# State of Maine RFA / Proposal Master Score Sheet

**Instructions**: Complete the Master Score Sheet below providing all of the requested information for each bidder that submitted a proposal in response to the RFA. This document is to be included in the Selection Package submitted to the Division of Procurement Services for review/approval.

| PROPOSAL SUBMI                                 | TTED BY:         |          | CSWCD<br>rth Pond |       | SWCD<br>ok River Tribs |       |             | _  |
|--|------------------|----------|-------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|-------------|----|
|  | COST:            | Cost:    | \$45,363          | Cost: | \$26,429               | Cost: | \$<br>Cost: | \$ |
| EVALUATION ITEM                                | POINTS<br>AVAIL. |          |                   |       | FAIL                   |       |             |    |
| Section I: Applicant Qualifications Experience | 15               |          | 12                |       |                        |       |             |    |
| Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody        | 10               |          | 7                 |       |                        |       |             |    |
| Section III. Water Quality Problem             | 10               |          | 9                 |       |                        |       |             |    |
| Section IV. Nature Extent Severity NPS Prob.   | 10               |          | 7                 |       |                        |       |             |    |
| Section V. Feasibility for Success             | 25               |          | 16                |       |                        |       |             |    |
| Section VI. Cost Effectiveness                 | 25               |          | 16                |       |                        |       |             |    |
| Section VII. Comprehensive Plan                | 5                |          | 0                 |       |                        |       |             |    |
| Total  | <u>100</u>       |          | <u>67</u>         |       |                        |       |             |    |
| PROPOSAL SUBMI                                 | TTED BY:         |          |                   |       |                        |       |             |    |
|  | COST:            | Cost: \$ |                   | Cost: |                        | Cost: | Cost:       |    |
| EVALUATION ITEM                                | POINTS<br>AVAIL. |          |                   |       |                        |       |             |    |
| Section I. Applicant Qualifications Experience | 15               |          |                   |       |                        |       |             |    |
| Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody        | 10               |          |                   |       |                        |       |             |    |
| Section III. Water Quality Problem             | 10               |          |                   |       |                        |       |             |    |
| Section IV. Nature Extent Severity NPS Prob.   | 10               |          |                   |       |                        |       |             |    |
| Section V. Feasibility for Success             | 25               |          |                   |       |                        |       |             |    |
| Section VI. Cost Effectiveness                 | 25               |          |                   |       |                        |       |             |    |
| Section VII. Comprehensive Plan                | 5                |          |                   |       |                        |       |             |    |
|  | 100              |          |                   | _     |                        | ļ     | -           |    |

# 2021 Award Justification Statement RFA# 202002031

# Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects Watershed-Based Plan Development

### I. Summary

The aforementioned RFA was seeking applications for projects to help communities develop Watershed-based Plans (WBP) to restore nonpoint source (NPS) impaired water bodies or to protect water bodies threatened by NPS pollution. A watershed-based plan provides assessment and management information and describes actions needed to restore nonpoint source (NPS) impaired water bodies or to protect water bodies threatened by NPS pollution. A watershed-based plan accepted by the Department is a prerequisite to be eligible to apply for CWA Section 319 funds to help implement the plan.

Two applications were received and reviewed to determine if each proposal was acceptable. One application was found to be acceptable, and the application from Central Aroostook SWCD was ineligible because it did not meet the minimum 25% local match requirement. This application was not scored. The eligible application was reviewed and scored by the evaluation team. Based on the quality of the application, amount of funding requested and funding available under the RFA, the team recommended funding this application.

### **II.** Evaluation Process

The Evaluation Team (ET) for this RFA included the following people: Wendy Garland (NPS Program Coordinator, DEP), Tom Miragliuolo (Senior Planner, DACF), Addie Halligan (DEP), Amanda Pratt (DEP) and Kathy Hoppe (DEP).

All of the evaluation team members have participated in previous grant reviews and all are familiar with the State's process. Maine DEP staff participating on the evaluation team have extensive experience with these types of projects, including the typical costs and scope of work. Tom Miragliuolo has experience with application reviews for Maine Coastal Community grants program and his past position with Land for Maine's Future program.

The ET participated in a pre-review meeting on 4/27/21 to review the RFA materials and ET process. ET member conducted independent reviews and took notes on the application that met eligibility criteria. Tom Miragliuolo calculated the Comprehensive Plan scores for the application. The group held a meeting on 5/6/21 via MS Teams to score the proposals using a consensus decision-making process. Wendy Garland served as the RFA Coordinator/Lead Evaluator and took notes on the team consensus evaluation.

### III. Cost Proposal

The grant amount requested, local match amount and total project costs for the eligible application is listed below.

| Project    | Applicant | Grant<br>Funds | Match<br>Funds | Total<br>Budget |
|------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| North Pond | KCSWCD    | 45,363         | 34,908         | 80,270          |

#### IV. Conclusion

The selected application stood out in several ways. The application scored high on the Qualifications and Experience criteria since it had staff with recent and extensive experience with similar NPS grants projects. The project also had organizational capacity and a well-rounded team that would allow for project success even in the event of staff turnover.

The scored application included a series of tasks designed to help develop the associated watershed-based plan. The project scored relatively well since it demonstrated:

- the importance and uses of the water body to local residents, the larger public and wildlife;
- the severity and informed understanding of the water quality problem;
- an informed understanding of the additional monitoring needed to answer remaining water quality questions and identify NPS sources; and
- strong local support and a well-rounded team of partners participating in the project.

From: Garland, Wendy

To: <u>centralaroostookswcd@gmail.com</u>

Subject: Notice Conditional Contract Award - Grants for NPS Pollution Control Projects, Watershed-based Plan

Development

Date: Friday, May 14, 2021 11:35:03 AM
Attachments: CASWCD Notification Letter.pdf

Thank you for submitting an application to Maine DEP's Request for Applications - Grants for NPS Pollution Control Projects, Watershed-based Plan Development (RFA#202002031). Attached, please find a copy of the 'Notice of Conditional Contract Awards' regarding this RFA.

Although the Lower Aroostook River (tributaries) Watershed-Based Management Plan Development Project was not selected for funding under this RFA, I encourage you to contact me to further discuss your application, why it was not considered an eligible project and possible next steps. DEP looks forward to working with the District to protect this important resource.

### **Wendy Garland**

Nonpoint Source Program Coordinator
Division of Environmental Assessment, Maine DEP
17 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333
(207) 615-2451, wendy.garland@maine.gov





Randy Martin Central Aroostook SWCD 735 Main Street, Suite 3 Presque Isle, ME 04769 May 14, 2021

RE: Notice of Conditional Contract Awards - RFA#202002031, Watershed-based Plan Development

Dear Randy:

This letter is in regard to the Request for Applications (RFA) referenced above, issued by the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection. The Department has evaluated the applications received using the evaluation criteria identified in the RFA and is hereby announcing its conditional contract awards to the following applicant:

| Bidder               | Application Title                                  |
|----------------------|--|
| Kennebec County SWCD | North Pond Watershed-Based Management Plan Project |

The applicant listed above received the evaluation team's highest rankings. The Department will be contacting the aforementioned bidder soon to negotiate a contract. As provided in the RFA, the Notice of Conditional Contract Award is subject to execution of a written contract and, as a result, this Notice does NOT constitute the formation of a contract between the Department and the apparent successful vendor. The vendor shall not acquire any legal or equitable rights relative to the contract services until a contract containing terms and conditions acceptable to the Department is executed. The Department further reserves the right to cancel this Notice of Conditional Contract Award at any time prior to the execution of a written contract.

