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

From: Ubbo Agena, NPS Coordinator, Environmental Services Division

Date: March 16, 2005

Subject: Request for Applications for FY2005 *Targeted Watersheds Grant Program* funding

Congress has appropriated a total of \$18 million for the *Targeted Watersheds Grant Program* to support the protection and restoration of the country's water resources through a holistic watershed approach to water quality management. \$10 million will be available for nation-wide projects, with the remaining \$8 million reserved for projects in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. EPA will again conduct a national competition to select watersheds for grants to advance the successes of watershed coalitions that have already performed watershed assessments and are ready to carry out on-the-ground clean up and restoration projects.

The Governor of each state can nominate up to two intra-state watersheds, and an unlimited number of inter-state efforts as long as they have the endorsement of all affected governmental entities. Typical project awards will range from \$600,000 to \$900,000. EPA is continuing its focus on approaches to provide quick, measurable environmental results. In addition, 15% of the \$10 million dedicated to nation-wide projects will be reserved for projects which emphasize water quality trading.

Governor Vilsack has requested the Iowa Department of Natural Resources administer this program in Iowa. Selected applications will be forwarded to EPA for further consideration, with final selections being announced by EPA. A minimum non-federal match of 25% of the total budget is required.

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/owow/watershed/initiative/> for additional information. *Failure to follow the guidance provided by EPA will jeopardize the likelihood of your application being considered by Iowa or the EPA.*

To be considered, applications must be received at the following address by **April 25, 2005:**

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

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)