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SOLICITATION: Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Economic Development Pilot Project

Window Rock, Arizona – The Navajo Nation Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Department (NAMLRD) is soliciting economic development, authorities, communities, chapters, and organizations to submit proposals in connection to economic and infrastructure development projects. Pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115-141), the Department of the Interior’s (DOI) Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), has made funding available for projects in the Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Economic Development Pilot Program (AML Pilot) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018. The allocation for Navajo Nation is \$3.3 million. The Pilot Program is intended to implement the return legacy and increase economic opportunities of previous coal mined sites for productive use.

The pilot project must develop eligible projects that demonstrate a connection with AML land and water reclamation, and economic and community development. OSMRE encouraged NAMLRD to collaborate with their respective State/Tribal and local economic development authorities and local communities to identify potential projects and apply funds from the AML Pilot to projects that will offer the greatest benefits for communities.

Sites eligibility under the AML Pilot:

- Project is within un-reclaimed abandoned coal mine (AML) areas, reclaimed AML areas, or adjacent to polluted land and water of AML areas, as justified by the State, Tribe, and/or the communities impacted by historic coal production
- Use of Funds and Leveraging other funding sources
- Public Engagement/involvement
- Project Benefits with performance measures
- Scope of work, stakeholders, timeline
- Cost breakdown for specific work items
- Completion of Compliance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Construction ready projects
- Long term economic or community benefits
- Project Benefits with performance measures

OSMRE will review NEPA and make the final decision on project funding, the deadline to submit proposals to NAMLRD is March 29, 2019 – 5pm. For more information visit our website www.aml.navajo-nsn.gov and look under FY 2018 AML Economic Development Pilot Project for guidelines. You can also contact any of our three (3) offices: Madeline Roanhorse - Window Rock AML Office (928) 871-6982, Rose Grey - Shiprock AML Office (505) 368-1220 or Ray Tsingine - Tuba City AML Office (928) 283-3188 to get more information on this pilot project.

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