As stated in the RFA, following announcement of this award decision, all submissions in response to the RFA are considered public records available for public inspection pursuant to the State of Maine Freedom of Access Act (FOAA). 1 M.R.S. §§ 401 et seq.; 5 M.R.S. § 1825-B (6). This award decision is conditioned upon final approval by the State Procurement Review Committee and the successful negotiation of a contract. A Statement of Appeal Rights has been provided with this letter; see below.

Thank you for submitting an application to help improve and protect Maine's waters.

Sincerely,

Wendy Garland

NPS Program Coordinator, Bureau of Water Quality

### **STATEMENT OF APPEAL RIGHTS**

Any person aggrieved by an award decision may request an appeal hearing. The request must be made to the Director of the Bureau of General Services, in writing, within 15 days of notification of the contract award as provided in 5 M.R.S. § 1825-E (2) and the Rules of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services, Division of Purchases, Chapter 120, § (2) (2).

 From:
 Garland, Wendy

 To:
 Dale Finseth

 Cc:
 Beane, Greg E

Subject: Notice Conditional Contract Award - Grants for NPS Pollution Control Projects, Watershed-based Plan

Development

Date: Friday, May 14, 2021 11:27:13 AM Attachments: KCSWCD Notification Letter.pdf

Thank you for submitting an application to Maine DEP's Request for Applications - Grants for NPS Pollution Control Projects, Watershed-based Plan Development (RFA#202002031). Attached, please find a copy of the 'Notice of Conditional Contract Awards' regarding this RFA.

Congratulations on the conditional award for your application, North Pond Watershed-Based Management Plan Project. Greg Beane will be serving as the project's assigned Agreement Administrator and will contact you soon to discuss/negotiate the final work plan for the contract. Please contact me if you have any questions in the meantime.

### **Wendy Garland**

Nonpoint Source Program Coordinator Division of Environmental Assessment, <u>Maine DEP</u> 17 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333 (207) 615-2451, <u>wendy.garland@maine.gov</u>





Dale Finseth
Kennebec County SWCD
2305 N. Belfast St.
Augusta, ME 04330

May 14, 2021

RE: Notice of Conditional Contract Awards - RFA#202002031, Watershed-based Plan Development

Dear Dale:

This letter is in regard to the Request for Applications (RFA) referenced above, issued by the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection. The Department has evaluated the applications received using the evaluation criteria identified in the RFA and is hereby announcing its conditional contract awards to the following applicant:

| Bidder               | Application Title                                  |
|----------------------|--|
| Kennebec County SWCD | North Pond Watershed-Based Management Plan Project |

The applicant listed above received the evaluation team's highest rankings. The Department will be contacting the aforementioned bidder soon to negotiate a contract. As provided in the RFA, the Notice of Conditional Contract Award is subject to execution of a written contract and, as a result, this Notice does NOT constitute the formation of a contract between the Department and the apparent successful vendor. The vendor shall not acquire any legal or equitable rights relative to the contract services until a contract containing terms and conditions acceptable to the Department is executed. The Department further reserves the right to cancel this Notice of Conditional Contract Award at any time prior to the execution of a written contract.

As stated in the RFA, following announcement of this award decision, all submissions in response to the RFA are considered public records available for public inspection pursuant to the State of Maine Freedom of Access Act (FOAA). 1 M.R.S. §§ 401 et seq.; 5 M.R.S. § 1825-B (6). This award decision is conditioned upon final approval by the State Procurement Review Committee and the successful negotiation of a contract. A Statement of Appeal Rights has been provided with this letter; see below.

Thank you for submitting an application to help improve and protect Maine's waters.

Sincerely,

Wendy Garland

NPS Program Coordinator, Bureau of Water Quality

### **STATEMENT OF APPEAL RIGHTS**

Any person aggrieved by an award decision may request an appeal hearing. The request must be made to the Director of the Bureau of General Services, in writing, within 15 days of notification of the contract award as provided in 5 M.R.S. § 1825-E (2) and the Rules of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services, Division of Purchases, Chapter 120, § (2) (2).

RFA #: 202002031

RFA TITLE: Grants for Nonpoint Source Projects Watershed-based Plan Development

BIDDER: Central Aroostook County SWCD - Lower Aroostook River

**DATE:** 5/6/21

\*

<u>Instructions:</u> The purpose of this form is to record all evaluation notes and scoring that is obtained through consensus discussions among the full evaluation team for this Request for Proposals (RFP) process. The RFP Coordinator or Lead Evaluator should complete this form and maintain the only copy. This form should reflect the full team's consensus evaluations, and this form is **not** meant to take the place of individual evaluation notes, which are still required from each member of the evaluation team. A separate form is available for individual evaluation notes. Please submit a copy of this document to the Division of Procurement Services as part of your contract award selection documents.

**DEPARTMENT NAME: Maine DEP** 

NAME OF RFP COORDINATOR: Wendy Garland

NAMES OF EVALUATORS: Kathy Hoppe (DEP), Wendy Garland (DEP), Addie Halligan (DEP), Amanda Pratt

(DEP), Tom Miragliuolo (DACF)

#### **SUMMARY PAGE**

| Pass/Fail Criteria  |                          |            |                  |
|---|--------------------------|------------|------------------|
|   |                          | Pass:      | Fail:            |
|   |                          |            | Х                |
| ♦Match at least 25%   |                          |            | See              |
|   |                          |            | below.           |
| ◆Eligible recipient   |                          | Х          |                  |
| ◆NPS Priority Watershed                                     |                          | Х          |                  |
| CASWCD's application included \$7,000 in local match with a |                          |            |                  |
| only 20.9% local match, which falls below the RFA requireme | nt of having at least 25 | 5% local m | natch.           |
|   |                          | 1          |                  |
|   |                          | Points A   | <u>\warded</u> : |
| Numerical Score:  |                          |            |                  |
|   |                          |            |                  |
| Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience          | (Max: 15 Points)         |            |                  |
| Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody                     | (Max: 10 Points)         |            |                  |
| Section III. Water Quality Problem                          | (Max: 10 Points)         |            |                  |
| Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems     | (Max: 10 Points)         |            |                  |
| Section V. Feasibility for Success                          | (Max: 25 Points)         |            |                  |
| Section VI. Cost Effectiveness                              | (Max: 25 Points)         |            |                  |
| Section VII. Comprehensive Plan                             | (Max: 5 Points)          |            |                  |
|   |                          |            |                  |
|   |                          |            |                  |
|   |                          |            |                  |
| TOTAL POINTS  | (Max: 100 Points)        |            |                  |
|   |                          |            |                  |

RFA #: 202002031

RFP TITLE: Grants for Nonpoint Source Projects Watershed-based Plan Development

BIDDER: Kennebec County SWCD - North Pond

**DATE:** 5/6/21

Instructions: The purpose of this form is to record all evaluation notes and scoring that is obtained through consensus discussions among the full evaluation team for this Request for Proposals (RFP) process. The RFP Coordinator or Lead Evaluator should complete this form and maintain the only copy. This form should reflect the full team's consensus evaluations, and this form is **not** meant to take the place of individual evaluation notes, which are still required from each member of the evaluation team. A separate form is available for individual evaluation notes. Please submit a copy of this document to the Division of Procurement Services as part of your contract award selection documents.

