SPECIAL SOLICITATION
WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS Q & A

Does the project have to be bid before applying?
The project does not have to be bid before submitting an application.

How does the partnership work?
There can be a main applicant and a co-applicant. The main applicant will be responsible for the loan. It is the responsibility of the applicant to enter into a separate legal agreement between the applicant and co-applicant.

Does construction have to be complete in a year?
The intent is for projects that are completed in one year from the loan closing date. Large and complex projects with multiple permits will be considered. For projects estimating to take longer than 1 year to implement, the applicant must justified the timeline in detail within the application. At the certificate of completion the project must be done.

Is the loan only for new construction, or can it be used for existing planned projects?
An applicant may use the loan for new construction and planned projects that have not been implemented due to a lack of resources.

Is the selection process similar to the Community Water Quality Community Grants and the Matching Planning Grants?
There is similarity with the environmental portion.

Can a project address more than one watershed?
A project can address more than one watershed.

Do the wage rates apply?
Davis Bacon Wage Rates will not be a part of non-point source. This is a loan, so the requirements of an SRF loan, such as State Prevailing Wage Rates, will apply.

Will the Watershed Improvement Project funding be a recurring program?
The program will be evaluated to determine if it will be offered in the future. Future offerings will also be dependent upon future Federal funding and the accompanying guidance.

What if a project falls off the list?
The next ranked applicant will be placed on the list.

Will an applicant be reimbursed for planning and designing?
An applicant will be reimbursed at loan closing for planning and design that is included in the budget and timeline of the application.