

E-Bulletin Newsletter



To provide affordable financial assistance to communities within Wisconsin for water infrastructure projects that protect and improve public health and water quality for current and future generations.



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Interpretation of EJCDC Standard General Conditions for Change Order Eligibility

In an effort to consistently and uniformly approve change order costs as eligible loan costs, the Environmental Loans Construction Management Engineers (CMEs) have reviewed the EJCDC contract language and developed a policy to be applied during change order review. The policy can be found at dnr.wi.gov/Aid/documents/EIF/Guide/EJCDCCO.pdf.

It is recommended that municipal staff, consultants, and contractors review the document to verify contract change orders are approved in accordance with the EJCDC contract language. This will reduce the risk of having change order costs that are ineligible for loan reimbursement. If you have questions, contact Bob Hannes at Robert.Hannes@wisconsin.gov or (920) 366-4208.

Upcoming Deadlines

June 23, 2021

SFY 20 SDWLP final loan closing date.

June 30, 2021

- SFY 22 SDWLP application deadline (reminder: submit P&S to DG & EL).
- ALL required bid documentation (including executed construction contracts) due for SFY 21 CWFP PF projects.
- Last day to submit SFY 21 CWFP applications for non-PF projects.
- Last day to submit CY 21 Private LSL Removal applications.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Forms and Guidance Updates

Please discontinue using EPA Form 6100-4 DBE Subcontractor Utilization Form. Instead, DBE utilization may be reported on forms 8700-294 DBE Good Faith Certification (R 4/21) or 8700-294A DBE Contacts Worksheet (R 3/17) depending on the method used to solicit DBEs. This change and more are summarized below:

- [Form 8700-257 Contract Utilization of DBEs \(R 04/21\)](#)—added functionality to allow users to insert rows and sections as needed. This can be done by clicking the + sign in the gray box on the right side of the page.
- [Form 8700-294 DBE Good Faith Certification \(R 4/21\)](#)—a table now appears to collect DBE utilization information when users select Yes to question II.1. There is no longer a space for DNR staff to certify their review of the form, which is handled elsewhere. Other minor updates were made as well.
- [Contract Packet for DBE Compliance](#)—removed references to EPA Form 6100-4 and updated guidance accordingly. In addition, we trimmed extra information and reorganized the document to make it more accessible.



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Draft SDWLP SFY 2022 IUP

The Department of Natural Resources is currently seeking public comments on the [draft SDWLP Intended Use Plan \(IUP\)](#) for State Fiscal Year 2022. Comments will be taken through Friday, June 18th. Please direct questions or comments to Becky Scott at Rebecca.Scott@wisconsin.gov.

The draft CWFP IUP is anticipated to be posted for public comments in late June or early July.

The [draft SDWLP IUP](#) identifies funds available for SFY 2022, expected program activity, set-aside funding, applicable policies, and how federal requirements are being met. It also describes the disadvantaged communities program and allocation of principal forgiveness. The IUP

also provides information on the Private Lead Service Line (LSL) Replacement Program for the 2022 construction season, including proposed changes to scoring criteria, but an amendment will be made to the IUP later this year once more is known about available funding.

Policy changes detailed in this IUP include a change to the policy regarding funding of watermain projects in the presence of LSLs, and changes to PERF scoring of watermain projects that include replacement of private LSLs. Please see the [draft SDWLP SFY 2022 IUP](#) for more information.

Private LSL Replacement Program Update

As of June 1, 2021, the Private Lead Service Line (LSL) Replacement Program has received 69 Priority Evaluation & Ranking Forms and 62 applications for funding during the 2021 construction season. Eleven awards totaling \$10,082,620 in funding were made in April and May with more scheduled for June. An [awards list](#) has been posted and will be updated at least monthly. Applications can still be submitted through the end of June for 2021 funding.

The [draft SDWLP Intended Use Plan \(IUP\)](#) for SFY 2022 includes information on the Private LSL Replacement Program, including proposed changes to the priority scoring criteria. Information on the amount of funding that will be available for the 2022 construction season will be provided in an amended IUP later this year. Comments on the draft IUP can be submitted through Friday, June 18th. Please direct questions or comments to Becky Scott at Rebecca.Scott@wisconsin.gov.

Becky Scott is New Project Manager Section Chief

We are pleased to share the news that Becky Scott is the new Project Manager Section Chief for the Environmental Loans program. Becky joins Matt Marcum as the two Section Chiefs in the Loans program. She started her new position on Monday, June 7th. She will continue to work out of central office (when we return to the office) and her email will remain the same: Rebecca.Scott@wisconsin.gov. Her new cell phone number is **608-513-9351**.

This position is responsible for supervising the project managers and program coordinators in the Environmental Loans Program, and along with Matt for the overall administration of the Loans programs at DNR including the Clean Water Fund Program, the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program, and the new Lead Service Line Replacement Program. Becky was previously the Federal Liaison and a Policy Analyst in the Loans program, where she

served since 1991. Becky has built strong relationships with her co-workers and partners including EPA and has been involved in policy issues throughout her career.

Here is additional information from Becky:

I live in Madison with my four cats, Zefyr, Pepper, Binx and Jinx. I enjoy spending time with my three adult children and four grandchildren, as well as reading, writing, gardening, hiking, and riding my ebike. I'm excited about changing my focus while still remaining in the program that I have helped grow from its beginnings thirty years ago. I'm passionate about protecting the environment and most especially, the waters of our beautiful state. I look forward to continuing my work in a slightly different role but still working with the amazing team we have in the Environmental Improvement Fund.

Please join us in welcoming Becky to her new position!