**DEPARTMENT NAME: Maine DEP** 

NAME OF RFA COORDINATOR: Wendy Garland

NAMES OF EVALUATORS: Kathy Hoppe (DEP), Wendy Garland (DEP), Addie Halligan (DEP), Amanda Pratt

(DEP), Tom Miragliuolo (DACF)

#### **SUMMARY PAGE**

| Pass/Fail Criteria                                      |                   |          |         |
|---|-------------------|----------|---------|
|   |                   | Pass:    | Fail:   |
| ♦Match at least 25%                                     |                   | Χ        |         |
| ◆Eligible recipient                                     |                   | Χ        |         |
| ◆NPS Priority Watershed                                 |                   | Χ        |         |
|   |                   |          |         |
|   |                   | Points A | warded: |
| Numerical Score:  |                   |          |         |
| Section I. Applicant Qualifications and Experience      | (Max: 15 Points)  | 1        | 2       |
|   | (man re rema)     | -        |         |
| Section II. Relative Value of Waterbody                 | (Max: 10 Points)  |          | 7       |
|   | (14 40 5 14)      |          | _       |
| Section III. Water Quality Problem                      | (Max: 10 Points)  | ,        | 9       |
| Section IV. Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems | (Max: 10 Points)  |          | 7       |
| Section V. Feasibility for Success                      | (Max: 25 Points)  | 1        | 6       |
| Section VI. Cost Effectiveness                          | (Max: 25 Points)  | 1        | 6       |
| Section VII. Comprehensive Plan                         | (Max: 5 Points)   |          | 0       |
|   |                   |          |         |
|   |                   |          |         |
| TOTAL POINTS  | (Max: 100 Points) | 6        | 7       |
|   | ,                 |          |         |

RFA #: 202002031

RFP TITLE: Grants for Nonpoint Source Projects Watershed-based Plan Development

BIDDER: Kennebec County SWCD - North Pond

**DATE:** 5/6/21

EVALUATION OF SECTION I
Applicant Qualifications and Experience

Total Points Available: 15 points Score: \_\_12\_\_

#### **Evaluation Team Comments:**

- 1. Application Qualifications
  - Relevant experience KCSWCD has extensive, relevant experience with watershed planning and implementation grant projects. Several recent similar projects China and Great Pond. Provides admin support with subgrant to 7LA. Doesn't state Dale's years of experience, but we know it's many years.
  - Financial, administrative Good financial and admin experience and track record.
  - Technical qualifications KCSWCD has no technical role in the project.
  - Adequacy of qualification to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe Strong quals of full team to carry out the project and within timeframe.
  - Past performance on relevant projects Past relevant projects have gone well although often somewhat delayed or later with deliverables.
- 2. **Subgrantee Qualification and Past Performance** If the project plans to issue a sub-grant to an eligible recipient, consider the adequacy of the subgrantee's qualifications and relevant past performance.

Subgrants to 7LA and GPCOG. Quals didn't list 7LA role but explained in work plan. Some concern about 7LA projects being finished on time and keeping up with deliverables on past projects. Good idea to pull in GPCOG to help with ordinance review and planning. Minimal information provided about GPCOG staff and experience with environmental ordinances.

3. **Consultant Qualifications** - If the project plans to acquire consultant services, consider the adequacy of the qualifications and experience that will be requested in the project's solicitation for services.

Consultant good idea to bring in expertise and qualifications with technical aspects and writing.

RFA #: 202002031

RFP TITLE: Grants for Nonpoint Source Projects Watershed-based Plan Development

BIDDER: Kennebec County SWCD - North Pond

**DATE:** 5/6/21

EVALUATION OF SECTION II

Relative Value of Waterbody

Total Points Available: 10 Score: \_7\_\_

#### **Evaluation Team Comments:**

Overall, moderate value lake. Not a regional destination, but value for residents and wildlife/habitat.

### 1. Degree to which the public currently uses and values the waterbody

- Availability (access) of use Public boat launch at north end. Are there any other public beaches, swimming areas or access points?
- Extent of use Relatively large lake in Belgrades chain of lakes. Not a regional draw like others in the chain. Pine Tree Camp used much of year.

#### 2. Types of Uses

- Drinking water supply Not applicable
- Public recreational opportunities Good recreational opportunities for residents and boat launch opens
  up to boating and fishing for general public.
- Scenic and aesthetic benefits Scenic backdrop for Smithfield downtown.
- Aguatic and terrestrial habitat benefits Warm water fishery and high value wetland complex.
- Commercial benefits Not mentioned.
- · Potential for increased public use and improved habitat -
- Other

Overall, similar to many lakes in Maine. Good overall public value, but not highest tier since it's not a public drinking water supply or regionally significant lake and has only one public access.

| RFA #: 202002031 RFP TITLE: Grants for Nonpoint Source Projects Watershed-based Plan Development BIDDER: Kennebec County SWCD – North Pond DATE: 5/6/21 |
|---|
| ***************************************   |
| EVALUATION OF SECTION III   |
| Water Quality Problem   |
| Total Points Available: 10 Score:9  |

# **Evaluation Team Comments**:

1. Extent to which the work plan exhibits an informed understanding of water quality conditions.

Very good job explaining the problem in detail with lots of data. Internal recycling likely. Only shortcomings: sediment chemistry not provided in application (but both somewhat problematic) and "high levels of TP" – but not provided in text (hard to read in graph).

2. Severity of the water quality impairment or indication that the waterbody may not attain its water quality standards in the future.

Recent, severe water quality problems. Severe blooms in 2018 and 2020 and 2020 fish kill. Will be listed as impaired by DEP in 2022. Very susceptible to problems. Linda Bacon from DEP's Lakes Unit noted that last year's bloom was one of worst she's seen.

