Multi-Agency Funding Training for Water & Wastewater Projects

Virtual & In-Person Training Day 2 – December 6, 2023

ENGINEERING & ENVIRONMENTAL WORK, FINISHING OUT THE GRANT/LOAN, PROJECT EXAMPLES/CASE STUDIES













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- This training is being recorded and will be available for viewing.
- The slides will be made available at <u>www.deq.ldaho.gov/SRF</u> under "Resources", "State Revolving Fund Presentation Materials".
- All participants will be muted.
- Please add questions to the chat box (virtually) as you have them. Questions will be addressed at the end.



AGENDA

December 6, 2023 – 9:00 – 1:00 (MST)

- 9:00 10:30 Engineering Work
- **10:30 10:45** break
- 10:45 11:30 Environmental Work
- 11:30 12:00 Finishing Out Grant/Loan
- 1:00 2:00 OPTIONAL Project Examples/Case Studies



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Topic #5 – Engineering Work



Engineering Speakers

- Kent Erickson, USDA Rural Development, kent.erickson2@usda.gov
- Kevin Ryan, USDA Rural Development, <u>Kevin.Ryan@usda.gov</u>
- Dennis Porter , Community Block Grants, Dennis.Porter@commerce.idaho.gov
- Nicolas Hiebert, Idaho Dept. of Environmental Quality, <u>Nicolas.Hiebert@deq.idaho.gov</u>













Water & Wastewater Engineering & Construction Agenda:

- Navigating Engineering Review Processes
- **NEW** Project Delivery Methods
- **NEW** Build America Buy America (BABA)
- Getting from Bid Opening to Notice to Proceed
- Surviving Construction & Closing Out a Project
- Q&A Panel



State Engineering Requirements:

AIS Engineering & Construction Documents

(For projects obligated after February 3, 2023, please use the BABAA attachments listed below)

Owner-Engineer Agreement Documents:

- <u>Owner-Engineer Agreement Document List</u>
- Owner-Engineer Agreement AIS (RD Idaho Attachment 1)
- <u>Owner-Engineer Agreement BABAA (RD Idaho Attachment 1)</u>

Construction (Front-End) Documents:

- <u>Construction (Front-End) Document List</u>
- <u>RD Idaho Attachment 2 (for 2018 EJCDC Construction Documents)</u>
- <u>RD Idaho Attachment 2 BABAA (for 2018 EJCDC Construction Documents)</u>

Other Documents:

- <u>Record of Preconstruction Conference</u>
- Engineer Flow Chart

https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/waterwaste-disposal-loan-grant-program/id



Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

A focus on community.

Consolidated Planning Documents

Rural Community Investment Fund (RCIF)

Idaho Gem Grant

Grant Resources

The Idaho Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG) assists Idaho cities and counties with the development of needed public infrastructure.

The program is administered by Idaho Commerce with funds received annually from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Idaho CDBG funds are used to construct projects benefiting low- and moderate-income persons, help prevent or eliminate sium and blight conditions, or mitigate health and safety threats in local areas.

Eligible Applicants 🗸

Eligible Activities ¥

Application Deadlines 🗙

Information and Application

For more information or to apply for the Idaho CDBG, visit the Grant Resources page to review and download application materials.

Still have questions regarding the Idaho CDBG application process? Contact the Idaho CDBG team at 208-334-2470 or use the form below.

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DEQ - Engineering Process

Inspection)





Traditional Project Delivery



Design – Bid – Build

- Owner contracts with engineer to design and manage the project
- Owner solicits competitive bids from contractors
- Owner wards construction contract to the lowest responsive bidder
- Engineer manages and inspects construction work for Owner.

Public agencies are required to follow public works bidding requirements found in Idaho Code 67-2801 through 67-2809.



Alternative Project Delivery

Progressive Design – Build

- Owner RFPs for design concept and project budget
- Owner selects single firm to complete design and construction under one contract
- Typically hires independent firm as Owners Representative to help manage the contract
- Governed by Idaho Code 67-2309, 54-4503, 54-4511, & 67-2320

General Manager/General Contractor (GM/GC)

- Hires engineer and general manager under separate contracts
- Both firms collaborate on project design
- GM/GC firm manages construction bids or self performs work (OR project competitively bid out)
- Governed by Idaho Code 54-4503, 54-4511, & 67-2320

Consult with your funding agency early!



Considering Alternative Delivery?

- Project Size
 - Is the project large enough to make alternative delivery method worth the upfront effort?
- Complexity
 - Is the project concept technically complex and would benefit from additional collaboration?
- Constructability
 - Does the project include challenging construction conditions that would benefit from constructability analysis?
- Schedule
 - Does the project include risks associated with impacts to schedule and need fast tracking?
- Capacity
 - Does Owner and DEQ have sufficient technical staff to support the higher level of upfront coordination?











RD - Engineer Flow Chart



NEW – Updated Planning Document Checklists

Grants and Loans Program Customer Handbook Idaho Department of Environmental Quality List of Attachments Grant Recip Application Forms Consultant SRF-01 - Planning and OSG Grant Application The Departr SRF-02 - Construction Funding Application facility plan of planning gra SRF-03 – Authorizing Resolution for Grant and Loan is intended to SRF-04 - How to Hire an Engineer and may also Funding Age SRF-05 – Davis-Bacon Compliance Requirements for Borrowers Projects may SRF-06 - Guidance for Registering with SAM and Obtaining a UEI Number incorporates Developme Items specifi **Disbursement Requests** Please indica PPR-01 – Planning Grant Request for Reimbursement DEQ PPR-02 - Construction Project Request for Reimbursement PPR-03 - Cost Eligibility Summary A. INTRODU Checklist Iter 1. Does State Environmental Review Process a. / SERP-01 - DEQ Environmental Review Procedure SERP-02 - SERP Scoping Meeting Agenda c. / SERP-03 – SERP Consultation List and Resources Engineering Resources B EXISTING This section for the propo Plans and Specifications Checklist Ite ENG-01 – Drinking Water SRF Outline and Checklist for Planning Documents 1. Boun ENG-02 – Wastewater SRF Outline and Checklist for Planning Documents actua 2. Brief ENG-03-A – Idaho State Revolving Fund Supplemental Specifications Insert with AIS area a ENG-03-B - Idaho State Revolving Fund Supplemental Specifications Insert with BABA descr a. P ENG-04 - Certification of Compliance with WRRDA ENG-01 Construction Management ENG-05 – Suggested Points of Discussion for Pre-Construction Meeting ENG-06 - Waiver Application for BABA & AIS ENG-07 – DOL Form SF1444; Request for Additional Labor Classification









