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To: Potential Applicants for EPA's *Targeted Watersheds Grant Program*

From: Ubbo Agena, NPS Coordinator, Environmental Services Division

Date: August 21, 2006

Subject: Request for Applications for FY2006/2007 *Targeted Watersheds Grant Program* funding

EPA is now accepting applications for its Targeted Watersheds Grants Program. Under the program, EPA will provide grants to advance the successes of watershed coalitions that have already completed watershed assessments and are ready to implement clean up and restoration projects. Up to \$16 million in grants will be awarded, with funding from the FY2006 appropriation and the anticipated FY2007 appropriation. Nine to 20 grants will be provided, with awards being in the range of \$600,000 to \$900,000 for a three to five-year project.

To be eligible, applications must be submitted to EPA by a state's governor. Inter-state efforts must have the endorsement of all affected governmental entities. Governor Vilsack has requested the Iowa Department of Natural Resources solicit applications for this program in Iowa. Meritorious applications will be forwarded to EPA for further consideration, with final selections being determined by EPA.

Detailed information about the *Targeted Watersheds Grant Program* can be found by linking to the IDNR website at <http://www.iowadnr.com/water/nonpoint/watershed.html> and the EPA website <http://www.epa.gov/twg>. *Failure to follow the guidance provided by EPA will jeopardize the likelihood of your application being considered.*

To be considered, applications must be received at the following address by 4:30 pm on Wednesday, October 25, 2006:

Iowa Department of Natural Resources
502 E 9th St.
Des Moines, IA 50319-0034
Attn: Becky Schwiete

EPA's announcement also provides information on the FY2006/2007 Targeted Watersheds Grant Program: Request for Proposals for Capacity Building Projects. Approximately \$3 million is available for this portion of the program. Proposals are to be submitted directly to EPA. Additional information regarding this program can be found at the EPA website <http://www.epa.gov/twg>.

Please direct questions regarding this invitation to Ubbo Agena, NPS Program Coordinator (phone: 515-281-6402, email: ubbo.agena@dnr.state.ia.us) or Becky Schwiete, Environmental Specialist Sr. (phone: 515-242-6196, email: rebecca.schwiete@dnr.state.ia.us)