RFA #: 202002031
RFP TITLE: Grants for Nonpoint Source Projects Watershed-based Plan Development
BIDDER: Kennebec County SWCD – North Pond
DATE: 5/6/21

EVALUATION OF SECTION IV
Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

Total Points Available: 10 Score: \_\_7\_\_\_

### **Evaluation Team Comments:**

1. Nature, extent, and severity of NPS problems in the watershed.

Good understanding of NPS sources from past surveys. This section of application also mentioned other sources associated with downtown, Pine Tree Camp and gravel pits, but didn't mention possible septic sources, climate or internal loading sources. However, these NPS source investigations are covered later in project tasks.

ET questioned agricultural sources and whether they have been fully surveyed in past or planned through this project. Aerials indicate that there is some active agriculture, especially in Serpentine subwatershed.

2. Work plan's understanding of what actions are needed to address the NPS sources and problems.

Mentioned need to consider internal recycling, septic systems and municipal ordinances. Would just need to incorporate ag sources. Also, opportunity to identify downtown Smithfield hotspots, potential future sources associated with climate change (undersized culverts), and long ditches terminating in streams.

RFA #: 202002031

RFP TITLE: Grants for Nonpoint Source Projects Watershed-based Plan Development

BIDDER: Kennebec County SWCD - North Pond

**DATE:** 5/6/21

# EVALUATION OF SECTION V Feasibility of Success

Total Points Available: 25 Score: \_\_16\_\_\_

### **Evaluation Team Comments:**

1. Likelihood that the project will be successfully completed as proposed.

Very likely to be completed successfully as proposed.

2. Likelihood that the waterbody can be successfully restored or protected.

Project will evaluate alum treatment feasibility, but not clear if will be a good candidate or restorable. Not clear about Town interest and feasibility of ordinance work in helping address development threats. Should involve Towns more in engaging in Task 6 and public more in Task 7. Will also need to assess and mitigate agricultural NPS sources.

#### 3. Consideration

Adequate information and capacity to determine actions needed restore or protect the waterbody.

Project will generate information needed for restoration plan.

Effective well-sequenced tasks

Good tasks to address data gaps, but should incorporate ag survey and make sure comprehensive watershed survey of potential sources.

Contribution or participation by appropriate stakeholders and municipal government

Strong partnerships including Colby, NPA, 7LA, GPCOG. Should pull in NRCS as well. Limited contribution and involvement from towns.

Leveraged with other previous or concurrent efforts

Extensive past and ongoing work leading to this point and likely to continue with plan implementation.

Extent of community support to restore or protect the waterbody.

Important to stakeholders and residents.

| RFA #: 202002031<br>RFP TITLE: Grants for Nonpoint Source Projects Watershe<br>BIDDER: Kennebec County SWCD – North Pond<br>DATE: 5/6/21 | ed-based Plan Development |
|--|---------------------------|
| **********************   | ********************      |
| EVALUATION OF<br>Cost Effective  |                           |
| <u>Total Points Available</u> : 25   | <u>Score</u> : <u>16</u>  |
| *******************  | ********************      |

# **Evaluation Team Comments**:

1. Degree to which the project represents a good return for the investment (money, time)

Relatively overall high total cost for project, but relatively good investment to develop plan for a severely blooming lake.

2. Are project work and cost estimates (tasks & budget) are reasonable for the expected outcomes

Costs and match not entirely clear since subgrants under task don't specify which subgrantee(s). Task 4 – cost low in order to make sure watershed sources fully investigated and documented. Task 6 – could be improved with additional time by GPCOG and Towns to flesh out ordinances to pursue. Legal review of draft ordinances could also be very helpful.

3. Amount and quality of proposed matching funds or services.

Strong match (44% when only 25% required) with much of it as cash match. Impressive \$20,000 cash match from NPA, but not much time contribution from NPA. Would have been nice to include some match from KVCOG and stronger match from Towns (only \$1500 total).

### **Evaluation Team Comments:**

No points were awarded since none of the watershed towns have consistent comp plans.

Points = 5 points x % of watershed with consistent comp plan

Y = Consistent

N = Inconsistent, Unknown (i.e., expired finding) or No Comp Plan on Record

| Town(s)      | Comp Plan<br>Consistency | % Watershed with<br>Consistent Plan | Points |
|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Smithfield   | N                        |                                     |        |
| Rome         | N                        | 0%                                  | 0      |
| Mercer       | N                        |                                     |        |
| Norridgework | N                        |                                     |        |

RFP#: 202002031

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN DEVELOPMENT

BIDDER NAME: Kennebec County Soil and Water Conservation District

**DATE:** 4/30/2021 (reviewed by evaluator) **EVALUATOR NAME:** Amanda Pratt **EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** DEP

<u>Instructions:</u> The purpose of this form is to record proposal review notes written by <u>individual</u> evaluators for this Request for Proposals (RFA) process. It is <u>required</u> that each individual evaluator make notes for each proposal that he or she reviews. No numerical scoring should take place on these notes, as that is performed only during team consensus evaluation meetings. A separate form is available for team consensus evaluation notes and scoring. Once complete, please submit a copy of this document to your Department's RFA Coordinator or Lead Evaluator for this RFA.

#### **Individual Evaluator Comments:**

# Type or write down notes on under the scoring criteria below:

#### **Applicant Qualifications and Experience**

**P** KCSWCD has received several previous 319/604(b) grants – currently working on China Lake WBMP; recently finished Great Pond WBMP, among others. Will provide admin/financial support. **P/Q** Subgrant to 7LA – mostly in an assistance/review role – not sure if this is redundant/needed.

**N** 7LA has a history of issues getting grants wrapped up in a timely manner.

**P/Q** Great to see KVCOG as a subgrantee to work on ordinance review – but do they have the time/expertise to do the work?

**P** Use of a consultant for project management/writing WBMP.

### **Relative Value of the Waterbody**

- P public access (boat launch, no public beach)
- P part of Belgrade chain influences downstream water quality
- **Q** does being surrounded by other lakes/recreational opportunities dilute an individual lake's importance/value?
- **P** 351 Shoreline Properties, Summer Camp, Recreational value, habitat value Ranch, some commercial development, gravel pits

## **Water Quality Problem**

- P Severe algal blooms (worst Linda Bacon has seen) in 2020. Blooms in 2018, 2010
- P Currently threatened; will be added to impaired list with next Integrated Report.
- P considered altered due to human activity
- **P** Shallow/sporadic stratification, so very susceptible to climate-induced changes in water quality.
- P Internal loading when lake stratifies & loses oxygen at the bottom
- P fish kill in 2020 due to low oxygen
- N did not mention low Al:Fe ratio/previous sediment data

#### Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

- P previously lots of ag (what kind?), currently NPS mostly due to development
- ${f N}$  Has the agriculture in the Serpentine watershed been adequately assessed? Only part was included in East Pond survey, not included in North Pond survey. Could potentially be missing this piece.
- P Watershed surveys in 2014/2016 total of 158 sites
- ${f P}$  Identified roads as highest impact; many residential sites/development and issues with properties being close to the water/removal of shoreline vegetation were also identified as problems.
- **P** have completed a WBPP already & are on second phase of 319 grants.