NEW – Updated Planning Document Checklists



Facility Plan (FP) Key Items RD Specific Spreadsheet

System Information for Underwriting		
Category	Data	
Total # of Connections		
Residential EDUs = Residential Connections		
Commercial \Other EDUs (calculated)		
Total # of EDU's (calculated)		
Residential	Avg Mon Usage	
Residential flow (based on ful year usage data)		
Commercial Entity(ies)	Avg Mon Usage	EDUs (calculated based on Res)
Design Data		
Wastewater System flow data		
Avg Month Flow (gpd)		
Max Month Flow (gpd)		
Peak Month Flow (gpd)		
Avg Residential flow/month (gal)		
Water System flow data		
Avg Day Demand (gpd)		
Max Day Demand (gpd)		
Peak Hour Demand (gpd)		
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Project Cost Data

Basic Engineering (Design) Additional Services RPR (Construction Inspection) Other (Audit, Permits, Advertising)

Administration (Block Grant, Army Corp, etc..)

Predevelop. Engineering (Facility Plan/ Env.)

Item

Construction Land/Easements Constrution Loan Interest

Refinancing Legal Services Bond Council City Attorney

Contingency Total Project Cost



Amount (\$)



DEQ Project Manual

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List of Attachments

Application Forms

SRF-01 – Planning and OSG Grant Application SRF-02 – Construction Funding Application SRF-03 – Authorizing Resolution for Grant and Loan SRF-04 – How to Hire an Engineer SRF-05 – Davis-Bacon Compliance Requirements for Borrowers SRF-06 – Guidance for Registering with SAM and Obtaining a UEI Number

Disbursement Requests

PPR-01 – Planning Grant Request for Reimbursement PPR-02 – Construction Project Request for Reimbursement PPR-03 – Cost Eligibility Summary

State Environmental Review Process

SERP-01 – DEQ Environmental Review Procedure SERP-02 – SERP Scoping Meeting Agenda SERP-03 – SERP Consultation List and Resources

Engineering Resources

Plans and Specifications

ENG-01 – Drinking Water SRF Outline and Checklist for Planning Documents ENG-02 – Wastewater SRF Outline and Checklist for Planning Documents ENG-03-A – Idaho State Revolving Fund Supplemental Specifications Insert with AIS ENG-03-B – Idaho State Revolving Fund Supplemental Specifications Insert with BABA ENG-04 – Certification of Compliance with WRRDA

Construction Management

ENG-05 – Suggested Points of Discussion for Pre-Construction Meeting ENG-06 – Waiver Application for BABA & AIS ENG-07 – DOL Form SF1444; Request for Additional Labor Classification



- Approval prior to bidding required.
- Plans and Specs must satisfy design standards IDAPA 58.01.08 and IDAPA 58.01.16.
- SRF Supplemental Specifications and wage rates included.
- Bidding documents utilize Idaho State Public Works Construction (ISPWC) – Or otherwise approved.







Project Manual Approval

Requirements for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Leading Idaho Funds (LIF) and the State Revolving Funds (SRFs)

Drinking Water and Wastewater Projects

This resource is intended to assist applicants and their consultants to plan for and identify potential funding requirements associated with any combination of ARPA, LIF, or SRF construction funds. Note that recipients should review their executed funding agreement(s) to verify actual requirements associated with their specific project:

DEQ Project Funding Package	Environmental Review ²	Davis Bacon ³	Prevailing Wages	American Iron and Steel (AIS)	Build America, Buy America (BABA) ⁴	Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE)
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KNOW YOUR FUNDING SOURCES!













DEQ Project Submittal



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other materials that are of general applicability, whether prepared by the agency alone or jointly with other persons. In some cases, guidance consists of recommended best management practices.

· For assistance with engineering and development projects, see our list of guidance documents.

Submit Your Engineer Project for Review



Engineering documents submitted for review must be sent in PDF format, and as appropriate, stamped, signed, and dated. Submittals with multiple documents should be uploaded in a ZIP file, and although PDF format is preferred, supporting information can be in any Microsoft Office format. Not adhering to the requested formats may result in a delay of review.

- Open the Engineering Review Transmittal Form
- Click on File (top left of screen) and choose Save As to save a copy of the form to your computer.
- Complete the form and save it.
- When you are ready to submit the form, click on the envelope icon on the Home ribbon. A new email message appears with the form attached.
- Insert LROplanSubmittal@deq.idaho.gov into the recipient's line. Fill out the body of the email and send it.
- Note: You can also click on the LROplanSubmittal@deq.idaho.gov link to open a new email and attach the form from there.
- · Upload electronic engineering project documents to the Lewiston Regional Office





Open & Free Competition

- Engineer must evaluate "or equals" submitted by bidders and contractors, but not subcontractors, suppliers or other third parties. It is at the sole discretion of the Engineer to approve "or equals".
- Must allow "or equals" during bidding and after award. Bidder or Contractor must certify there will be no increase to the owner in cost or contract time.



Equipment Pre-Selection

- Necessary when pre-selection of major equipment must be predetermined to facilitate design, for example:
 - For example, Membrane treatment systems, SBRs, IFAS, etc.













