



**DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND**  
**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (NJDEP)**  
**WITH NEW JERSEY WATER ASSOCIATION (NJWA)**

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## **2014 SMALL SYSTEMS ENGINEERING CONTRACT**

### **UNDER 3,300 CUSTOMERS SERVED?**

Use this engineering services program towards your DWSRF loan to reduce up-front costs.

### **The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund**

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Amendments of 1996 authorized a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) to assist publicly owned and privately owned community water systems and nonprofit noncommunity water systems that are required to comply with the NJ Drinking Water Regulations to finance the costs of infrastructure needed to achieve or maintain compliance with SDWA requirements and to protect the public health in conformance with the objectives of the SDWA and to fund certain initiatives to assist the water systems (set-asides).

#### **A NEW FUNDING INITIATIVE**

##### *Streamlining the loan process for Small Systems*

The NJDEP and the New Jersey Water Association (NJWA) have executed a contract in which the NJWA will provide administrative services related to engineering services by a NJ Professional Engineer for small systems that are eligible for DWSRF loans. In order to receive a DWSRF loan, a system should have an initial assessment of the assets of the system and must submit planning documents, signed and sealed plans and specifications, and obtain applicable permits. As these submittals require the services of a licensed New Jersey Professional Engineer, some costs are expended by the system before the loan is awarded. Normally these costs are reimbursed to the borrower through a planning and design allowance. In order to assist systems serving less than 3,300 customers, the NJWA and NJDEP will provide a NJ PE to the system, paid through this contract, for the purposes of completing the necessary DWSRF loan requirements.

#### **ELIGIBLE PROJECTS**

- Projects that address SDWA health standards that have been exceeded or to prevent future violations of rules
- Projects to replace aging infrastructure needed to maintain compliance or further public health protection goals of the SDWA
- Example projects:
  - Install or upgrade treatment facilities, storage facilities, pump stations, wells and emergency power
  - Install or replace transmission and distribution pipes with appurtenances and interconnections
  - Install and enhance security at facilities, such as fencing, lighting, motion detectors, and cameras
  - Install and/or replace water meters and/or other conservation measures

### **Requesting Engineering Services**

In order to be considered under this initiative, systems must request, in writing, to participate in this engineering assistance contract and send this request to Joseph DuRocher at NJDEP ([joseph.durocher@dep.nj.gov](mailto:joseph.durocher@dep.nj.gov)). A P.E. will be assigned and once the initial assessment is completed by the engineer, then a ranking form needs to be submitted for the project to be ranked and placed on the DWSRF Project Priority List for funding consideration. The ranking form can be completed online at <https://www.h2loans.com>. A username and password can be set up by calling 609-219-8600.

Please remember, as a limited amount of resources are currently available for this program, the NJDEP will provide funds for engineering services, as funds allow.

### **Contact Information**

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