#### **Feasibility for Success**

P - Partners include 7LA, North Pond Assoc, Colby College, Towns of Smithfield & Mercer, KVCOG

RFP#: 202002031

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN DEVELOPMENT

BIDDER NAME: Kennebec County Soil and Water Conservation District

**DATE:** 4/30/2021 (reviewed by evaluator) **EVALUATOR NAME:** Amanda Pratt **EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** DEP

- **Q** Purpose statement mentions a septic social, but I don't think this is included in the task breakdown and probably not fundable through this grant
- P tasks are comprehensive but also fairly routine should have no problem completing.
- N Should some sort of agriculture survey/assessment be included? Assessment of culverts?
- Q Minimal buy-in from towns/no comp plans will this impact feasibility long-term?

#### **Cost Effectiveness**

- **P/N** Lots of cash match from North Pond Assoc (\$20k); not a huge amount of match from other sources
- P 43.5% overall match
- N \$80k overall price is high for a fairly routine project likely reflects costs of consultant doing a large chunk of the work
- **Q** Task 6, municipal ordinance review \$5500 cost from KVCOG (\$2500 partial match was not included in match table)
- **N** Task 7 costs seem on the high side to me.

RFP#: 202002031

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN DEVELOPMENT

BIDDER NAME: Kennebec County Soil & Water Conservation District

**DATE:** 5/3/2021

**EVALUATOR NAME: Addie Halligan EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP** 

<u>Instructions:</u> The purpose of this form is to record proposal review notes written by <u>individual</u> evaluators for this Request for Proposals (RFA) process. It is <u>required</u> that each individual evaluator make notes for each proposal that he or she reviews. No numerical scoring should take place on these notes, as that is performed only during team consensus evaluation meetings. A separate form is available for team consensus evaluation notes and scoring. Once complete, please submit a copy of this document to your Department's RFA Coordinator or Lead Evaluator for this RFA.

#### **Individual Evaluator Comments:**

# Type or write down notes on under the scoring criteria below:

P= Positive, N= Negative, Q= Question, I= Interesting

# **Applicant Qualifications and Experience**

- **P:** District has managed over twenty 319 grants and at least three 604b grants.
- **P**: Admin: District E.D will provide admin and financial support, experience with admin of over \$2million for USDA.
- **P**: Subgrantee 7 Lakes has done excellent job with projects, Charlie has years of experience with successful 319/604b projects. 7 Lakes has completed eight 319 projects, and helped with 3 WBMP and two WBPPs
- **P**: The grantee and subgrantee have a history of working well together.
- **P**: Subgrantee KVCOG planning, ordinance writing experience.
- **P**: Consulting Services to assist with project management, experience in EPA's 9 element watershed-based plans, particularly with watershed modeling, GIS mapping, water quality analysis, public oureach and technical writing.
- Q: Does not state how many years of experience Dale has/ how long he has been E.D for the District.
- N: 7Lakes is not always on time with reporting deadlines.
- I: A lot of subgrantees and consultants too many?

Overall, strong qualifications and experience between the grantee, subgrantees and consultant. The District and 7 Lakes have years of experience, a good partnership and successful track records. All together they a plethora of relevant experience, financial and administrative leadership, and the necessary technical qualifications to lead a successful project. Strong group with diverse skills.

### **Relative Value of the Waterbody**

- P: Public boat launch, marsh for kayaking, fishing and birding.
- **P**: Recreational Value: swimming, fishing, boating. Pine Tree Camp prominent feature in watershed since 1936, provides outdoor opportunities for children and adults with disabilities use the lake recreationally.
- **P**: Habitat Value: 14 species of fish in North Pond small and largemouth bass, white perch, and chain pickerel. Pike illegally introduced but good for ice fishing. 14 loons counted in 2020. Serpentine Marsh- MDIFW Inland Wading Bird and Watershed Habitat and Wetland of Special Significance over 30 cranes.
- P: Scenic/ Aesthetic Value described.
- P: Economic value: taxes for three towns (351 residential properties), commercial businesses.

RFP#: 202002031

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN DEVELOPMENT

BIDDER NAME: Kennebec County Soil & Water Conservation District

**DATE:** 5/3/2021

**EVALUATOR NAME: Addie Halligan EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP** 

Q: Is it the main drinking water supply for the properties – no it is not.

**Q/N**: Besides the boat launch, are there any other public access points – beaches, trails, etc. to/around the pond? Looks like there is one campground.

**N**: what the businesses are in the watershed that are impacted.

Overall, North Pond as described in the work plan is a valued waterbody to the 351 residents, and camp (Dude Ranch & Pine Tree Camp). It has significant habitat and recreation value.

### **Water Quality Problem**

- **P:** Threatened, but excepted to be listed as impaired in 2022 "Development Threat" and currently on "Watch List".
- **P**: Part of the seven-lake Belgrade Chain of Lakes improving water in North Pond will benefit downstream waterbodies that are sensitive to NPS pollution
- P: Data collection since 1970 based on data potential for nuisance algal blooms is moderate to high, and potential for internal loading is moderate to high. High TP levels, increasing slightly over past 10 years, and significantly since 2018. Chl-a significant increase over past decade → understanding of issue
- **P**: Bloom in 2018 (lasting July to mid September) likely due to increase P levels. Last algal bloom was 2010. 2020 similar bloom pattern to 2018. Fish kill observed after oxygen decreased.

Overall, North Pond (as stated in workplan) is reaching/has reached its tipping point, with data indicated a significant decrease in water quality and increase in nuisance algal blooms. The lake is well studied, the severity of the issue understood.

### Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

- P: Due to declining water quality trend several studies to examine sources; 2014 East Pond Survey = 23 NPS sites, 2016 North Pond survey = 135 NPS Sites (results indicated residential properties made up 61% of sites, and priority of high-impact state and town road sites). Implementation Phase I 89 BMPs at 3 high priority road sites, 28 residential, pine tree camp and Fairview grange. Phase II 5 high priority sites, Pine treet, 14 residential → 19 sites.
- **P**: Understanding of issues: ag issues in Serpentine watershed, high density development aging septic, unimproved gravel and private roads winter sanding, ditching, culverts, unpaved road shoulders, 15 private boat launches.
- **P**: Agricultural and development threats- greatest threat are land uses associated with residential, roads and commercial development.
- P: Need further assessment of internal recycling, septic systems and municipal ordinances.

**N/Q**: Mentioned earlier that Serpintine watershed has historically had a lot of agriculture – but only mentioned part of watershed surveyed- and only one ag site found. Could there be any other ag issues?

Overall, the workplan indicates that the stakeholders understand and have acted on the NPS issues discovered through the development of the 2017 WBPP, however, the complexity of the issue and the physical characteristics of this lake indicate further assessments and studies are needed to fully understand how to restore this waterbody. Will this further assessment provide them with the answers they need that the previous WBPP didn't determine?