Equipment Pre-Selection

There are two processes that meet RD regulations

- Assignment of Contract (Preferred)
 - RD must now approve contracts for equipment procurement
 - List specific line items, locked-in Price and Brand Name in Bid Schedule
- Owner Supplied
 - RD must approve contract and must include federal language
 - Owner must maintain insurance and properly store equipment



Equipment Pre-Selection

- Equipment pre-procurement must follow public works bidding requirements found in Idaho Code §§ 67-2801 through 67-2809
- Equipment can only be sole-sourced with a detailed justification from the engineer supported by written documentation.
- Contact DEQ project manager ahead of time to discuss.



Land Purchases, Leases and Easements

 Reimbursable costs (purchase price, amount of land, legal, surveying, Phase I, etc.) depends on the funding program.



Consult with your funding agency early!



BABA Requirements

- Applies to ALL federal financial assistance programs after May 14, 2022 (Unless covered by adjustment period waiver)
- Contains reciprocal clause with American Iron and Steel (AIS)
- Applies to only equivalency projects (DEQ)



BABA Requirements

Covered by Buy America Preference **Iron and steel:** Items that are predominantly iron or steel. All manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, must occur in the United States.

Manufactured products: Products manufactured in the United States and the cost of components that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States is **greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all components** of the manufactured product.

Construction materials: These materials include non-ferrous metals, plastic and polymer-based products (including polyvinylchloride, composite building materials, and polymers used in fiber optic cables), glass (including optic glass), lumber, drywall. All manufacturing processes for the construction material must occur in the United States.



BABA Requirements

NOT Covered by Buy America Preference **Temporary products and materials** that are removed at or before project completion (temporary scaffolding, equipment, tools).

Equipment and furnishings such as movable chairs, desks, and portable computer equipment, that are used at or within the finished infrastructure project but are not an integral part of or permanently affixed to the structure.

Cement and cementitious materials; aggregates such as stone, sand, or gravel; or aggregate binding agents/additives.



Adjustment Period BABA Waivers

DEQ	RD	Commerce
 Design Intent Waiver: When design planning was initiated prior to May 14, 2022. Sunset clause September 2024 	 RD Adjustment Period Waiver has Expired (Feb. 2023) The previously planned projects (PPP) Waiver – June 19, 2024 	 CDBG implemented in three phases: 2023 funds will require iron & steel only 2024 funds will require iron & steel + construction material s 2025 funds will require full BABA







DEQ Adjustment Period Waiver

- Design planning initiated prior to 5/14/2022 by one of the following:
 - Facility plan, or PER submitted to DEQ for approval,
 - Public referendum or public meeting held regarding the proposed project alternatives,
 - Evidence of new bonds passed or other new funding backing secured for the project,
 - RFP or execution of professional services contract for design of engineering services,
 - Construction plans and specs submitted to DEQ for approval,
 - Solicitation of construction contract bids, or
 - Case-by-case not listed above and approved by EPA and DEQ in writing.
- DEQ screens applicants during the SRF application phase.



BABA Project Waiver Types

- Public interest: applying the domestic content procurement preference would be inconsistent with the public interest
- Nonavailability: Iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and of a satisfactory quality (project and product specific)
- Unreasonable Cost: Inclusion of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent.



Public Interest Waivers

- **Small Projects:** Recipients with a total DEQ/RD agreement less than \$250,000 are not required to comply with BABA.
- **De Minimis Waiver:** Products eligible for a de minimis waiver must be considered incidental to the project and the sum of the total of the combined products does not exceed 5% of the total cost of the project.
- Minor (Ferrous) Components of Iron and Steel Products: The waiver allows up to five percent of the total material cost to include non-domestically produced miscellaneous minor iron or steel components without further need for a product-specific waiver.


DEQ Project Specific Waivers

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Waiver Application for Build America Buy America (BABA) and

	American Iron and Steel (AIS)
Grants and Loans Program Customer Handbook	- Attachment ENG-06
	Instructions: Complete Section I. Section II. and Section VI for all waiver applications. If applying for public
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RF-01 – Planning and OSG Grant Application	
RF-02 – Construction Funding Application	Section
RF-03 – Authorizing Resolution for Grant and Loan	Borrowei Section III. Public Interest Waiver
RF-04 – How to Hire an Engineer	
RF-05 – Davis-Bacon Compliance Requirements for Borrowers	1. Yes No No N/A Applying BABA or AIS requirements would be inconsistent with the public interest? If
RF-06 – Guidance for Registering with SAM and Obtaining a UEI Number	yes, provide detailed explanation of why BABA or AIS is not in the best interest of the public for the project (Attach documentation):
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PR-01 – Planning Grant Request for Reimbursement	Consultir Section IV. Product Non-Availability Waiver
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State Environmental Review Process	Section V. Cost Increase Waiver
ERP-01 – DEQ Environmental Review Procedure	
ERP-02 – SERP Scoping Meeting Agenda	 Yes No N/A Implementation of BABA or AIS requirements will increase the total project cost
ERP-03 – SERP Consultation List and Resources	more than 25%. If Yes, attach documentation comparing project costs of BABA/AIS compliant proje
	Section versus non-compliant project. ² Include one or more of the following: a. Detailed engineering opinion of costs:
Engineering Resources	a. Detailed engineering opinion of costs. b. Supplier or manufacture price quotes for the project:
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NG-04 – Certification of Compliance with WKKDA	4. D
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NG-06 – Waiver Application for BABA & AIS	6. E
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BABA - Who's On First?

The Federal agency contributing the greatest amount of Federal funds for the project may be considered the Cognizant Agency for Made in America ("Cognizant Agency") and may take responsibility for coordinating with the other Federal awarding agencies.

- Page 8, Guidance M-24-02, Office of Management and Budget

"Cognizant Agency"?



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

October 25, 2023

M-24-02

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

FROM: Shalanda D. Young Shalanda D. Young

SUBJECT: Implementation Guidance on Application of Buy America Preference in Federal Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure

This memorandum provides supplemental implementation guidance to Federal agencies or (1) the application of a Buy America preference¹ to Federal famical assistance programs for infrastructure; and (2) the process for waiving such a Buy America preference — including the circumstances under which waivers may be justified as consistent with applicable law and policy.³ This memorandum rescinds and replaces Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum M-22.11. In addition, this memorandum removes diver conflicts between the earlier Memorandum H-22.11. and aubsequent guidance issued by OMB in part 184 of Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations ("CFR").³ This memorandum also provides updated guidance provided by OMB in Memorandum M-22.11. To the extent that any guidance provided in this memorandum conflicts with guidance in 2 CFR part 184, the guidance in part 184 prevails.

