF will receive the annual progress reports for the EPA grants.

The mission of AWWARF is to "advance the science of water to improve the quality of life." Contracts with AWWARF are managed by an assigned AWWARF project manager and a volunteer Project Advisory Committee (PAC). PACs are organized by AWWARF for each funded project to provide guidance, review all reports and significant materials, and generally monitor project performance on behalf of AWWARF and the water utility industry. EPA will appoint a member to each AWWARF project advisory committee funded from this joint solicitation. Periodic reports for AWWARF are required every four months. In addition, a final report and intellectual property rights as outlined in the "Standard AWWARF Funding Agreement" are required under all AWWARF contracts. The "Standard AWWARF Funding Agreement" is available on the AWWARF home page at <http://www.awwarf.com>. For general information regarding the "Standard AWWARF Funding Agreement," contact Kathy Garretson at 303-347-6118 or by E-mail at kgarretson@awwarf.com.

The final RFA will also include instructions to potential applicants on the specific format to be used for applications. These instructions will be similar to such instructions found in other EPA/ORD solicitations which may be reviewed on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/ncerqa>.

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Approved for publication:

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Acting Assistant Administrator for Research and Development.

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared November 11, 1996 Through November 15, 1996 pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in the Federal Register dated April 5, 1996 (61 FR 15251).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-L65271-AK Rating EO2, South Lindenberg Timber Sale(s), Timber Harvesting, Tongass National Forest, Stikine Area, Kupreanof Island, AK.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objections due to potential impacts to water quality and fish habitat. EPA requested that more information and mitigation be provided in the final EIS.

ERP No. D-BLM-K65188-CA Rating EC2, Eagle Mountain Landfill and Recycling Center Project, Land Exchange, Right-of-Way Grants and COE Section 404 Permit Issuance, Riverside County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns based on the need for more specific protection of resources on the offered lands as well as avoiding nighttime lighting, and a commitment to compensate for loss of bat habitat. EPA also requested additional information regarding management of the offered lands, the visibility analysis, and alternatives to reduce nighttime lighting impacts to the nearby Wilderness Area.

ERP No. D-COE-E90015-00 Rating EC2, Pearl River in the Vicinity of Walkiah Bluff, Wetland Restoration, Implementation, Picayune, Pearl River County, MS and St. Tammany Parish, LA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about whether closure of the four distributaries will adversely affect wetlands in their present drainways and requested additional information regarding future hydrology.

ERP No. D-COE-K01008-CA Rating EO2, Santa Maria and Sisquoc Rivers Specific Plan, Mining and Reclamation Plans (MRPs), Coast Rock Site and S.P.

Milling Site, Conditional Use Permits, Approval of Reclamation Plans, and Section 404 Permits, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objections due to potential impacts to wetlands, groundwater supplies, air quality and wildlife habitat. EPA requested additional information and mitigation of these issues.

ERP No. D-FEM-E36160-GA Rating LO, Albany Flood Recovery Activities, Replacement of Damaged Public Schools, Housing and Businesses, Albany and Dougherty Counties, GA.

Summary: EPA had no objections to the action as proposed.

ERP No. D-FHW-K40220-CA Rating 3, CA-125 South Route Location, Adoption and Construction, between CA-905 on Otay Mesa to CA-54 in Spring Valley, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, San Diego County, CA.

Summary: EPA found the information provided in the DEIS inadequate to fully evaluate the impacts of the proposal although significant environmental impacts to air and water resources may be realized should the proposed project be constructed. A full analysis of alternatives and an assessment of cumulative impacts was lacking.

ERP No. D-USN-L11030-ID Rating LO, Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC), Acoustic Research Detachment (ARD), Carderock Division (CD), Capital Improvements Plan, Implementation, in the Town of Bayview, Kootenai County, ID.

Summary: EPA had no objections to the action as proposed.

