



COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

CONSTRUCTION FUND

NON-REIMBURSABLE PROJECT APPLICATION



Water Resource Information Center and the Data Harvesting Initiative

(Project Name)

*** Application Deadline = August 1, 2008 for Funds Available July 1, 2009.**

*** Funding recommendations will be considered at the November 2008 CWCB Board Meeting.**

Instructions: This application form should be emailed, typed, or printed neatly. You may attach additional sheets as necessary to fully answer any question, or to provide additional information that you feel would be helpful in evaluating this application. Include with your application a cover letter summarizing your request for a non-reimbursable investment. If you have difficulty with any part of the application, contact Mike Serlet of the Water Supply Planning and Finance Section (Colorado Water Conservation Board) for assistance, at (303) 866-3441, ext. 3234 or email Mike at mike.serlet@state.co.us.

Generally, the applicant is also the prospective owner and sponsor of the proposed project. If this is not the case, contact the Mike Serlet before completing this application at (303) 866-3441, ext. 3234.

Part A. - Description of the Applicant (Project Sponsor or Owner);

1.	Applicant Name(s):	Colorado Water Conservation Board		
	Mailing address:	1313 Sherman St., Room 721 Denver, CO 80203		
	Taxpayer ID#:		Email address:	susan.lesovsky@state.co.us
	Phone Numbers: Business:	303.866.3441 x3221		
	Home:			
	Fax:	303.866.4474		
2.	Person to contact regarding this application if different from above:			
	Name:	Dan McAuliffe Susan Lesovsky		
	Position/Title	Deputy Director Database Coordinator		

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3. Provide a brief description of your organization below:

N/A

Part B. - Description of the Project or Study

1. Name of the study or project: Water Resource Information Center and the Data Harvesting Initiative

2. What is the purpose of this grant application? Check one.

- ☐ Study
☐ Demonstration project
☐ Rehabilitation or replacement of existing
☒ Other (Please describe)

Secure \$550,000 for the on-going operation of the WRIC and implement a standard for sharing/harvesting data among document management systems, specifically CWCB's Water Resource Information Center (powered by Laserfiche®) and CSU's Water Resources Archive (powered by CONTENTdm®).

3. General location of the study or demonstration project. (Please include county, and approximate distance and direction from the nearest town):

Statewide

4. Please provide a brief narrative description of the proposed study or demonstration project including purpose, need, and service area. (Attach scope of study, if available)

Between 1993 and 2004, the General Assembly has authorized the expenditure of over \$500,000 to "assemble and make available to water users in Colorado a consolidate water resources information center (WRIC)" (Sec. 6, HB93-1273). Using this authority, and in combination with the CWCB data imaging project, office space was leased at 1580 Logan Street (the same building where the Colorado Water Congress and the Colorado Foundation for Water Education are located) to house the WRIC.

To further the goal of making a truly accessible and useful WRIC, the CWCB is investigating how to make access to online, water resources information easier. The ability to search multiple water information collections has not yet been made possible, which is a challenge this project looks to overcome. By establishing a standard protocol to search for and retrieve electronic information (documents, reports, maps, data, historic records, etc.), users statewide could use the system with which they are most familiar, and obtain documents from numerous providers, saving time and ultimately money. The initial implementation of the protocol would be between CWCB and CSU, with the intention of adding other interested entities. The project would also provide some funding for furthering CSU's digitization of documents, such as the Delph Carpenter papers.

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5. Explain why you are requesting a grant, instead of a loan. (the Construction Fund exists primarily to provide low interest loans for the construction or rehabilitation of raw water projects. Non-reimbursable investments are approved only when the project or study is of statewide interest and benefits a wide range of people and organizations, and/or a large geographical area .

The expenditure of Construction Funds on the Water Resources Information Center has been specifically authorized by the Colorado General Assembly. Furthermore, the joining of two major water information repositories through this project has statewide benefits, allowing users access to more data with less time and energy expended. This Data Harvesting project is in line with the CWCB's Strategic Plan, helping to educate and communicate with the public by providing water-related data and resources over the web.

This is a CWCB-initiated project and does not have any components that would lend itself to a loan.

6. List the names and addresses of any technical or legal consultants retained to represent the applicant or to conduct investigations for the proposed project or study.

Name	Address & Phone Number

7. List any feasibility study or scope of work that has been completed or is now in progress for the proposed project or study. (Submit one copy with this application):

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8. What is the estimated cost of the study/demonstration project? Please include estimated Study, Planning, Engineering, and Construction costs, if known :

Estimated Planning/Study Costs:

Estimated Engineering Costs:

Estimated Construction Costs:

Estimated Total Costs:

9. **How much funding are you requesting?**

\$550,000

Part C. - Project Sponsor Financial Information

1. The CWCB Construction Fund is primarily a revolving loan fund. Non-reimbursable investments are approved only when the project or study is of statewide interest and benefits a wide range of people. Provide copies of the two most recent annual reports, financial statements, corporate reports or other current documentation of financial condition and operations with this application.
2. Provide a brief narrative description of potential sources of funding (in addition to the CWCB) which have been explored or which will be explored for the proposed project or study. (Examples would be Local County and Town Governments, Water Conservancy Districts, USDA Rural Development, The Natural Resources Conservation Service, The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Commercial Banks, etc.)

The above statements are true to the best of my knowledge:

Signature of Applicant:

Print Applicant's Name: Dan McAuliffe & Susan Lesovsky

Project Title: Water Resources Information Center and the Data Harvesting Initiative

Date: 1 August 2008

Return this application to:

Mr. Mike Serlet, P.E., Chief
Water Supply Planning and Finance Section
COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
1580 Logan Street, Suite 750
Denver, CO 80203

To submit applications by Email, send to: mike.serlet@state.co.us

To submit applications by Fax, send to: (303) 894-2578

For questions, call Telephone No.: (303) 866-3441, ext. 3234