

# DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

## REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

### NOAA Coastal and Marine Habitat Funding Opportunity

#### PURPOSE & SUMMARY

The District Department of the Environment (DDOE) announces a request for applications to identify collaborative partners for DDOE's grant submission to the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Marine Fisheries Service, Restoration Center. This is an effort to promote open competition among prospective collaborative partners. Should the grant not be received, DDOE may apply, with the selected team, to other grant opportunities as they arise.

Collaborative partners will support DDOE's efforts to fulfill the NOAA's funding opportunity goals and objectives. DDOE will act as the lead agency in an application for grant funding to restore up to twelve acres of wetland and restore hydraulic connectivity to the mainstem of the Anacostia River; monitor the impact of this restoration work on NOAA trust species; control invasive species prior to and after construction; and provide opportunities for community recreation and engagement. Pending the award, DDOE may have available up to approximately five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for invasive control and community engagement work and up to approximately three million (\$3,000,000) for design, permitting and construction work related to the wetland restoration.

For details regarding the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Marine Fisheries Service funding opportunity, please visit the following website:  
<http://www.habitat.noaa.gov/funding/coastalrestoration.html>

Entities interested in applying should review and electronically submit their application based upon the criteria provided below.

**SUBMISSION OF QUALIFICATIONS FORMAT:** Application must follow the format provided below for consideration:

- Maximum of ten typed pages submitted electronically in Adobe PDF format, in Times New Roman or Arial 12-font;
- Examples of experience by firm or nonprofit that supports ranking factors.
- Resumes of key staff.
- Contact person for project and contact's telephone, fax, and email address; and
- Signature of authorized representative and date of signature.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Nonprofit organizations with IRS 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) determination, educational institutions, other District of Columbia government agencies and other businesses that meet the requirements of the bulleted list below, are eligible to apply. A copy of the applicant's IRS form 990 and DUNS number must be included with the Letter of Interest.

- Applying organization must provide DDOE with DUNS number (obtained at: <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>)
- Organization's primary vision and program focus must be aligned with the purpose and mission of the District of Columbia, Department of the Environment;
- Organization must be in good financial standing with the D.C. Office of Tax and Revenue and the Internal Revenue Service
- An organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(4), that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to apply, serve as a host site for members, or act in any type of supervisory role in the program; and
- Individuals are not eligible to apply.

**APPLICATION:** We are seeking two collaborative partners to fulfill each of the roles listed below. Prospective collaborative partners will have their applications reviewed by a panel of experts based upon a scale of thirty (30) points.

**Role 1:** *Invasive species control prior to and after construction; engaging the community in restoration work and recreational opportunities.* More specifically this partner will have the capacity to provide long-term invasive control for at least 4 (four) years at the project site, including both chemical and physical control. Additionally, the partner must have the ability to involve local residents in the project in a manner that meets overall project timelines and goals and broadens public knowledge and support for the restoration of the Anacostia watershed.

Applicants for Role 1 will be evaluated based upon the following criteria:

1. Past knowledge and experience with invasive control work (10 pts);
2. Sufficient staff capacity that can be directed towards this project (10 pts);
3. Experience engaging residents in restoration activities (10 pts).

**Role 2:** *Design, permitting and construction of the wetland restoration project such that it will meet habitat improvement goals specific to NOAA's trust species, which include Alewives, Bluebacks, and American Eel.*

Applicants for Role 2 will be evaluated based upon the following criteria:

1. Past experience designing and managing wetland restoration projects (15 pts)
2. Staff with expertise in wetland restoration (10 pts)
3. Experience obtaining permits for wetland restoration projects (5 pts)

Applicants for both roles should submit examples of past projects, resumes of key staff, and other supporting materials that address the criteria listed above. Applications should not exceed 10 pages in length.

The submission deadline is Friday, February 8, 2013 at 5pm. Notifications will be made via email beginning Wednesday, February 13, 2013. **NO HARD COPY SUBMISSIONS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.**

PDF electronic submission of documents and requests for additional information can be made to:

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