On November 15, 2021, President Biden signed into law the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act ("IDA"), Pub L. No. 117-58, %§ 70901-27. BABA strengthens Buy America Act ("BABA"). Pub L, No. 117-58, §§ 70901-27. BABA strengthens Buy America preferences associated with Federal financial assistance for infrastructure and will bolster America's industrial base, protect national security, and support high-paying jobs. BABA requires that the head of each covered Federal agency⁴ must ensure that none of the funds made available for a Federal financial assistance program for infrastructure are obligated for a project unless all of the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States.⁵

BABA affirms, consistent with Executive Order 14005, Ensuring the Future Is Made in All of America by All of America's Workers ("the Executive Order"), this Administration's priority to

2 CFR 184.3.

² 2 CFR 184.7; Executive Order 14005, "Ensuring the Future Is Made in All of America by All of America's Workers," 86 FR 7475 (Jan. 28, 2021).

* or FS 1770 (vig. 25, 0025). * For the puppose of this guidance, the terms "Federal agency" and "agency" mean any subority of the United States that is an "agency" (as defined in section 3502 of thic 44, United States Code), other than an independent regulatory agency (as defined in that section). IIJA, § 70912(3).



DEQ BABA Implementation

- Funding Agreement
- Specification Insert
- Certification Letters
- Inspection

3.3.3 Build America, Buy America

SRF agreements funded in part or whole with SRF funds and executed after May 14, 2022, are required to comply with Build America, Buy America (BABA) provisions as required by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, 2021 Pub L. No. 117-58. These provisions expand upon AIS requirements to require that, in addition to iron and steel, all manufactured products and construction materials purchased for the project be produced in United States. Unlike AIS, only SRF funded projects using direct pass-through funding from EPA will be required to comply with BABA while AIS will continue to be a requirement of all SRF projects. BABA projects will reciprocally satisfy AIS required on the same project.

The recipient, engineer, and contractor should review BABA requirements contained in *Attachment ENG-03-B* and ensure that compliance is achieved throughout the duration construction contract. In general, the contractor is required to maintain an on-site d log of all products delivered to the site and a corresponding statement of complianc manufacture that satisfies the requirements outline in ENG-03-B. The recipient shou periodically conduct on-site inspections to review the materials compliance logs bei maintained by the contractor to ascertain the completeness of the information bein Certification that the project is in compliance with BABA is required by the recipient engineer at each reimbursement request submittal.

Recipients may be eligible for coverage under a general applicability waiver as follow

- Design Intent Waiver: When it can be demonstrated to DEQ that design plannin initiated prior to May 14, 2022 which may include one of the following: 1) Facilit preliminary engineering report, or equivalent engineering report submitted to D approval that evaluates and identifies both technologically and financially viable alternatives, 2) Public referendum or public meeting held regarding the propose alternatives, 3) Evidence of new bonds passed or other new funding backing sec project, 4) Issued request for proposal or execution of professional services cont design of engineering services, 5) Construction plans and specs submitted to DE approval, 6) Solicitation of construction contract bids, or 7) Case-by-case not list and approved by EPA and DEQ in writing. Typically, DEQ will screen applicants d SRF application phase to ascertain if this waiver is applicable.
- Small Projects: Recipients whose total SRF agreement is less than \$250,000 are required to comply with BABA.

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 De Minimis Waiver: Products (not project wide) eligible for a de minimis waiver must be considered incidental to the project and the sum of the total of the combined products does not exceed 5% of the total cost of the project. A detailed log of de minimis material shall be kept by the Contractor on site.

Note: AIS de minimis waiver considers the total <u>material</u> <u>cost</u> while BABA considers the total <u>project cost</u>

Minor (Ferrous) Components of Iron and Steel

Products: The waiver allows up to five percent of the total material cost to include nondomestically produced miscellaneous minor iron or steel components without further need for a product-specific waiver.

Project specific waivers may be issued on a case-by case basis by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in coordination with EPA for the following categories: 1) applying these requirements would be inconsistent with the public interest; 2) iron and steel, manufactured products, and construction materials are not produced in the US in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and of a satisfactory quality; or 3) inclusion of iron and steel, manufactured products, and construction materials produced in the US will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25%.

 Project Specific Waiver Application: The recipient, in coordination with the contractor, may apply for BABA waiver by submitting a complete Attachment ENG-06 waiver application to the DEQ project manager. Once the DEQ project manager determines the application is complete, a copy will be submitted by DEQ to OMB and EPA on behalf of the recipient.

Additional BABA guidance and resources can be found at EPA's website at https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf/build-america-buy-america-baba.













BABA Contract Documents



City, State Author RD Modifications to 2018 EJCDC Contract Document RD Idaho Attachment 2 for AIS and BABAA Projects March 2023 Page 13

ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATIONS

Project Name

Notes to User. This certification consists of several statements to be initialed and signed by the Engineer of Record, it should be submitted with the bid package to the State Engineer for concurrence for authorization to bid y degress. This certification is not intended to be a varrangin and vary, but traker the designer's professional option that to the best of their horoledge the documents comply. This certification does not need to be included in the contrast documents.

