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Re: Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program Request for Responses Pre-Announcement for Anticipated Federal FY 2012 Funding

Dear Municipal Official:

The Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) is planning to issue a Request for Responses (RFR) early in January, 2011 seeking proposals for land acquisition projects consistent with the state's Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Plan, and that have significant ecological, conservation, recreation, historical, or aesthetic values. CZM will issue the RFR in response to an anticipated notice of funding availability from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for their Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP). CZM uses the RFR process to help identify the state's priority coastal land acquisition projects. Following the RFR process, CZM nominates the highest priority projects to NOAA for consideration in a national ranking process. NOAA develops a ranked list of projects from throughout the country and selects projects from the list to receive FFY 2012 CELCP funding.

The RFR will only be open to public governmental entities (local, regional, and state). However, partnerships with non-governmental organizations are encouraged. The anticipated RFR will be very similar to ones used in previous years. An example RFR is located on CZM's website at: http://www.mass.gov/czm/celcp/celcp_10_rfr.pdf.

CZM recognizes the long lead time necessary to develop land acquisition projects that can be competitive in the national CELCP ranking. The purpose of this pre-announcement is to encourage municipalities and other prospective applicants to begin planning and developing potential land conservation projects as soon as possible. CZM expects the RFR application deadline to be in March. Prior to the release of the RFR in January, CZM staff is available to assist and guide prospective applicants on project and application development.

For information on the CELCP, and on previous state priority projects nominated to NOAA for CELCP funding, visit the CZM website at: <http://www.mass.gov/czm/celcp/index.htm>. If you have additional questions on any aspect of the CELCP, please contact David Janik at (508) 291-3625 x12, or via email at david.janik@state.ma.us.

Sincerely,

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