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REQUEST FOR QUOTES TO CONDUCT WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLANNING

Purpose

The Surface Water Quality Bureau (Bureau) of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) requests quotes from **regional public comprehensive planning organizations** to conduct water quality management planning as defined under sections 205(j) and 303(e) of the Clean Water Act (CWA). These funds are made available through a Request for Quotes (RFQ) as this is the appropriate approach through the State of New Mexico Procurement Code given the duration and amount of an award. In response to this RFQ NMED seeks detailed quotes (i.e. proposals) to conduct water quality management planning. While all quotes focused on water quality management planning are welcomed, those which will fund activities that clearly address the State's water quality goals to preserve, protect and improve the water quality in New Mexico are likely to be rated highest. In this respect, NMED encourages quotes focused on Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs), Use Attainability Analyses (UAAs), or other water quality management planning activities that will directly address identified water quality impairments but do not overlap with development of watershed based plans that are eligible for funding through NMED's 319(h) program.

Funding for the work program is dependent on the receipt of federal grants authorized under Section 604(b) of the federal Clean Water Act. The New Mexico Environment Department anticipates having funds available for award in early 2017.

Contact Person

The contact person for this request for quotes is: Shelly Lemon, Monitoring, Assessment and Standards Section, Surface Water Quality Bureau, N.M. Environment Department, Harold Runnels Building - 1190 St. Francis Drive, N2109, P.O. Box 5469, Santa Fe, NM 87502. Telephone: 505-827-2819. E-mail Address: Shelly.Lemon@state.nm.us.

A complete copy of the RFQ can be requested from the contact person or downloaded from the Bureau website: <https://www.env.nm.gov/swqb/index.html>. All inquiries regarding the RFQ or its supporting documentation must be made to the contact person.

Submission of Quotes

Any questions regarding the RFQ must be submitted to Shelly Lemon by September 30, 2016." The Bureau will prepare a response to any questions received and will post the responses to the Bureau website for review by all offerors before the final submission of quotes is due. An original and three copies of the quote must be submitted by registered mail or delivered in person for review to the contact person at the above address **by 4:30 PM, MDT on October 17, 2016. Electronically mailed quotes and hardcopy quotes received after this deadline will not be accepted.**