

EXPEDITED DRINKING WATER GRANT (EDWG) REQUEST FOR BID SOLICITATION APPROVAL FORM

This form and its attachments, including documentation demonstrating that all relevant grant agreement conditions have been satisfied, must be submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Financial Assistance (Division) and the Division must provide written approval before the Recipient may proceed with bid solicitation for the construction of the project. Failure to obtain the Division's approval prior to soliciting bids will be a breach of the grant agreement and all disbursed funds may be subject to repayment to the Division.

This form requires recipients to formally notify and demonstrate to the Division that the final plans and specifications have been completed; environmental, financial, and other reviews have been completed; any required property rights, approvals, and agreements have been obtained; and all conditions required for bidding the project have been satisfied, for the purpose of requesting the Division's written approval to proceed with solicitation of bids for construction of the project. **The EDWG Request for Bid Solicitation Approval Form and the applicable attachments should be submitted as soon as possible to prevent delays.** To ensure that the Division can approve your bid solicitation in a timely manner, the completed form and attachments should be submitted at least one month prior to the estimated bid publication date (certain attachments are due significantly earlier). Failure to submit the form and applicable attachments in a timely manner will delay bidding on the project.

To ensure sufficient time for the Division's review and approval, a number of documents should be completed and submitted in advance of this form, consistent with the schedule in the EDWG agreement, including but not limited to: the EDWG Financial Package, the EDWG Environmental Package, the Mandatory Technical Managerial and Financial (TMF) assessment elements, property rights documentation, agreements related to consolidation or property rights, etc. (section II), and information related to any potential flags (section IV).

Recipients are encouraged to use the Division's Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST) or email to submit the EDWG Request for Bid Solicitation Approval Form and attachments electronically to streamline the process. If online submittal creates a hardship, a hard copy can be submitted.

- 1.) Upload online via the FAAST: <https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov>

If you need assistance, you can contact the FAAST Help Desk at 1-866-434-1083 or FAAST_ADMIN@waterboards.ca.gov.

- 2.) To submit via email, please email the assigned Project Manager (PM) with a copy to the PM's supervisor. Please contact the assigned PM for their supervisor's email address if it is not known.
- 3.) To submit via mail, please use the following address:

**Attention: [Project Manager's Name], 16th Floor
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
P.O. Box 944212
Sacramento, CA 94244-2120**

EDWG Request for Bid Solicitation Approval Form Instructions

Section I - General Information

Recipient Name – Enter the entity that is the legal signatory to the EDWG Funding Program grant agreement.

State Assigned Project Number – Enter the Recipient's assigned project number that appears on the grant agreement.

Estimated Bid Publication Date – Provide the date that the Recipient prefers to publish its bid solicitation package for the project.

Section II – Required Documentation

Please indicate whether the required documents are being submitted with this form or have already been submitted. All applicable documents must be submitted and approved by the Division before the Recipient may proceed with bidding for the project.

It is highly recommended that the documents be submitted to the Division for review as soon as they are available to prevent any delays.

The following items must be submitted.

- A. EDWG Environmental Package** – Submit the complete [EDWG Environmental Package](#), including the applicable California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documents.
- B. EDWG Financial Package** – Submit the complete [EDWG Financial Package](#).
- C. Mandatory TMF Assessment Elements** – Submit a [TMF Assessment](#) that satisfies at least the mandatory TMF assessment elements, including Consolidation Feasibility, Ownership, Water Rights, and Budget/Capital Improvement Plan.
- D. Final Plans and Specifications** – Submit the final Plans and Specifications (P&S).
- E. Public Agency Approvals, Entitlements, Permits, and Agreements** – Submit all public agency approvals, entitlements, permits, and agreements, if any, such as consolidation agreements or agreements for property rights or access, that are required for project implementation before field work begins, as specified in Section 3.2 of the [Scope of Work](#) in the EDWG agreement.
- F. Self-Certification Form** – Re-submit the [Self-Certification Form](#) provided with the initial application. Alternatively, a new Self-Certification Form may be submitted. If any information on the form is no longer accurate as of the date of the Request for Bid Solicitation Approval Form, attach an explanation.
- G. Other Special Conditions (if applicable)** – Submit documentation demonstrating that any other special conditions required prior to bid solicitation have been satisfied (see Exhibit D of the EDWG agreement, including but not limited to the Property Rights and Water Rights Conditions, Technical Special Conditions, Environmental Special Conditions, Financial Special Conditions, Special Compliance Conditions, and Funds Related to Contamination (if applicable). Please submit property rights documentation as early as possible for Division review.
- H. Supplemental Legal Opinion (if applicable)** – Consult the Division to determine if this is applicable to your project. If it is applicable, to avoid delays, it is recommended that the

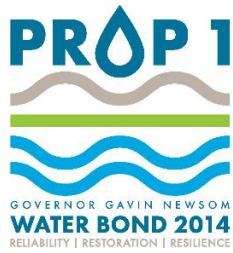
Recipient's attorney submit a draft of the opinion for review by the State Water Board's Office of Chief Counsel in advance of submitting this form. An executed supplemental legal opinion in a satisfactory form is required prior to bid solicitation approval, if the requirement is applicable.

Section III – Standard and Special Condition Compliance

The EDWG Recipient must review and state whether it is in compliance with the grant agreement. The Recipient must also confirm that it has satisfied the conditions required to proceed with soliciting bids (see items listed in section II). **The Division's bid solicitation approval will not be provided until all these conditions are satisfied. If there are any questions, please contact the assigned PM to confirm if all the conditions have been satisfied.**

Section IV - Certification and Signature of Authorized Representative

- ✓ Review the certification and ensure that the EDWG Request for Bid Solicitation Approval Form is accurate.
- ✓ Print the name and title of the authorized representative.
- ✓ Sign and date the Request for Bid Solicitation Approval Form.



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I. GENERAL INFORMATION		
Recipient:		
State Assigned Project Number:		
Estimated Bid Publication Date:		
II. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION		
Attached	Previously Submitted	Required Documentation
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A. EDWG Environmental Package
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	B. EDWG Financial Security Package
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	C. Mandatory TMF Assessment Elements
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	D. Final Plans and Specifications
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	E. Public Agency Approvals, Entitlements, Permits, and Agreements
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	F. Updated Self-Certification Form or a copy of the previously submitted Self-Certification Form <i>Choose one of the following:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> The responses in the attached Self-Certification Form are true and correct as of the date of this Request for Bid Solicitation Approval Form, or <input type="checkbox"/> An explanation of changes to the Self-Certification Form is attached.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	G. Other Special Conditions (as applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	H. Supplemental Legal Opinion (if applicable)
III. STANDARD AND SPECIAL CONDITION COMPLIANCE		
Is the Recipient in compliance with the EDWG grant agreement, including but not limited to all standard conditions in Exhibit C and all special conditions in Exhibit D, and has the Recipient satisfied all conditions required prior to the solicitation of bids? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No*		
*If No, explain: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>		

IV. CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

The undersigned Authorized Representative of the Recipient certifies that the information contained above and in the attached documents and material in support thereof are true and correct. In addition, the undersigned Authorized Representative of the Recipient certifies that the Recipient has complied, and will comply, with all applicable laws, regulations, and other applicable requirements, including but not limited to all terms and conditions of the EDWG Funding Program grant agreement.

Name of Authorized Representative:

Title:

Signature of Authorized Representative:

Date: