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To Whom It May Concern:

Call for Proposals to the Great Lakes Sustainability Fund for 2016/17
Due Date – Friday January 8, 2016, 5:00 pm EST

The Government of Canada encourages action toward the shared vision of a healthy, prosperous and sustainable Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem for present and future generations. The Great Lakes Sustainability Fund (GLSF), administered by Environment Canada, is mandated to deliver federal responsibilities to restore degraded Canadian Areas of Concern (AOCs) in the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem. The Fund helps to address federal commitments under the 2012 Canada – United States Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (GLWQA) and the 2014 Canada-Ontario Agreement on Great Lakes Water Quality and Ecosystem Health (COA).

The purpose of the 2016/17 Call for Proposals is to solicit project proposals that will contribute towards the completion of necessary actions identified in the AOC's most current Remedial Action Plan (RAP) and/or Work Plan as this will facilitate the re-designation of beneficial use impairments (BUIs) and the eventual delisting of the AOC. With this in mind, please demonstrate clearly how your proposed project will contribute to the restoration of BUIs or address delisting targets for an AOC. **Priority for GLSF funding will be given to those proposals that directly address projects/priority actions in current RAP Stage 2/Stage 2 Update Reports and Implementation Work Plans for the AOC that you are applying under.** Project proposals will be assessed against the general criteria provided in Attachment 1.

It is important to check with the federal and local RAP coordinators (see Attachment 2) to ensure your project idea is appropriate and to refer to web sites (Attachment 2) for current information on the AOCs. Multi-year proposals of up to three years duration will be considered.

The GLSF Application Package is provided in Attachment 3. There are 4 sections to the application:

- Section 1 - Project Background
- Section 2 - Project Details
- Section 3 - Project Budget
- Section 4 - Measurable Achievements, and RAP Work Plan Results

You must complete Sections 1-4 of the GLSF application template in Attachment 3 by providing the project information in the appropriate fields. Provide relevant and concise project details, including photographs and maps where appropriate.

Project proposals should be no more than 12 pages in length and should clearly address the current implementation work plan/Stage 2 reports for the AOC. **One hard copy** and **one electronic copy** of each proposal are to be submitted to the address below, **by 5:00 pm EST Friday January 8, 2016**:

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Great Lakes Areas of Concern Section
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Attention: Rose Iantorno, Administrative Officer
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If you have any questions about the GLSF, please contact Rose Iantorno at (416) 739-5834 or by e-mail at glsf@ec.gc.ca.

We look forward to receiving your submissions.

Sincerely,



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Attachments:

1. General Funding Criteria
2. Remedial Action Plan Contacts and Web Sites
3. 2016-2017 Great Lakes Sustainability Fund Application Package
4. Project Cash Flow