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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO CONDUCT PUBLIC MEETINGS RELATED TO
TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS (TMDLs) IN VARIOUS WATERSHEDS**

Purpose

The Surface Water Quality Bureau of the New Mexico Environment Department requests proposals from **regional public comprehensive planning organizations** to facilitate, moderate, and conduct public meetings related to Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) planning documents for all concerned parties. Regional public comprehensive planning organizations are defined as regional planning agencies, councils of governments, conservation districts, irrigation districts, counties, cities and towns, and other non-federal or non-state public planning agencies. Such organizations must be chartered with appropriate powers as a unit of New Mexico local government, an independent sub-state agency, or an interstate organization under an interstate agreement of which New Mexico is a party. Organizations operating as an arm of the state or federal government are not eligible.

Regional planning organizations may submit proposals to conduct these activities for any of the following watershed areas that fall within their planning boundaries:

- Gila River/San Francisco River
- Chama River Watershed
- Canadian River Watershed
- Watersheds of the Pajarito Plateau

Funding for the work program is dependent on the receipt federal grants which are authorized under Section 205(j) and Section 604(b) of the federal Clean Water Act. The New Mexico Environment Department anticipates receiving funds authorized under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) through the 604(b) program by May 2009 with the expectation that these funds must be expended within 24 months.

Contact Person

All inquiries regarding the RFP or its supporting documentation should be made to: Heidi Henderson, Monitoring & Assessment Section, Surface Water Quality Bureau, N.M. Environment Department, Harold Runnels Building – 1190 S. St. Francis Drive, N2163, P.O. Box 5469, Santa Fe, NM 87502. Telephone: 505-827-2901. E-mail Address: Heidi.Henderson@state.nm.us.

Submission of Proposals

A complete copy of the RFP can be requested from the contact person or downloaded from the SWQB website: www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb. Proposals for review must be in possession of the NMED Surface Water Quality Bureau **by 3:00 PM, MDT on April 3, 2009**. Electronic proposals maybe submitted for review maybe via email to Heidi Henderson at the above address. If submitting a hardcopy, an original and three copies of the proposal can be submitted by registered mail to Heidi Henderson at the above address or delivered in person to Dolores Herrera, Heidi Henderson or Bessie Muzumdar in the Surface Water Quality Bureau. **Electronically mailed proposals and hardcopy proposals received after the deadline will not be considered for funding.**