RFP#: 202002031

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN DEVELOPMENT

BIDDER NAME: Kennebec County Soil & Water Conservation District

**DATE:** 5/3/2021

**EVALUATOR NAME: Addie Halligan EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DEP** 

#### **Feasibility for Success**

P: Watershed partners have been successful at implementation actions from 2018 WBPP.

- **P**: Strong stakeholder group- expertise and financial assistance District, 7 lakes, KVCOG, NPA, Colby College, towns (Smithfield, Rome and Mercer), consultant. Letters of support.
- **P**: Outputs from this project are significant and adequate in helping analyze the stressors, particularly; water quality and sediment analysis, land-cover data layer, internal loading assessment and management options, ordinance review, septic system database....
- **P**: I think all the tasks are well thought out, and appear to be what is needed to fill missing gaps about what is happening internally and what to do about it.

**N/Q**: due to the shallow depth and low flushing rate, is restoration probable? Technical Advisory Committee will be part of this decision.

**N/Q:** Total of 158 NPS Sites determined in surveys, unclear but I believe at total of 52 will be addressed between Phase I and Phase II – do they intend to continue implementing and addressing the remaining 106 while simultaneously writing this plan? – Planning for a phase III.

N: The tasks will result in an understanding of loading, data, but it's unclear that these tasks will tell us what needs to be done in the watershed (agriculture issues?)

N: Not much support from towns

Overall, I believe this project will be successful at filling in missing information gaps from the 2018 WBPP. I am concerned about how they will continue implementing and address NPS sites while completing this project workplan – writing another Plan. Additionally, I'm conflicted as it seems like the tasks and this plan will help understand whats happening internally but not tell us how to fix the issues?

#### **Cost Effectiveness**

**P**: good quality match – Task 2, Task 5. Significant match from NPA, 7 Lakes Alliance & Colby College.

**P**: Overall 43% match is much higher than requirement.

P: NPA \$20,000

**Q**: Dale's cost is really low?

Q/N: Task 4 – enough staff time for this budget?

**N**: Town match is very very low.

Overall, I think this project is relatively expensive, but has significant match that exceeds the requirement, consultant costs are the highest but seem necessary.

#### **Comprehensive Plan**

RFP#: 202002031

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN DEVELOPMENT

**BIDDER NAME:** Kennebec County SWCD

**DATE:** 5/4/2021

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Kathy Hoppe **EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** DEP

Instructions: The purpose of this form is to record proposal review notes written by individual evaluators for this Request for Proposals (RFA) process. It is required that each individual evaluator make notes for each proposal that he or she reviews. No numerical scoring should take place on these notes, as that is performed only during team consensus evaluation meetings. A separate form is available for team consensus evaluation notes and scoring. Once complete, please submit a copy of this document to your Department's RFA Coordinator or Lead Evaluator for this RFA.

#### **Individual Evaluator Comments:**

### Type or write down notes on under the scoring criteria below:

Cost Effectiveness Comprehensive Plan

### **Applicant Qualifications and Experience**

- + Applicant has years of experience and completed many projects
- + Subgrantees also have lots of experience (7 Lakes, Colby College, KVCOG)
- 7 Lakes has history of not meeting deadlines.
- KVOCG is unknown, no recent work or comp plan reviews so we don't know them.

#### Relative Value of the Waterbody

- + public boat launch, recreation
- + youth camp
- + fish and wildlife (sand hill cranes, loons)
- no public beach, not drinking water supply

### **Water Quality Problem**

- + increasing Chla, Blooms, no change in transparency, fish kill due to DO issues
- + past watershed surveys and watershed plan
- +/- moving to AI treatment (Restoration)
- + impaired lake above, flushing rate 1/yr
- didn't include sediment data

### Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

RFP#: 202002031

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN DEVELOPMENT

BIDDER NAME: Kennebec County SWCD

**DATE:** 5/4/2021

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Kathy Hoppe **EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** DEP

- + while there is a current watershed plan, it is apparent based on DO and chla that the lake is not going in the right direction applications demonstrates this.
- + watershed survey's, past wmp, YCC
- + Mentioned development pressure, gravel pits
- past ag, still some but how much? (doesn't talk about how much ag), no mention of slope or soil type
- Using Google Earth looks like there is still ag

### **Feasibility for Success**

- + all the right steps/data being collected modeling, new in lake data, bathymetry plan will collect what is needed to look at internal recycling and al treatment
- + all those involved have completed projects in the past
- + Staff depth
- + budget seems reasonable budget matched work (maybe a bit low?)
- + have been working on P2 now moving to treatment they didn't jump to treatment and get forced to consider P2
- +/- lots of subgrantees, contractors and volunteers to coordinate all the work. Many players will make coordination a challenge but lots of experience too.
- Towns are minimally involved, wonder if they will be there to help with al treatment? And protection from future development
- unclear why plankton analyses
- Ag? Type, acreage? Slope of land, Make it sound in the plan ag isn't an issue but aerial photo shows otherwise
- Task 6 needs more municipal engagement

#### **Cost Effectiveness**

- + impressive \$20K cash match from North Pond Lake Association
- would have been nice to see some match from KVCOG since they are semi-government
- week match by the towns but they are involved wonder if they will step up to fund treatment?
- Task 7 seems a bit high got 3 Steering Committees, 3 TACs, and public meeting, social media, web and press releases.
- + 44% match (34,908 21.5K cash
- pricey for small water body with big public draw (aka beach), have WBB already so can pull standard demographic and lake info from.

RFP#: 202002031

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN DEVELOPMENT

**BIDDER NAME:** Kennebec County SWCD

**DATE:** 5/4/2021

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Kathy Hoppe **EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** DEP

Issues to be addressed

WHO's QAPP will be used? SOPs and SAP for bathymetry, sediment sampling

Unclear, are Colby and North Pond a subgrantees?

Need to clear up who is doing what - which subgrantee?

Need to address ag

RFP#: 202002031

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN DEVELOPMENT

**BIDDER NAME: KCSWCD** 

**DATE:** 5/6/2021

**EVALUATOR NAME:** Tom Miragliuolo

**EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** DACF / Municipal Planning Assistance Program

<u>Instructions:</u> The purpose of this form is to record proposal review notes written by <u>individual</u> evaluators for this Request for Proposals (RFA) process. It is <u>required</u> that each individual evaluator make notes for each proposal that he or she reviews. No numerical scoring should take place on these notes, as that is performed only during team consensus evaluation meetings. A separate form is available for team consensus evaluation notes and scoring. Once complete, please submit a copy of this document to your Department's RFA Coordinator or Lead Evaluator for this RFA.