ERP No. DS-AFS-L61181-OR Rating EC2, Mount Hood Meadows Ski Area Additional Development and Expansion to the Skiing and Summer Areas, Construction to Forest Road 3555, Special Use Permit and NPDES Permit, Hood River Ranger District, Mount Hood National Forest, Hood River County, OR.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding the permittee's proposed action due to potential water quality impacts.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-K65177-00 North Shore Ecosystem Management Project, Implementation, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Washoe and Placer Counties, CA and NV.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-AFS-L61206-OR Upper Deschutes Wild and Scenic River and

State Scenic Waterway, Management Plan, Implementation, Deschutes National Forest, Deschutes County, OR.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-FHW-K40182-CA CA-30 Improvements, CA-66/Foothill Boulevard to I-215, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties, CA.

Summary: EPA had no objections to the project as proposed. FHWA adequately addressed all of EPA's comments in the final EIS.

ERP No. F-USN-E11036-FL Naval Training Center Orlando Disposal and Reuse, Implementation, Orange County, FL.

Summary: EPA comments made at the Draft EIS stage were adequately addressed in this final EIS.

ERP No. FS-GSA-L40195-WA Pacific Highway Port of Entry (POE) Facility Expansion, Updated Information, Construction of WA-543 in Blaine, near the United States/Canada Border in Blaine, Whatcom County, WA.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

Dated: December 3, 1996.

B. Katherine Biggs,

Associate Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 OR (202) 564-7153.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed November 25, 1996 Through November 29, 1996 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 960546, FINAL EIS, COE, DE, NJ, Broadkill Beach Erosion Study, Implementation, Condition and Shore Protection, Delaware Bay Coastline, Delaware and New Jersey, Sussex County, DE and NJ, Due: January 26, 1997, Contact: Barbara Conlin (215) 656-6555.

EIS No. 960547, FINAL EIS, AFS, WY, Jackson Hole Ski Area Master Development Plan Revision, Implementation, Bridger-Teton National Forest, Jackson Ranger District, Teton County, WY, Due: January 06, 1997, Contact: John Kuzloski (307) 739-5568.

EIS No. 960548, FINAL EIS, NPS, AK, WA, Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park, General Management Plan, (GMP), Implementation, Skagway, Alaska and Seattle, WA, Due: January 06, 1997, Contact: Clay Alderson (907) 983-2921.

EIS No. 960549, DRAFT EIS, USA, MA, Massachusetts Military Reservation Facilities Upgrade, Implementation, 10 Projects, Towns of Bourne, Sandwich, Falmouth and Mashpee, Barnstable County, MA, Due: January 21, 1997, Contact: Capt. James L. Boggess (703) 607-7983.

EIS No. 960550, DRAFT EIS, AFS, MT, Beaverhead Forest Plan Riparian Amendment, Implementation, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Beaverhead, Madison, Silver Bow, Deer Lodge and Gallatin Counties, MT, January 31, 1997, Contact: Peri Suenram (406) 683-3967.

EIS No. 960551, DRAFT EIS, EPA, MS, FL, AL, Eastern Gulf of Mexico Offshore Oil and Gas Extraction, Issuance of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permitting for Wastewater Discharge General Permit for Exploration and Development/Production, MS, AL and FL, Due: February 14, 1997, Contact: Lena Scott (404) 562-9607.

EIS No. 960552, FINAL SUPPLEMENT, EPA, CA, International Wastewater Treatment Plant and South Bay Ocean Outfall, Updated Information, Interim Operation, Tijuana River, San Diego, CA, Due: January 06, 1997, Contact: Elizabeth Boroweic (415) 744-1165.

EIS No. 960553, FINAL EIS, GSA, GA, Clifton Road Campus of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Acquisition of Additional Property, DeKalb County, GA, Due: January 06, 1997, Contact: Phil Youngberg (404) 331-1831.

EIS No. 960554, DRAFT EIS, COE, NJ, Townsends Inlet to Cape May Inlet Feasibility Study, New Jersey Shore Protection Study, Storm Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration, with in the Communities of Avalon, Stone Harbor and North Wildwood, Cape May County, NJ, Due: January 22, 1997, Contact: Beth Brandeth (215) 656-6558.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 960389, FINAL EIS, FHW, PA, Danville-Riverside Bridge Replacement Project, Construction and Road Construction, across the North Branch of the Susquehanna River, Funding and Section 404 Permit, Appalachian Mountain, Montour and Northumberland Counties, PA, Due: December 30, 1996, Contact: Manuel A. Marks (717)