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**Department of Environmental
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DIVISION OF WATER
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December 30, 2013

Dear Utility:

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation's (ADEC) Alaska Clean Water Fund (ACWF) loan fund program is asking for questionnaires for projects to be placed on the State's Fiscal Year 2015 Intended Use Plan (IUP). The ACWF program provides loans up to 100% of project costs that can finance planning, design, and construction for the following type projects:

Clean Water

- Sewerage Systems
- Wastewater Plants
- Compliance
- Sludge Handling
- Security
- Equipment
- Upgrades /Replacements

Non-Point Source

- Landfills (closure or expansion)
- Source Water Protection
- Harbors and Docks Waste Handling
- Water Body Rehabilitation
- Contamination/Remediation
- Restoration – Stewardship
- Stormwater

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

As mentioned last year, projects that are ready to proceed will be credited with extra ranking points (and/or by-pass preference), and potentially be given a higher funding subsidy (provided as principle forgiveness). The details on this will be provided later when the draft IUP is released for public notice around mid-March. Also, Green Project Reserve (GPR) projects will have no subsidies; however, to encourage implementation of GPR eligible components in a project, ADEC will offer extra ranking points if sufficient documentation is provided in the project questionnaire submission.

Finally, one change on the horizon which currently is in federal legislation for the Clean Water State Revolving Loan fund program is the inclusion of "Buy American" requirements. Similar to what was done for American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funded projects, Buy American requirements are anticipated to become part of the ACWF for SFY15. The final legislative language is not in place at this

time and as soon as it is available we will share this information with all potential borrowers. Also, once this new requirement is in place, ADEC will implement it with as minimal impact as possible on program borrowers.

Project questionnaires are to 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://dec.alaska.gov/water/oasys/index.html>

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 John Randolph at 465-5307 for assistance.

Completed questionnaires must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. February 17, 2014** to be considered for funding. Questionnaires received early place higher in the ranking order than questionnaires with the same score that are received later.

We encourage any input or suggestions for improving the solicitation process. 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,



Mike Lewis

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Enclosures: SFY15 On-Line Questionnaire Guidance Document



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Project Types

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

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