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Environment Department Seeks Contractor for Statewide Watershed Forum

(Santa Fe, NM) The New Mexico Environment Department is soliciting proposals from qualified entities to assist with the planning and implementation of the first annual statewide watershed forum intended to help spur the continued protection state watersheds.

The purpose of the forum is to bring together agencies, organizations and individuals who have an interest in watershed management and protection, and to provide tools and information for people already conducting watershed restoration. The event, hosted by the department's Surface Water Quality Bureau, will promote the organization of local leadership for watershed restoration throughout New Mexico by providing an opportunity for citizens to share successes, challenges, and innovations, and to network and discuss watershed issues.

The forum, which will be a three day conference in Albuquerque this fall, will include about 300 people. The New Mexico Environment Department received funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under a Clean Water Act 319(h) grant to pay for the planning, implementation and follow up of the forum.

In addition, NMED seeks a qualified contractor to work with the planning committee in order to continue implementing plans developed at the forum. The contractor will work closely with the planning committee. The contractor's responsibilities include finding a meeting facility, finding a bus rental agency for field trip transportation; designing and printing conference flyers; handling registration for the conference; preparing materials for speakers and attendees; providing audio-visual technical support at the conference; and being the general point of contact for the conference. A detailed list of tasks is described in the RFP. **To receive an RFP package necessary to submit a proposal, please visit the NMED Web site at:**

<http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/SWQB/RFP>.

Proposals must be received by 3 p.m. Feb. 14 at the following address:

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