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MUNICIPAL GRANTS & LOANS PROGRAM

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Dear Utility:

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation's **Alaska Drinking Water Fund (ADWF)** loan program is requesting questionnaires for projects to be placed on the State's Fiscal Year 2011 Intended Use Plan. The ADWF program provides loans up to 100% of project costs to municipalities and eligible entities that can finance designs, plans and construction for the following type projects:

Project Types

- Reservoirs – Storage
- Transmission / Distribution
- Treatment Plants
- Well Rehabilitation
- Compliance
- Equipment
- Public Health
- Security

Program terms and interest rates at this time for 5 to 20 year term and 1 to 5 year term loans are 1.5% and 1%, respectively.

New to this year's solicitation process is the opportunity to submit "Green" projects. As was done under last year's solicitation of projects under the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), communities can now on an on-going basis submit projects under the same criteria for Green as was done for an ARRA funded project. Also, there may be a possibility of a subsidy offered for these type of projects; however, this will be dependent on final Congressional legislation which is expected soon.

The project questionnaire can be filled out and submitted electronically. Enclosed is a guidance document that will help you navigate through the necessary steps to complete the on-line questionnaire. Access to the on-line questionnaires may be found at the following link:

<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/muniloan/onlineQuestionnaires.htm>

Please complete and submit a questionnaire for each project you wish considered for funding assistance under the loan program. If you encounter difficulties accessing or completing the on-line questionnaire, please contact Kaitee Fleck in Juneau at 465-5337 for assistance.

Completed questionnaires must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. February 16, 2010** to be considered for funding. Questionnaires received early place higher in the ranking order than questionnaires with the same score that are received later.

If you have questions about the program or need technical assistance in filling out the questionnaire, feel free to contact me in Anchorage at 269-7616.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Lewis". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Mike Lewis
Program Manager

Enclosures: SFY11 On-Line Questionnaire Guidance Document