

Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program

Request For Proposals for FY 2012

Public Notice

The Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (LDNR), Office of Coastal Management (OCM) is currently requesting project proposals for the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP). CELCP projects protect important coastal and estuarine areas that have significant conservation, recreation, ecological, historical, or aesthetic values, or that are threatened by conversion from their natural or recreational state to other uses, and give priority to lands which can be effectively managed, protected, and that have significant ecological value by purchasing land from willing land owners at an appraised fair market value. LDNR-OCM ENCOURAGES POTENTIAL APPLICANTS TO CONTACT US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT WE MAY ASSIST YOU IN YOUR PREPARATIONS.

All proposals are due to LDNR-OCM by 6:00 pm CDT on Friday, March 15, 2011. LDNR-OCM must receive project proposals for review 30 days prior to submitting projects to NOAA. The deadline for submission of proposals by LDNR-OCM to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is 6:00pm EST on April 15, 2011.

Competitive Funding Opportunity for FY 2012

NOAA has issued a request for proposals to develop a prioritized list of projects that are ready and eligible for funding in Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 under the CELCP. The Program is a competitive funding program. Louisiana may submit no more than 3 project proposals requesting a maximum of \$3 million in federal funding per proposal. NOAA will evaluate proposals that include multiple parcels for project readiness and feasibility of completion within the 18 month timeframe. NOAA will develop a prioritized list of projects that are ready and eligible for funding. Funding is contingent upon the availability of FY 2012 Federal appropriations. It is anticipated that projects funded under this announcement will have a grant start date between June 1, 2012 and October 1, 2012. The program authority is 16 U.S.C. § 1456-1. Annual appropriated funding levels for the CELCP ranged from \$8-\$50 million from FY 2002-2010.

Please visit the NOAA website for the full announcement for funding at http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/land/celcp_fundingop.html.

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