TO: Faculty at Georgia Universities  
FROM: Professor A.P. Georgakakos, Director, Georgia Water Resources Institute  
SUBJECT: Request for Proposals (RFP), FY 2016 Water Resources Research Programs 104B

The Georgia Water Resources Institute (GWRI) was advised to proceed with the call for proposals for the 2016 State Research Program (104B), though funds have not yet been appropriated. Research funding is expected by Congressional Appropriation to the Water Resources Institutes through the U.S. Geological Survey/Department of Interior, with a tentative starting date of March 1, 2016. All faculty members or affiliates at institutions of higher learning in the State of Georgia are eligible and are invited to participate.

Principal Investigators (PIs) are invited to submit electronic proposals at the National Institute for Water Resources (NIWR) website. If you are already registered, you may access the RFP through the following link: https://niwr.net/public/get_RFP/?type=104B. Please note that this RFP is from last year, but may be used as a guide until the FY2016 RFP is officially released. If you have not yet registered, please first register at the NIWR site by selecting “OPMS (Online Program Management System)” and then “Register” under “Tools.” Proposals will be accepted through noon December 4, 2014.

Once registered, PIs may log in under the 104B system option and follow the detailed instructions for proposal submission. The submitted proposals will undergo peer review (according to the attached evaluation criteria) and will be ranked by GWRI on the basis of their technical reviews and research relevance for the State of Georgia. Even though funds have not yet been appropriated, GWRI is expecting to fund three research projects at the annual budget level of $20,000 each. If the appropriated funds cannot cover this level of research, the number of research projects and/or the budget available for each funded project may have to be adjusted. All PIs will be notified of the selection process results by early January 2016 so that GWRI can submit the final application package to NIWR by January 13, 2016. Two-year projects may also be submitted, but second-year funding will depend upon the successful completion of all first-year tasks and will have to be re-evaluated and approved under the competitive selection process of FY 2017. This program carries a mandatory 2:1 matching requirement (two non-federal dollars for every federal dollar spent) and does not carry overhead. Please note that any matching funds letters should be signed by officials authorized to make such commitments by the home institution of the PIs.

For questions, please contact the GWRI Assistant Director’s Office (Dr. Martin Kistenmacher; 404-385-1820; martink@gatech.edu). Please feel free to share this announcement with others who may be interested in having a research project considered for funding.

With best regards,

Aris Georgakakos  
Director, Georgia Water Resources Institute
Proposal Evaluation Form – 104B Program, FY 2016

Proposal Title/Author:
Reviewer:

Signature: ___________________________ Date Reviewed: ___________________________

____ Focused objective, scientific merit of methodology, and overall research strategy. 30%

Comments:

____ Relevance and potential impact for the State of Georgia. (30%)

Comments:

____ Investigator qualifications record including refereed publications relevant to the proposal, publications from previous GWRI projects, MS/PhD Theses, and other products. (30%)

Comments:

____ Reasonableness of requested budget. (10%)

Comments:

____ Total Review Score

Please use additional sheets if needed and return by regular or electronic mail to:
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