The final Drawings and Specifications, construction Contract Documents, Bidding Documents, procurement documents, and any other final design phase deliverables, comply with all federal requirements including the American Ion and Steel (AIS) requirements mandated by Section 74 of Title requirements inclusing the American from and order (AD) requirements instances of postcolar +0 of The VII of the Consoling the American Box Act 2021 7 and subsequent structures, and the Build America, Buy America (BABA) domestic preference requirements mandated by Thie IX of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (Publ. 11-75, 455, 7000)-10035), or are the subject of a waiver approved by the Secretary of Agriculture or designee. This includes the following:

- The Engineers Joint Contract Documents Committee (EJCDC) documents have been used, and all wmmi revisions identified in this Bulletin have been made using boold and strikethrough, clearly indicating additions and ideletions. Any revisions outside of Agency required modifications are included as bold and utilethrough for and histed in a reparate attachment to be concurred in by the State Engineer.
- Any building(s) designed for this Project will comply with the requirements of the Architectural unital Barriers Act (ABA) of 1968, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and any federal, state, or local accessibility standards.
- Any building(s) designed for this Project will comply with the Seismic Safety of Federally Assisted New Building Construction requirements of 7 CFR 1792, and any federal, state, or local standards.
- All referenced Products and Construction Materials in the Drawings, Specifications, and Bidding Initial All references products and counterstand in and BABA.

All referenced Products and Construction Materials to be referenced in the Addenda, executed initial Contracts, and Change Orders will comply with AIS and BABA

Engineer Signature Date Name and Title Engineering Company Name



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Viborized Representative (SIGNATURE)











BABA Requirements

BABA manufacturer's certifications:

- Product description
- Affirm items comply with BABAA
- Signed by authorized company representative

https://www.rd.usda.gov/media/file/download/instructio ns-submittingbabaacertifications.pdf



American Iron & Steel Requirement



- Projects not subject to BABA will continue to require AIS compliance.
- BABA adjustment period waivers and general public interest waivers <u>WILL NOT</u> apply to AIS.
- BABA is inclusive of AIS requirements



Getting from Bid Opening to Notice to Proceed

Required submittal to receive concurrence to award

- Bid Tabulation (include Eng. estimate)
- Proposal from the low bidder (with bid bond, etc.)
- Engineer's recommendation for award
- Owner's recommendation for award
- DEQ and RD also require proof of advertisement and certification procurement laws have been followed



EXECUTION of construction contract (Project Manual)

Required contents for the Project Manual:

- Successful Bidders Bid Form, Bid Bond and Notice of Award.
- EJCDC Construction contract, executed by the Owner and Contractor
- Performance bond, Payment bond and Power-of-Attorney (matching dates)
- Certificate of Insurance showing the coverage as required by RD's supplementary conditions (including Builder's Risk)
- Executed Certificate of Owner's Attorney
- EJCDC GC's, RD Supplementary Conditions and Technical Specifications



After bid opening, the Owner/Engineer should compile bid results package outlined in DEQ approval letter.







EXECUTION of construction contract

- Upon satisfactory review of the Bid Results Package DEQ will issue an "authorization to award letter".
- Once this is received, the Engineer and the Owner may award the contract and issue the Notice to Proceed.



After DEQ's authorization to award letter, the **Owner/Engineer** should compile:









Before and after execution of construction contract Commerce needs the following:

Before

- Published Bid Notices
- Ten-Day Wage Rate Update
- Bid Tab
- Contractor Eligibility Form (debarment check)

After

- Pre-Construction conference meeting minutes
- Successful Bidders Bid Form, Bid Bond, and Notice of Award
- Construction contracts, executed by the Owner and Contractor
- Performance bond, Payment bond and Power-of-Attorney
- Certificate of Insurance







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Liquidated Damages

- An amount, specified in the construction contract to cover damages incurred by the Owner as a result of the contractor's failure to complete the work within construction duration established in the contract (e.g., engineering, inspection and owner time).
- LD's must be enforced. Not an Owner or Engineer option.
- Contract time can only be extended for delays outside the contractor's control.















Construction Inspections, Monthly Meetings, Pay Applications and Change Orders



- Construction Inspections should be combined with monthly meetings and processing of pay applications.
- DEQ, USACE, and CDBG require that the Owner include a current Davis Bacon prevailing wage list in contract documents.
- When required, interview contractor employees pursuant to Department of Labor (DOL) instructions during construction and request wage classification conformances using form SF1444.



Construction Inspections, Monthly Meetings, Pay Applications and Change Orders

- RD requires electronic copies of pay applications.
- Change orders must be fully executed before they are included on a pay applications to avoid delays.
- Engineers are welcome to contact RD and DEQ if there is concern over whether RD or DEQ will sign/accept the change order as eligible for respective RD or SRF funding.
- USACE funds are typically in the form of reimbursements
 - SF 270, Proof of Payment and Invoice Copy





DEQ Reimbursements

provisions: American Iron and Steel

reimbursement request have supporting

documentation including proof of origin;

Build America, Buy America requirements, if

requirements have been complied with; and all iron and steel costs associated with this

Grants and Loans Program Customer Handbook

List of Attachments

Application Forms

SRF-01 - Planning and OSG Grant Application SRF-02 - Construction Funding Application SRF-03 - Authorizing Resolution for Grant and Loan SRF-04 - How to Hire an Engineer SRF-05 - Davis-Bacon Compliance Requirements for Borrowers SRF-06 - Guidance for Registering with SAM and Obtaining a UEI Number

Disbursement Requests

PPR-01 – Planning Grant Request for Reimbursement PPR-02 – Construction Project Request for Reimbursement PPR-03 – Cost Eligibility Summary

State Environmental Review Process

SERP-01 – DEQ Environmental Review Procedure SERP-02 – SERP Scoping Meeting Agenda SERP-03 – SERP Consultation List and Resources

Engineering Resources

Plans and Specifications

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Construction Management

ENG-05 – Suggested Points of Discussion for Pre-Construction Meeting ENG-06 – Waiver Application for BABA & AIS ENG-07 – DOL Form SF1444; Request for Additional Labor Classification

Operations and Maintenance Manual

ENG-08 – Drinking Water SRF Outline and Checklist for Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Manual

ENG-09 – Clean Water SRF Outline and Checklist for Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Manual

Green Project Reserve GPR-01 – GPR Technical Memorand







Contact your regional DEQ project manager to customize this form for each project.

