DATE: October 21, 2005

TO: Principal Investigators and Other Researchers
   Board of Directors and Advisory Council
   Deans, Directors, and Department Heads

FROM: Professor Aris Georgakakos
   Director, Georgia Water Resources Institute

SUBJECT: Request for Proposals, FY 2006 State Water Resources Research Programs 104b and 104g

I am pleased to announce that the Georgia Water Resources Institute (GWRI) will support the State Water Resources Research Program (104b) and the National Competitive Grants Program (104g) for FY 2006 (funded through the Department of the Interior), with tentative starting dates March 1, 2006, and September 1, 2006, respectively. All faculty members or affiliates at institutions of higher learning in the State of Georgia are eligible and are invited to participate.

Principal Investigators (P.I.s) are invited to submit electronic proposals at the National Institutes for Water Resources (NIWR) website (https://www.niwr.org). For the State Water Resources Program (104b), proposals will be accepted through November 22, 2005. To initiate the submission process, P.I.s would first need to register at the NIWR site by selecting “Registration” under “Tools”. Once registered, P.I.s may then log in under the 104b system option and follow the detailed instructions for proposal submission. Following submission, the proposals will undergo peer reviews (according to the attached evaluation criteria) and will be ranked by the GWRI Advisory Board on the basis of their technical reviews and research relevance for the State of Georgia. GWRI expects to fund four research projects at the annual budget level of $18,000 each. All P.I.s will be notified of the selection process results by early February, 2006. Two-year projects may also be submitted, but second-year funding will depend upon the successful completion of all first-year tasks and will have to be re-approved under the competitive selection process for FY 2007. This program carries a mandatory 2:1 matching requirement (two non-federal dollars for every federal dollar spent) and does not carry overhead.

Proposals for the National Competitive Grants Program (104g) must also be submitted electronically (https://www.niwr.org), with a deadline of February 10, 2006. As with the 104b program, P.I.s may log in under the 104g system option and follow the online instructions for proposal submission. Proposals will be accepted beginning November 1, 2005. Proposals may be for one to three years and may request up to $250,000.

Please share the materials with others who may be interested in having a research project considered for funding.

Most sincerely,

Aris Georgakakos
Director, Georgia Water Resources Institute
Proposal Review Form – 104b Program, 2006

Title: 
Author: 
Reviewer: 

Signature: Date Reviewed: 

______ 1. Focused objective, scientific merit of methodology, and overall research strategy. 30%

______ 2. Relevance and potential impact for the State of Georgia and the Southeastern US. (30%)

______ 3. Investigator track record and qualifications to carry out proposed research. Accomplishments of previous GWRI projects, if any, as evidenced by publications, theses, and other products. (30%)

______ 4. Reasonableness of requested budget. (10%)

______ Total

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