

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE BEST PRACTICES SCORING OPT OUT REQUEST

Operations and Maintenance Best Practices is a tool for assessing the technical, financial, and managerial capacity of a community’s water or wastewater utility to operate successfully. This tool was created jointly by the State of Alaska’s Village Safe Water and Rural Utility Business Advisory (RUBA) programs, as well as the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, tribal partners and federal funding agencies.

Data is collected by RUBA, Remote Maintenance Workers, and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, and scores are updated twice per year. Scores are then used to determine eligibility and/or project scoring for the following funding opportunities:

- VSW Capital Improvement Project (CIP) grant funding
- Indian Health Service Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS) grant funding
- VSW Infrastructure Protection Funding (IPF) grant funding
- State Revolving Fund (SRF) Micro Loan grant/loan funding

Maintaining a current Best Practices score is optional. You may opt out at any time by completing the information, below, and submitting this document to dec.capacity.development@alaska.gov at any time.

Upon receipt of your request to opt out, the technical assistance providers listed above will be notified that you do not wish to provide the data necessary to determine a Best Practices score and they will no longer reach out to you for the required data. A letter confirming your choice to not participate will be provided twice per year, but no response will be required. A score of zero will be recorded regardless of what the actual score may have been if data had been provided.

You may opt back in at any time by sending a request to dec.capacity.development@alaska.gov. However, collecting the data necessary to develop a new Best Practices score may take several months which could result in missed funding opportunities.

Utility Owner _____

Utility Representative Name _____

Utility Representative Title _____

Utility Representative Phone Number _____

The above listed utility no longer wishes to participate in the Best Practices scoring. I understand that by not participating in the scoring process, the utility is not eligible for the funding from CIP, IPF and Micro Loans. In addition, the utility will receive zero points for the Operations and Maintenance portion of SDS project scoring, which accounts for 15% of the total project score.

Utility Representative Signature _____

Date of Signature _____

Find more Best Practices information online at: <http://dec.alaska.gov/water/OpAssist/BestPractices.html>.