DATE

DEQ PROJECT OFFICER





Green Project Reserve (GPR) List of Attachments Application Forms SRF-01 - Planning and OSG Grant Application SRF-02 - Construction Funding Application

- A final GPR Technical Memorandum is required near the end of the project.
- Use GPR-01 in the Customer Handbook to develop this.
- For assistance at contact Rosemary Regner at <u>rosemary.regner@deq.idaho.gov</u>







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Green Project Reserve GPR-01 – GPR Technical Memorandum Template



















Break

10:30 - 10:45















Topic #6 – Environmental Work



Missed It?

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What is an Environmental Review?



- Brought about with National Environmental Policy Act (1970) (NEPA)
 - Federal Agencies must consider environmental effects
 - Public invited to be involved in the decision- making process
- Identifies the scope of federal and/or state environmental concerns and objectives that must be addressed to receive monies
- Includes both direct and indirect impacts









Idaho DEQ – SERP?

- The State Environmental Review Process (SERP) – DEQ's process
- Applies to all Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving (SRF) projects.
- Identifies the scope of federal and/or state environmental concerns and objectives that must be addressed receive funds
- More streamlined than federal NEPA process.





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*Average time to complete steps is approximately 2-6 months depending on the complexity of the project



Scoping Meeting vs. Scoping Review

Scoping Meeting

- After Technical Approval
- Meet with project engineer, regional engineer and possibly system contact
- Go over the project
- What will be needed for a determination?
- SERP-02 Form



Scoping Review

- Start when FP submitted (or after Tech Approval)
- **Review submitted FP**
- Send comments to project engineer on what will be need for a determination.



DEQ Determinations

Categorical Exclusion (Cat Ex)

- No significant impact/extraordin ary circumstances
- SERP Scoping Meeting (SERP-02 Form)
- Potential Consultations
- Other relevant data to support the determination (ex:
 - Environmental Screening Table)



Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

- Draft FONSI, followed by a 30day comment period, address comments, Final FONSI
- SERP Scoping Meeting (SERP-02 Form)
- Potential Consultations
- Environmental Information Document

Record of Decision

- SERP Scoping Meeting (SERP-02 Form)
- Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Reaffirmation of Previous Determination

- SERP Scoping Meeting (SERP-02 Form)
- Environmental Reevaluation (every 5 years)

Adoption of Other Agency Determination

- SERP Scoping Meeting (SERP-02 Form)
- Review other agency's determination and documentation
- Issue a concurrence









Typical Cat Ex Determination:

The following is what DEQ typically asks project engineers to add to the FP (or as an EID):

- DEQ ESA/EFH Memo & official Species List
- Proof of public notice & comment period
- Any comments received and how they were addressed
- Meeting notes with chosen alternatives
- Environmental Screening Table (or something similar) of project alternatives





	Phase 1 - Water Supply			Phase 2 - Well Phase 3 - Water #3 Testing Treatment		Phase 4 - Distribution Improvements		
Environmental Criteria	Alternative 1 No Action	Alt 2 - Rehab/Repair Well	Alt 3 - Drill New Well on Exist. Site	Well #3 Testing	Alt B1 - Ion Exchange	Alt C1 - 10-inch Water Main (2,900 LF)	Alt C2-10-inch Water Main (3,650 LF)	
Climate & Physical Aspects (topography, Geology, and Soils)	No Impact	No Impact	Temporary mud pit for drilling fluid	NA	New building for treatment system	Treatment of soils and dewatering	Trenching and street repairs	
Population, Economic, and Social Profile	Limit ability for future connections	Able to add connections	New connections can be added	NA	No Impact	Improved fire flow to town	Allows added development options; increases fire flow	
Land Use	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	NA	No Impact	Easements Required	May increase development options	
Floodplain Development	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	NA	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	
Wetlands & Water Quality	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	NA	Increase salt to WWTP	No Impact	No Impact	e found in the ked in DEQ's
Wild & Scenic Rivers	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	NA	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	
Cultural Resources	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	NA	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	
Flora & Fauna	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	NA	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	
Recreation & Open Space	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	NA	No Impact	in oxamp	le can be	
Agricultural Lands	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	NA	No Th	is example can be ERP-01 Form (link Customer Har	eu in E	
Air Quality	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	NA	No S		Customer Handboor	aboon
Energy	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	NA	Nol	O'O' -	No Impact	
Public Health	Elevated Nitrates, Violation of Idaho Rules for Public Drinking Water System	Regains water supply	Increases the reliability of water	NA	Lower nitrate levels to all customers	Improved fire protection for citizens	Improved fire protection for citizens	
Public Health	Violation of Idaho Rules for Public Drinking Water		reliability of	NA	levels to all	protection for	protection for	

SERP & New DEQ Funding

Funding	Determination Needed?
Lead Service Line (LSL)	Programmatic Cat Ex
Emerging Contaminants (EC)	Yes
Sewer Overflow & Stormwater Reuse Grant (SOSRG)	

*** Disclaimer – much of this funding is new and we don't fully know all the parameters yet, so some of this could change.



SERP & Other Funding Agencies



- Federal agencies must meet federal requirements
 - Will often take the lead
- Concurrence with other agency determination
- Review as normally would.



DEQ FAQs

Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Guidelines? (pg. 16 Customer Handbook)

- In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.
- Required to satisfy LEP requirements – discussed at scoping meeting/review
- Use Census information

Opting Out? (during the Grant Process)

- Systems can opt out of completing environmental work during planning grant
- Funding would be reduced
- Grant can be closed



DEQ FAQs

Can Env. Determination be part of SRF Loan?

- Yes!
- Determination will have to be made before funds can be used for construction.
- Will make it part of loan agreement

What if project scope changes?

