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**FFY 15 604b Water Quality Management and Planning Grants
RFR # BWR 2015-01
Questions and Responses
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Instructions for submitting applications – Applicants must submit their response in a sealed envelope that is clearly marked with the RFR reference number BWR 2015-01, by RFR due date, April 3, 2015, to the address provided below.

One original signed with all forms, seven (7) paper copies without forms, and one CD with a Word version of the proposal, prepared in accordance with the format prescribed in this RFR, must be received no later than 1 P.M. on Friday, April 3, 2015. All proposal copies must be printed double-sided. The proposals should be mailed or hand delivered to:

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Question 1

Do we need to identify a specific Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) as part of our grant application submission? Or just complete the “Statement on the Respondent’s letterhead acknowledging that respondents shall comply with DBE requirements” and include in our budget a line item for such a firm (or firms) in accordance with the required percentages?

Response 1

Applicants can either identify a specific DBE with dollar amount or submit a completed Statement of Intent with their proposal.

Question 2

Do we need to have a demonstration project included within our proposal? Or will development of a LID Bylaw and other storm water management / water quality

protection regulatory measures that rely on green infrastructure techniques, along with an education component qualify form an acceptable 604(b) application?

Response 2

Proposals that focus on the development of LID bylaws and other water quality protection measures and an educational component are eligible for 604b grants. Proposals that include a task to identify, provide preliminary designs, and costs for a specific BMP that will address a water quality impairment may be more competitive.

Question 3

If we plan to partner with a state-wide land trust, can we build them into our project proposal budget? Will we need to still follow MGL Chapter 30B for procurement upon grant award, before we can execute a sub-contract with them?

Response 3

All applicants must follow their specific contracting requirements.

Question 4

Can the fair share commitment be met with just an MBE or WBE, or do we need both? Target allocations list each, but not sure that is required as long as total goes to one or the other.

Response 4

Both DMBE and DWBE commitments must be met.