#### **Individual Evaluator Comments:**

# Type or write down notes on under the scoring criteria below:

#### **Applicant Qualifications and Experience**

- + Appear very experienced based on quality of material and knowledge presented
- + Unsure who kvcog contact will be but they are know to be very capable and have a record of completing tasks
- = Unsure who consultant will be

#### **Relative Value of the Waterbody**

- + boat launch
- + mostly built out shoreline
- not know regionally for attracting recreational use

### **Water Quality Problem**

- + Expected to be listed as impaired
- + very shallow with blooms

#### Nature. Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

• + comprehensive survey identifying 23 on East Pond and 135 on North

### **Feasibility for Success**

- + strong support from NPA
- + very high likelihood of completing deliverables

#### **Cost Effectiveness**

# **Comprehensive Plan**

none have consistent comp plans.

RFP#: 202002031

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN DEVELOPMENT

**BIDDER NAME: KCSWCD** 

**DATE:** 5/4/21

**EVALUATOR NAME: Wendy Garland EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Maine DEP

<u>Instructions:</u> The purpose of this form is to record proposal review notes written by <u>individual</u> evaluators for this Request for Proposals (RFA) process. It is <u>required</u> that each individual evaluator make notes for each proposal that he or she reviews. No numerical scoring should take place on these notes, as that is performed only during team consensus evaluation meetings. A separate form is available for team consensus evaluation notes and scoring. Once complete, please submit a copy of this document to your Department's RFA Coordinator or Lead Evaluator for this RFA.

#### **Individual Evaluator Comments:**

Type or write down notes on under the scoring criteria below:

#### **Applicant Qualifications and Experience**

- Project team includes KCSWCD grantee, 7LA and KVCOG subgrants, consultant.
- + KCSWCD has extensive experience as grantee for 604b and 319 grant projects. Noted Executive Director's experience with grant management, administrative and financial support.
- + Subgrant to 7 Lakes Alliance. 7LA has also had extensive experience on watershed plans and in North Pond watershed.
- +? KVCOG will be subrecipient. Did not cite experience with similar grant projects and no NPS grants track record, but experience with ordinance updates and comp plans. Two full time planners and working on the Belgrades ordinances currently. Good idea to include more expertise and focus on ordinances.
- -? Recent watershed planning project was not completed on time, and 7LA deliverables are often late for 319 projects. Very important now to plan to finish on time. Are they too many 'cooks in the kitchen'? Perhaps some redundancy but has worked well in recent projects.
- + Consultant will be hired to write plan and do modeling and GIS Good idea since other partners don't have this experience and capacity.
- + Overall, very good quals and experience. Strong team depth and well described in application.

#### **Relative Value of the Waterbody**

- + 2531-acre lake. Public boat launch at north end in Smithfield. Pine Tree Camp for children with disabilities. Large lake in Belgrades chain with excellent fishing (warm-water, 14 species), boating, swimming, 14-45 adult loons. Serpentine Marsh wetland of special significance, sandhill cranes, kayaking, birdwatching, fishing. Scenic backdrop to Smithfield downtown.
- Overall, average compared to other lakes.

### **Water Quality Problem**

- + Monitoring since 1970. Moderate to high risk of blooms and internal loading. Increases in TP since 2015 and Chl a over past 10 years. Bloom in 2010 and then 2018 and 2020 severe blooms (end July to mid September). Fish kill in 2020. Lake reached tipping point? Difficult to predict anoxia and internal loading since polymictic lake.
- ? Did not mention how East Pond past problems and alum treatment might come into play. Did not include sediment chemistry data.
- + Comprehensive explanation of WQ problems. Anticipate listing as impaired in 2022. Severe water quality problems.

RFP#: 202002031

RFP TITLE: GRANTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS WATERSHED-BASED PLAN DEVELOPMENT

**BIDDER NAME: KCSWCD** 

**DATE:** 5/4/21

**EVALUATOR NAME: Wendy Garland EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** Maine DEP

#### Nature, Extent and Severity of NPS Problems

- 2014 Serpentine survey identified 23 NPs sites and 2016 survey identified 135 sites (21 high, 63 medium, 50 low impacts) with 61% residential, 10% beach, 7% state roads, 6% town roads and 3% private roads. Phase I project and Phase II project underway.
- Other NPS issues mentioned included downtown Smithfield, Pine Tree Camp, gravel pits. High development pressure mentioned due to COVID-19.
- ? Are septics an issue? What about climate change impacts? Sediment chemistry? Mentioned the need through the project, but not noted under this section in application.
- + Overall, good understanding on watershed sources of NPS. Recent information and surveys and good overview provided. Could have mentioned other potential issues listed above.

#### **Feasibility for Success**

- Task 2 WQ and In-Lake Assessment (SAP, bathymetric mapping, in-lake monitoring of TP, Cla and DO/temp, sediment sampling and analysis, monthly plankton analyses). Task 3 WQ Analysis. Task 4 Watershed Assessment (septic system mapping by DEP, septic system database by Colby and survey by NPA. 7LA windshield survey to identify new NPS sites. Task 5 Watershed modeling and internal loading analysis. Task 6 Ordinance Review. Task 7 Meetings and Stakeholder Engagement (3 SC meetings, 3 TAC meetings, public meeting).
- ? Looks like consultant will do most of the WQ analysis. Why note 7LA? Will consultant have these qualifications?
- ? Watershed assessment could include survey to identify undersized culverts, ditches over 200 feet long or terminating in lake or streams, agricultural NPS sources. Budget tables should clearly identify who is doing what tasks. Need to identify QAPP for project.
- Ability to complete is very good. Strong local involvement/motivation, funding and support for watershed planning, surveys and implementation. Phase I project addressed 5 NPS sites, 28 residential sites. Phase II project underway 5 NPS sites, 14 residential sites. YCC active with 185 BMPs in the watershed over past 20 years. NPA active with LakeSmart and project funding.
- ? Unclear whether is will be feasible to restore the lake. Not clear how receptive towns will be to ordinances changes. However, the project includes tasks key to developing effective plan.
- ? Make sure Steering Committee involved in developing action items and that it's not just the TAC. How will Towns and citizens engage and provide input? Ordinance task structured with presentations, not meetings, with Towns. Public meeting will present project outcomes, not solicit input.

#### Cost Effectiveness

- + Strong and diverse match including \$20,000 cash match from NPA, \$6000 from Colby, and \$600 7LA.
- + \$45,363 is a good investment in plan to help restore impaired lake.
- Minimal town involvement with only \$1525 match (combined) and very low in kind match from NPA. Task 4 Watershed assessment seems low for proposed work. Otherwise, task grant and match appears appropriate.

#### **Comprehensive Plan**

No towns in the watershed had consistent plans.



