



### Priority Points System & General SRF Regulation Stakeholders Meeting Summary September 20, 2007

- Priority Point System

Staff briefed the Clean Water Commission on the development of the new priority point system at their September 12, 2007 meeting. Staff anticipates formally requesting the commission to approve moving forward with the rule making process at the November 7, 2007 commission meeting.

- SRF General Assistance Regulation

Accounting and Audits – Stakeholders were provided with a draft revision to 10 CSR 20-4.040(11). Stakeholders felt that the reference to OMB Circular No. A-133 be more generic so that the regulation would not become “dated” in the event OMB changes their requirements.

Procurement – Stakeholders in general, felt that the 30 day advertisement requirement was adequate however, as written it could be construed as being too restrictive. Stakeholders suggested that the regulation allow for the acceptance of other federal program advertising requirements e.g. USDA-RD or CDBG when these agencies are participating in the funding of a project. Stakeholders also suggested that direct solicitation of bidders be encouraged.

Small purchase – A review of state statutes did not reveal a “small purchase provision” commonly found in federal procurement standards. Staff will pursue revising the SRF regulations to mirror the federal small purchase threshold.

Public Participation - 10 CSR 20-4.040(14) should be clarified.

Design – No changes to 10 CSR 20-4.040(15) were proposed.

Intermunicipal Agreements - 10 CSR 20-4.040(16) currently states “... prior to closing, if the project serves two(2) or more *public entities*, the applicant shall submit executed agreements or contracts...”. Stakeholders suggested that private entities also be included.

User Charge and Sewer Use Ordinances – Stakeholders discussed the pro’s and con’s of the current user charge system requirements. Stakeholders understood the need to balance a community’s responsibility to charge adequate rates along with an ability to adjust those rates to various user groups. The stakeholders also understood the departments need to have a rate structure that was proportional according to use.

Since time allowed, stakeholders also discussed the requirements for project specifications 10 CSR 20-4.040(18). Stakeholders believe that the current regulation is too strict given the need to design a facility to meet current water quality standards as well as future standards. Stakeholders also believe that requiring a “brand name or equal” specification increases the project cost. Stakeholders felt that the regulations should allow for the bidding of equipment separate from the construction bid as a means to reduce project costs. In addition, stakeholders felt that potential loan recipients should be encouraged to have pre-design, as well as on-going design, review meetings with state staff.

Next meeting:

October 25, 2007  
9:30 – 11:30 AM  
Lewis & Clark State Office Building  
Gasconade Camp Conference Room

December 11, 2007  
1:30 – 3:30 PM  
Lewis & Clark State Office Building  
Gasconade Camp Conference Room