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**Re: Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program Request for Responses**

Dear Municipal Official:

The Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) has just issued a Request for Responses (RFR) seeking proposals for land acquisition projects consistent with the state's Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Plan, and that have significant ecological, conservation, recreation, historical, or aesthetic values. This RFR is in response to a notice of funding availability from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for their Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP). This is the sixth year CZM is using an RFR process to help identify the state's highest priority coastal land acquisition projects. CZM will review the applications submitted in response to the RFR to identify and select the state's priority coastal land acquisition projects and will then nominate them to NOAA for consideration in a national ranking process. NOAA will use the results of this national process to select projects for CELCP funding in FY 2012.

The RFR is only open to public governmental entities (local, regional, and state). However, partnerships with non-governmental organizations are allowed and encouraged. For details regarding this solicitation, please review the RFR by opening the state's Comm-PASS website ([www.comm-pass.com](http://www.comm-pass.com)) and searching for document number "ENV 11 CZM 04."

Proposals are due to CZM by 1:00 PM on March 25, 2011. CZM will notify applicants of projects selected for nomination to NOAA within days of the proposal submittal and those applicants will need to work closely with CZM to help develop the nomination package to NOAA. The deadline for CZM to nominate the state's priority projects to NOAA is April 13, 2011. For information on the CELCP, please visit the CZM website ([www.mass.gov/czm](http://www.mass.gov/czm)), click on "Jobs & Grants" along the left hand side, and then click on Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program link.

If you have questions on the RFR, respondent conferences will be on Tuesday, March 1 at 1:00 PM at the Buzzards Bay National Estuary Project Office at 2870 Cranberry Highway, East Wareham, MA, and on Thursday, March 3 at 1:00 PM at the Coastal Zone Management Office at 251 Causeway Street, Boston, MA. If you have other questions, do not hesitate to contact David Janik at (508) 291-3625 x12, or via email at [david.janik@state.ma.us](mailto:david.janik@state.ma.us).

Sincerely,

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