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TO: Executive Directors, Regional Councils of Government (COGs)

SUBJECT: Request for Proposals (RFP) for FY 2013 (federal) Grant Funding under Clean Water Act (CWA) Sections 604(b)/205(j)

Announcement

The NC DWQ is pleased to announce that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has made grant funds available via this competitive RFP under Sections 604(b) and 205(j) of the CWA. Grants are available for award to COGs for selected water quality projects. Many of your staff are already familiar with these funds, and some are currently working on projects that are funded under this program. Today's announcement makes \$97,200 available. Awards to individual COGs are generally some smaller portion of the total amount. The funds are to be used to determine the nature, extent and causes of point and nonpoint source pollution problems and to develop plans to resolve these problems. Please note that implementation of plans or measures are not eligible for this funding. The CWA states that the grants are to be used for, but not limited to:

- (A) Identifying most cost effective and locally acceptable facility and non-point source measures to meet and maintain water quality standards;
- (B) Developing an implementation plan to obtain state and local financial and regulatory commitments to implement measures developed under (A); and
- (C) Determining the nature, extent, and cause of water quality problems in various areas of the state.

2013 Priorities

Priority 1: Projects that develop "nine element" watershed plan(s) in whole or in part.

Guidance can be found on the [Basinwide Planning Unit website](#).

Priority 2: Projects that develop or improve tools, including accounting methods or design specifications, which would be utilized directly by local governments and others subject to

watershed nutrient measures. Tools to address nutrient loads from existing developed lands are eligible.

How to Apply

Download the RFP application from <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/ps/bpu/205j>. Submit an electronic version of the completed application to Hannah.Headrick@ncdenr.gov with “205J Grant Proposal” in the subject line. The deadline for applications is **September 17, 2013**.

On the application, estimate any proposed work included in the RFP to begin between February 1, 2014 and March 30, 2014. Proposed work may extend to any date no later than September 30, 2015.

Information on previously funded projects is at <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/ps/bpu/205j>. During the review and selection process, DWQ will use factors described on the application to judge the merits of all proposals received. DWQ expects to announce award recipients by October 1, 2013. If your proposal is selected, you will be contacted to provide additional information for developing the contract details over the next several months. Projects may not begin until contracts are fully executed.

If you have any questions or need additional guidance, please do not hesitate to contact Hannah Headrick at (919) 807-6434 or Jeff Manning at (919) 807-6415. Thank you.