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To: Protecting Water Quality for Urban Centers Grant - Eligible SWCDs
From: Erin Pate, Operation Administrator
Date: November 6, 2007
Subject: Request for Proposals

The AISWCD is pleased to announce that all 98 SWCDs, whom are in good standing with the AISWCD, serving the State of Illinois are eligible to apply for Protecting Water Quality in Urban Centers (PWQUC) mini-grant funds.

The (PWQUC) Grant Program Advisory Committee is seeking proposals for projects that will address water quality issues in and around urban areas. The Advisory Committee will look at the following as a top priority when reviewing applications.

1st priority: SWCDs who attend one of the two workshops held in Springfield on December 4, 2007 and December 5, 2007 at the Northfield Inn.

The purposes of the Protecting Water Quality in Urban Centers of Illinois Grant Program Phase II are:

1. To benefit Illinois' citizens by protecting their water resources from the impacts of urban development.
2. To provide SWCDs with a portion of the funding necessary to develop, expand or implement programs or projects that protect water quality in urban and developing areas.
3. To form a partnership between the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and local Soil and Water Conservation Districts to address Nonpoint Source pollution problems of mutual concern to both parties.
4. To protect and preserve aquatic and wildlife species and their habitat.

Attached are the grant program guidelines. Please read them carefully. There are several requirements that successful grant applicants must comply with in order to receive funding.

All proposals must be postmarked by January 15th, 2008 and returned to AISWCD, 4285 North Walnut Street Road, Springfield, IL 62707. Proposals postmarked after January 15th will not receive consideration for funding.