

FROM: Professor Aris P. Georgakakos, Director, Georgia Water Resources Institute (GWRI)
SUBJECT: Request for Proposals (RFP): 104G Competitive Research Grants Program (FY 2018)

I am pleased to bring to your attention that a request for proposals (RFP) under the 2018 National Competitive Grants Program (104G) in water resources has been posted at https://niwr.net/competitive_grants/public/get_RFP/?type=104G. We anticipate that the program will be funded at the \$1 million level, but funds availability is not yet firm, pending Congressional authorization. The 104G research program requires that applicants match each dollar of the federal grant with one dollar from non-federal sources. All investigators at institutions of higher learning in Georgia are eligible to apply for an award through the Georgia Water Resources Institute. Funds for individual projects are capped at \$250,000.

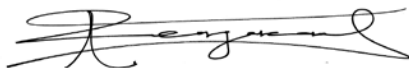
All eligible and interested investigators are invited to submit *preproposals* to the Georgia Water Resources Institute by 5:00 p.m., February 15, 2018. Please note that this is a **firm** deadline. Preproposals should be in pdf format, follow the guidelines and formatting set forth in the RFP, and be e-mailed to the GWRI Assistant Director (Martin.Kistenmacher@ce.gatech.edu) with copy to the GWRI Director (Aris.Georgakakos@ce.gatech.edu).

Promptly received preproposals will be forwarded to the National Preproposal Peer Review Panel. The National Review Panel will select up to 30 preproposals for further consideration in the National Grants Competition and will invite the submission of full proposals. Each invited proposal will be submitted as an application package (including the proposal, SF-424 and SF-424B forms, matching commitment letter, budget breakdown, budget justification, and budget summary) to grants.gov by the Georgia Water Resources Institute prior to 5:00 p.m., June 1, 2018.

Please note that starting this year, full proposals need to include a Data Management Plan that describes “how data will be managed, described, and stored, what standards will be used, and how data will be handled and protected during and after the completion of the project.” Preproposals do not need to include a data management.

Please refer to the RFP for more details and forward any questions to the GWRI Assistant Director at Martin.Kistenmacher@ce.gatech.edu or (404) 385-1820. Please feel free to share the program materials with others who may be interested in having a research project considered for funding.

With best regards,



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