- A new determination will need to be made.
- Submit new project descriptions & map
- Make a reaffirmation



DEQ Environmental Determinations FY2019 - 2024





Extraordinary Circumstances (1970.52)

Adverse effect on historic properties, threatened or endangered species, critical habitat, Federally proposed or candidate species; Wetlands, Floodplains, wilderness areas, parks, or wildlife refuges... Existence of controversy based on effects to the human environment brought to the Agency's attention by a Federal, tribal, state, or local government agency


RD Environmental Categories



NO REPORT

Resources

Cultural	Biological	Wetlands	Flood Plains
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RD Environmental Categories

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Cat Ex with Report

(1970.54)	
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Cultural	Biological	Wetlands	Flood Plains
Land Use	Classified Lands	Coastal Resources	Farmland
Env. Risk Mgmt.	Air Quality	Noise	Transportation
Soc. Impact	Agency Correspondence		







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RD Environmental Categories

• Purpose and Need

EA Report

- Alternatives and Analysis
- Affected Env.
- Env. Consequences

Public Comment Period!

Resources	

	:		
Cultural	Biological	Wetlands	Flood Plains
Land Use	Classified Lands	Coastal Resources	Farmland
Env. Risk	Air Quality	Noise	Transportation
Soc. Impact	Agency Correspondence	Aesthetics	Human Health Env.
Corridor Analysis	Cumulative Analysis	Agency Correspondence	



Cat Ex Without Report

- Repair, upgrade, and replacement of existing equipment.
- Replacement of existing water and sewer lines within existing right-of-way. Does not include additional lines or upsizing for growth.
- Modifications to an existing water supply well.



Cat Ex With Report

- Impacts are less then 10 acres.
- New wells required by DEQ as a backup to existing production well(s) or as reserve for fire protection.
- Infrastructure to support utility systems such as water or wastewater facilities.













Environmental Assessment

- Impacts are 10 acres or more.
- New wells for growth.
- Extraordinary Circumstances to Env. resource.



RD Environmental Updates

SHPO Process

Consultant Enters Project Information into ICRIS

ASAP

RD Makes Determination in ICRIS

SHPO has 30-days to Concur or Object













Changes with SHPO





• Consultants will be responsible for supplying the needed information

Agencies will be responsible for final submittal to SHPO



DDULES	2024-34 [In Progress]		Edit	
Projects	Oakley Water System Upgrades		Edit	
Create Project				
Project Search	Project Type			
Create New Survey	Section 106 Review			
R TESTING	Lead Agency	Lead Agency Reviewer		
	USDA Rural Development			
User Work Queue				
View/Edit Survey	Applicable Programmatic Agreement N/A			
View/Edit Project	Agency Project Finding	Agency Comments		
View/Edit Resource	N/A	N/A		
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Work Queues	Organization Project Numbers			
Organizations				
Users		Description Oakley is planning to upgrade their water system which will include replacing existing water lines from 4" pipes to 6" pipes.		
	Submitter Organization SWCA Environmental Consultants	Submitter Tricia Basic		
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	Secondary Agencies	Related Projects		
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Changes with SHPO





Training Likely in Jan. 2024













RD Environmental Updates



Tribal Directory Assessment Tool (TDAT)







Environmental Risk Management

- If real estate is being used as security for projects under \$150K, RD requires completion of a TSQ form.
- If over \$150k, then a <u>Phase I Environmental Site</u> <u>Assessment must be provided.</u>

Example: This typically would apply to homeowners associations















RD Report Guides

Cat Ex With Report	Environmental Assessment
 RD Instruction 1970 1970-B Exhibit C (Caltex Guide) Idaho Env. Resource Guide Tribal Directory Assessment Tool (TDAT) 	 RD Instruction 1970 1970-C Exhibit B (EA Guide) Idaho Env. Resource Guide Tribal Directory Assessment Tool (TDAT)
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CDBG Environmental Review Levels

Environmental Review Levels (4)

Exempt Activities and Categorical Exclusion, not subject to 24 CFR 58.5

- Example:
 - Design professional services
 - Administrative services
 - Purchase of equipment (fire engine or generator)
- Requires no public notice / comment period



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CDBG Environmental Review Levels

Categorical Exclusion, subject to 24 CFR 58.5

- Construction of existing public facility or infrastructure that will be retained in the same use and not increase in size or capacity by more than 20%.
 - Examples:
 - 45,000 gallon water tank replaced with a new 50,000 gallon water tank.
 - Re-lining lagoon cell
 - Replacement of existing water and sewer lines
- If determined required consultation or mitigation then public notice and comment period are required.
- If determined project can convert to Exempt no public notice and comment period required.













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CDBG Environmental Review Levels

Environmental Assessment 24 CFR 58.5

- Construction of existing facility or infrastructure that increase its size by more than 20% - or – new construction.
 - Examples:
 - 45,000 gallon water tank replaced with a new 90,000 gallon water tank.

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- Construction of new lagoon cell
- Installation of new well
- Requires public notice and comment period.
- After assessment, will determine if Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) or Finding of Significant Impact



CDBG Environmental Review Levels

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

 If it was determined by the environmental assessment that the construction of the public facility or infrastructure will have a significant impact on the environment, such as eliminating habitat of an endangered species, this would require an EIS.

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 Unlikely CDBG would continue its involvement if an EIS is warranted.



CDBG Additional Standards

- Noise Abatement & Control
- Explosives & Flammable Operations
- Toxic Chemicals & Radioactive Material
- Airport Clear Zones & Accident Potential Zones
- "Other Requirements" Checklist
 - Flood Disaster Protection Act if project is within a floodplain does the community participate in the National Flood Insurance Program.
 - Airport Runway Clear Zone and Accident Zone if project to occur in zone ensure future airport plans are not to acquire project site.

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Coastal Barrier Resource Act – not applicable in Idaho







USACE Section 595 Environmental Review Requirements

LEVEL/TYPES OF NEPA DOCUMENTS:

 When appropriate, USACE may adopt another Federal agency Categorical Exclusion.
 USACE can typically "accept" an Environmental Information Document (EID), Environmental Assessment (EA), or Environmental Review (ER) prepared by the proponent, (or contractor secured by the proponent). USACE prepares a Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), if deemed appropriate, and releases it for public review and comment. The USACE NEPA process is complete when the District Commander signs the Final FONSI.

- If no EID/EA/ER was prepared, USACE prepares one.

3) Should analysis of the proposed action reveal significant environmental effects, USACE must prepare a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement and sign the associated decision document – a Record of Decision prior to the onset of construction activities.





