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Notice of Availability of Grant Funds

Animal Waste Management/Non-Point Source Pollution Control

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4 et seq., the Department of Agriculture (NJDA) hereby publishes notice of grant availability of the following program:

a. Name of grant program: Animal Waste Management /Non-Point Source Pollution Control Grants.

b. Purpose: Article VIII, Section II, Paragraph 5 of the New Jersey Constitution was amended, effective December 7, 1995, to provide for a special account in the General Fund to which is annually credited an amount equivalent to four percent of the revenue annually derived from the tax imposed pursuant to the "Corporation Business Tax Act (1945)." The amount dedicated and appropriated from time to time by the Legislature includes funds for the purpose of grants to fund nonpoint source pollution prevention projects, including the proper management of animal waste on livestock farms in New Jersey. The New Jersey Department of Agriculture (NJDA) anticipates receipt of funds under this program.

c. Available funding: A total of \$200,000 is anticipated and may be made available to eligible New Jersey organizations.

d. Organizations which may apply for funding under this program: Individual producers are not eligible to apply. Applicants must be legal entities and have the legal capacity to contract. Applicants are strongly encouraged to provide a cash or in-kind match for their projects. Favorable consideration will be given to applications within project areas that have been identified as “priority areas” for water quality protection efforts to enable the leveraging of other funding sources and to complement other targeting efforts.

Grant funds will not be awarded for projects that solely provide a benefit profit to a single organization, institution, or individual. Single organizations, institutions, and individuals are encouraged to participate as project partners.

Applications for grant funds should describe how the project impacts and produces measurable outcomes regarding the prevention of nonpoint source pollution on farms; in particular, the proper management of animal waste on livestock operations in the State, and or education/outreach efforts regarding the NJDA Criteria and Standards for Animal Waste Management (N.J.A.C. 2:91).

Projects should be regional in scope and focused on education/outreach efforts to livestock operators, regarding the direct implementation of and/or supportive to the successful implementation of the NJDA animal waste regulations.

Project proposals should include: Purpose & Scope, Project Timeframe, Deliverables, Implementation Reports, Requested Budget, and Project Administrative Contacts.

e. Procedure for organizations to apply: Application information for projects will be published on the NJDA website and project proposals should be submitted to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture both electronically and by mail at the addresses shown below.

f. Address at NJDA for receipt of the applications:

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g. Deadline by which proposals must be submitted: Proposals must be received by June 12, 2015.

h. Date by which notices of approved or unapproved proposals will be sent: A response shall be sent to all applicants no later than September 15, 2015.