Janet T. Mills Governor Melanie Loyzim Commissioner

# AGREEMENT AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT RFA #: 202002031 TITLE: Grants for Nannaint Source Ballution Control

| •  | oint Source Pollution Control Projects ased Plan Development  |
|--|---|
| Evaluation Team for the State of Maine Departr   | come a member of the Request for Proposals (RFP) ment of Environmental Protection. I do hereby accept the isclose any affiliation or relationship I may have in proposal to this RFP.   |
| in the bidders whose proposals I will be reviewing former ownership in the bidder's company; currently employment with the bidder; current or former paid consultant); and/or current or former relationships. | ily have a personal or financial interest, direct or indirect, ng. "Interest" may include, but is not limited to: current or rent or former Board membership; current or former personal contractual relationship with the bidder (example: onship to a bidder's official which could reasonably be resonal relationships may be perceived by the public as a |
| I have not advised, consulted with or assisted a response to this RFP nor have I submitted a let   | nny bidder in the preparation of any proposal submitted in ter of support or similar endorsement.   |
| hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge<br>support a good faith charge of bias. I further un  | e conducted in an impartial manner. In this regard, I there are no circumstances that would reasonably inderstand that in the event a good faith charge of bias is would be disqualified from participation in the evaluation   |
|  | lated to the contents of Requests for Proposals uch time as the Department formally releases the ion.   |
| adolif. Halligan   | 4/30/2021   |
| Signature  | Date  |



Janet T. Mills Governor Melanie Loyzim Commissioner

# AGREEMENT AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT RFA #: 202002031 RFA TITLE: Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects Watershed-based Plan Development

| I, (print name at right)Amanda Pratt  |
|---|
| accept the offer to become a member of the Request for Proposals (RFP) Evaluation Team for the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection. I do hereby accept the terms set forth in this agreement AND hereby disclose any affiliation or relationship I may have in connection with a bidder who has submitted a proposal to this RFP.   |
| Neither I nor any member of my immediate family have a personal or financial interest, direct or indirect, in the bidders whose proposals I will be reviewing. "Interest" may include, but is not limited to: current or former ownership in the bidder's company; current or former Board membership; current or former employment with the bidder; current or former personal contractual relationship with the bidder (example: paid consultant); and/or current or former relationship to a bidder's official which could reasonably be construed to constitute a conflict of interest (personal relationships may be perceived by the public as a potential conflict of interest). |
| I have not advised, consulted with or assisted any bidder in the preparation of any proposal submitted in response to this RFP nor have I submitted a letter of support or similar endorsement.   |
| I understand that the evaluation process is to be conducted in an impartial manner. In this regard, I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, there are no circumstances that would reasonably support a good faith charge of bias. I further understand that in the event a good faith charge of bias is made, it will rest with me to decide whether I should be disqualified from participation in the evaluation process.   |
| I agreeto hold confidential all information related to the contents of Requests for Proposals presented during the review process until such time as the Department formally releases the funding decision notices for public distribution.   |
| Elmanda Pratt 4/30/2021   |
| Signature Date  |
|   |



Melanie Loyzim Commissioner

# AGREEMENT AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT RFA #: 202002031

RFA TITLE: Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects Watershed-based Plan Development

| I, Kathy Hoppe accept the offer to become a member of the Request for Proposals (RFP)                 |
|---|
| Evaluation Team for the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection. I do hereby accept the |
| terms set forth in this agreement AND hereby disclose any affiliation or relationship I may have in   |
| connection with a bidder who has submitted a proposal to this RFP.                                    |

Neither I nor any member of my immediate family have a personal or financial interest, direct or indirect, in the bidders whose proposals I will be reviewing. "Interest" may include, but is not limited to: current or former ownership in the bidder's company; current or former Board membership; current or former employment with the bidder; current or former personal contractual relationship with the bidder (example: paid consultant); and/or current or former relationship to a bidder's official which could reasonably be construed to constitute a conflict of interest (personal relationships may be perceived by the public as a potential conflict of interest).

I have not advised, consulted with or assisted any bidder in the preparation of any proposal submitted in response to this RFP nor have I submitted a letter of support or similar endorsement.

I understand that the evaluation process is to be conducted in an impartial manner. In this regard, I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, there are no circumstances that would reasonably support a good faith charge of bias. I further understand that in the event a good faith charge of bias is made, it will rest with me to decide whether I should be disqualified from participation in the evaluation process.

I agree to hold confidential all information related to the contents of Requests for Proposals presented during the review process until such time as the Department formally releases the funding decision notices for public distribution.

Signature

Date



Janet T. Mills Governor

Signature

Melanie Loyzim Commissioner

# AGREEMENT AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT RFA #: 202002031 RFA TITLE: Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects Watershed-based Plan Development

| Water Sheu-based Fran Development   |
|---|
| I,Tom Miragliuolo accept the offer to become a member of the Request for Proposals (RFP) Evaluation Team for the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection. I do hereby accept the terms set forth in this agreement AND hereby disclose any affiliation or relationship I may have in connection with a bidder who has submitted a proposal to this RFP.   |
| Neither I nor any member of my immediate family have a personal or financial interest, direct or indirect, in the bidders whose proposals I will be reviewing. "Interest" may include, but is not limited to: current or former ownership in the bidder's company; current or former Board membership; current or former employment with the bidder; current or former personal contractual relationship with the bidder (example: paid consultant); and/or current or former relationship to a bidder's official which could reasonably be construed to constitute a conflict of interest (personal relationships may be perceived by the public as a potential conflict of interest). |
| I have not advised, consulted with or assisted any bidder in the preparation of any proposal submitted in response to this RFP nor have I submitted a letter of support or similar endorsement.   |
| I understand that the evaluation process is to be conducted in an impartial manner. In this regard, I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, there are no circumstances that would reasonably support a good faith charge of bias. I further understand that in the event a good faith charge of bias is made, it will rest with me to decide whether I should be disqualified from participation in the evaluation process.   |
| I agreeto hold confidential all information related to the contents of Requests for Proposals presented during the review process until such time as the Department formally releases the funding decision notices for public distribution.   |
| Jon Miraglind   |
| 4/30/2021   |

Date



Janet T. Mills Governor Melanie Loyzim Commissioner

# AGREEMENT AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT RFA #: 202002031 RFA TITLE: Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects Watershed-based Plan Development

| Watershed-based Plan Development   |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| I, <u>Wendy Garland</u> accept the offer to become valuation Team for the State of Maine Departmenterms set forth in this agreement AND hereby disclored connection with a bidder who has submitted a property.                            | t of Environmental Protection. I do hereby accept the ose any affiliation or relationship I may have in |  |
| in the bidders whose proposals I will be reviewing. 'former ownership in the bidder's company; current employment with the bidder; current or former personal consultant); and/or current or former relationships.                         | onal contractual relationship with the bidder (example:   |  |
| I have not advised, consulted with or assisted any be response to this RFP nor have I submitted a letter of  | oidder in the preparation of any proposal submitted in of support or similar endorsement.               |  |
| I understand that the evaluation process is to be co<br>hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the<br>support a good faith charge of bias. I further under<br>made, it will rest with me to decide whether I should<br>process. | ere are no circumstances that would reasonably stand that in the event a good faith charge of bias is   |  |
| I agreeto hold confidential all information relate<br>presented during the review process until such<br>funding decision notices for public distribution.  | time as the Department formally releases the  |  |
| Windy Yailars  | 5/4/21  |  |
| Signature  | Date  |  |