Additional Applicable Environmental Laws



USACE must meet the Federal level compliance requirements for all applicable environmental laws, regulations, and Executive Orders, for example: The Endangered Species Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, the Clean Water Act; laws regulating Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Climate, and Climate Change; and Socioeconomics and Environmental Justice. Compliance may include consultation with other Federal and state agencies, such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Environmental Protection Agency, to name a few.









The environmental review process under NEPA provides an opportunity for the public to be involved in the Federal agency decision-making process:

- USACE provides Draft NEPA documents to members of the public, Tribes, and other Federal, state, and local agencies in the project impact area for a 15- to 30-day review and comment period.
- USACE considers comments received and may or may not revise the proposed action as a result.
- USACE makes a decision and the final decision document, typically a Finding of No Significant Impact is provided to interested members of the public, Tribes, and agencies.





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- Exempt and Categorical Exclusion not subject to 24 CFR 58.5- no publishing or posting requirements
- Categorical Exclusion subject to 24 CFR 58.5
 - if the project can convert to exempt no publishing or posting
 - if the project <u>cannot</u> convert to exempt and remains a categorical exclusion - will need to publish or post (minimum 24-day comment period)
- Environmental Assessment will need to publish or post (minimum 30-day comment period)





- Categorical Exclusion
 - No public notice required, unless important Farmland, Wetland, Floodplains or Cultural Resources will be affected.
- Environmental Assessment
 - Publish the Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment with a 14-30 (typically, 14) day comment period.
 - Publish Notice of FONSI with a 0-15 day comment period. Typically, 0 days.

Special Public Notices

- Individual landowner notices to property owners and lessees adjacent to the proposed site of the selected alternative when there could be a visual intrusion, noise, odor, aerosol, or similar issue.
- **Preliminary Public Notice if** *direct* impact to Important Farmland, Wetlands, Floodplains, or adverse affect on Cultural Resources 14-30 day comment period (**typically 14**)
- Final Public Notice, only in cases where Preliminary is published 0 days for comment
- Private party notifications to applicant, owners, guaranteed lenders; if project is in a floodplain.





Public Comment Period (pg. 16 of Customer Handbook)

- 14 days, comment period prior to adoption of/choosing alternatives
- Can be posted in paper of record, flyers sent with billing, posted at central location, on social media (whichever way will reach the most people effectively)



Helpful Links:

Check these out!!!

- RD Engineering and Environmental: <u>https://www.rd.usda.gov/id</u>
- DEQ Water Quality Grants and Loans:
 - <u>http://www.deq.idaho.gov/SRF</u>
- Commerce: <u>http://commerce.idaho.gov/communities/community-grants/grant-resources/</u>
- USACE: <u>http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental-Compliance/Environmentaldocuments/</u>



















Topic #7 – Finishing Out Grant/Loan















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Finishing Out the Project

Communicate with RD Specialists!

RD is involved from beginning to end – Next steps:

- Loan Closing to take out interim
- Drinking Water Protection Plan
- VA/ERP
- As-builts
- O&M Manuals
- Certificate of Substantial Completion
- Final Inspection
- Final payments to Contractor and Engineer





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Idaho Rural Development Website: https://www.rd.usda.gov/id

CDBG – Closing Out

- Will need Certificate of Substantial Completion
- Completion of civil rights documentation
- Submission of final progress report, performance report, and financial report.



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Finishing The Project



Once the portion of the project cost-shared with USACE is complete:

- The project may be inspected, or we may simply ask for photos before, during, and after construction
- The Non-Federal Sponsor must send a letter stating that they have completed the portion of the project cost-shared with the USACE and they expect nothing more from the USACE based on the agreement
- USACE closes the project, both physically and fiscally









Send a Letter of Interest with the following information:

- Brief Description of the Project
- Estimate of Project Cost
- Understanding of Cost-Share Requirements

Contact Information:

US Army Corps of Engineers Walla Walla District ATTN: Planning Branch (Kelly) 201 North Third Avenue Walla Walla, WA 99362 Cindy Boen, Chief, Planning Branch 509-527-7246 <u>Cindy.A.Boen@usace.army.mil</u>

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Loan Close Out

- Final disbursements made
- Promissory note or formal bond closing
- Amortization schedule
- Repayment 6 mo. after closing



Loan Conclusion

Loan Repayment

Notice of Repayment
 Sent

Release of Securities

Counties Notified All Lien
 Interests Have Ended





























Topic #8 – OPTIONAL Project Examples & Case Studies















Idaho Funding Coordination



- Meet quarterly
- Discuss what each agency can fund
- Discuss technical, managerial and financial capacity of applicants. Get TAT help if needed.
- Goal is to get as much \$ in Idaho as possible



City of New Meadows – Drinking Water

Funding Source	Funding Amount
DEQ SRF Loan/PF	\$1,500,000
DEQ ARPA Grant	\$2,053,587
RD Loan/Grant	\$1,345,500
CDBG	\$500,000
Total	\$5,399,087









City of Genesee

Drinking Water		
Funding Source	Funding Amount	
DEQ ARPA Grant	\$1,726,031	
RD Loan/Grant	\$3,500,000	
Total	\$5,226,031	

Wastewater		
Funding Source	Funding Amount	
DEQ SRF Loan/PF	\$9,668,902	
DEQ Leading Idaho	\$1,000,000	
DEQ ARPA Grant	\$6,581,098	
USACE	\$500,000	
Total	\$17,750,000	













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Project Examples

Conant Creek Canal Company

 Project to Line Canal & Reduce Total Seepage
 Authorized \$90,000
 Construction to Begin September 2023















Project Examples

Falls Irrigation District

- Project to Repair & Rehabilitate
 Main Pump Station
- Authorized \$9,095,000
- In Progress
- Est. Completion Date
 Aug. 2025

















Project Examples

Bee Line Water Association

- Project to upgrade water supply system; slow sand filtration
- \odot Authorized \$600,000
- \odot Completed 2015













Questions? & Discussion

Project Examples













