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DNR Hosting Environmental Loans Webinar

Topic: UAIS Implementation Requirements

Date: Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

Web: <http://dnrmedia.wi.gov/main/Play/d21e56795aee47fd9bcc5707780f30351d>

DNR is planning a public webinar that will include a 15-minute presentation on the Federal Use of American Iron and Steel (UAIS) requirements for State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan projects funded by the Environmental Loans Section. Following the presentation, a panel will be available for up to 30 minutes to answers questions.

During the webinar on February 12, questions may be submitted online using the webinar interface. If you have questions and wish to submit them prior to the webinar, please e-mail them to Becky Scott at rebecca.scott@wisconsin.gov by February 5 (1 week prior to the webinar) and we will try to incorporate the answers to your questions into the presentation.

UAIS Webinar Panel:

Robin Schmidt, Environmental Loan Section Chief, WDNR

Becky Scott, NR Financial Assistance Specialist, WDNR

Andy Bielanski, Environmental Engineer, EPA Region 5

This webinar will be recorded and then posted on the Environmental Loans web site for future reference.

If you have a topic you would like presented in a future webinar, please send your ideas to Kay Christensen at kay.christensen@wisconsin.gov. Kay will keep track of the suggestions and the EL Section will prioritize them as time allows.



Application Deadlines

This is a friendly reminder that...

The deadline for all SDWLP applications and CWFP Hardship applications is **June 30**.

The CWFP application deadline for principal forgiveness is **September 30**.

There is no deadline for non-hardship CWFP applications, *unless* applying for principal forgiveness.



Aaron Heintz Promoted to Environmental Improvement Fund Manager at Department of Administration

We are pleased to announce that Aaron Heintz has been promoted to the position of Environmental Improvement Fund Manager at the Department of Administration (DOA). This position was previously held by Michael Wolff. Aaron will provide consistency and an in-depth understanding of the State Revolving Fund Loan Programs. We congratulate Aaron and look forward to our continued partnership with DOA in implementing the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) and Clean Water Fund Program (CWFP).



Principal Forgiveness and Capitalization Grant Allocations

EPA recently announced the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015 Capitalization Grant allocations. These grants will be used for funding State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2016 projects. While the grant amounts for the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) are considered final, EPA headquarters still considers the Clean Water Fund Program (CWFP) grant amounts as “draft”, and are designated as such below. We note, however, that there are often no changes between draft and final grant awards.

SDWLP Final Capitalization Grant Award for WI	\$15,425,000
SDWLP Final Principal Forgiveness	\$4,627,500
CWFP Draft Capitalization Grant Award for WI	\$37,960,000
CWFP Draft Principal Forgiveness	\$11,388,000

The methodology used by the DNR for determining principal forgiveness (PF) awards will need to be modified to include new federal requirements. The Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 (WRRDA) requires states to ensure their PF methodology include affordability criteria based on income and unemployment data, population trends, and other data determined to be relevant by the state.

The DNR establishes the PF methodology in the Intended Use Plans (IUPs) required for both the CWFP and the SDWLP. Once the IUPs are developed, they will be published for public comment, anticipated in late spring/early summer 2015.

Direct questions and comments about principal forgiveness, Capitalization Grants, or Intended Use Plans to Becky Scott at 608-267-7584 or rebecca.scott@wisconsin.gov.



Governor Walker Approved Rule Revisions

Governor Walker has approved the proposed rules modifying Chapter NR 162 and Chapter NR 166 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code allowing them to be submitted to the legislature for the legislative review process. Next, the proposed rule revisions will be assigned to appropriate committees in the Assembly and Senate. We will keep you updated on the legislative review process as it continues.



Tips & Hints: Requests for Disbursements

Request for Disbursement form (8700-215), updated with Davis-Bacon language, is available online at dnr.wi.gov/Aid/documents/EIF/Forms/8700215_fillExt.pdf.

Only print on one side of the sheet of paper when printing Request for Disbursement forms.

When printing change order documentation and invoices, print on both sides of the sheet of paper. This will reduce paper use/cost and reduce the amount of storage space needed for project files.

Do NOT e-mail Requests for Disbursement to a specific Project Manager because the form and backups may not get processed. Mail your hard copies to the Bureau of CFA-CF/2. Our office staff will route it accordingly.

Mail Hard Copies of Large Documents



Please help us expedite the review of documents by mailing large documents (those that are more than 25 pages long). For a variety of reasons, we have guidelines regarding the submittal of large documents.

Since our fax machine is shared between several programs and has limited capacity, we have “lost” documents using that method of transmittal.

Also, our e-mail inboxes have limited capacity, and large e-mails and files, such as PDF attachments, are sometimes not received through our e-mail system.

Large documents are more than 25 pages long



The following are examples of large documents that should be mailed and NOT faxed or e-mailed:

- Requests for Disbursement
- Change order documentation and invoices
- Construction contracts
- Applications with attachments
- Plans & Specs (plans/maps and specifications)

The following mailing address should be used for sending us paper documents:

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