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Call for Proposals for 2009 Funding from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL (8/11/08) – The Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) has issued Phase 2 of its 2009 Request for Proposals (RFP) for funding from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund. Projects are being sought in specific areas of land and habitat, water quality, invasive species, and energy that provide multiple ecological and other public benefits. Proposals responding to Phase 2 of the 2009 RFP are due Wednesday, October 1, 2008.

The LCCMR's 2009 Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued in two phases. The Phase 2 RFP (http://www.lccmr.leg.mn/RequestforProposals/2009/RFP_2009_Phase-2.pdf), issued on July 31, is a request open to everyone for all proposals consistent with the funding priorities identified in the Phase 2 RFP. The Phase 1 RFP, issued on June 18, was a request to specific existing, ongoing Trust Fund projects that were identified as potentially benefiting from additional funding. Proposals responding to the Phase 1 RFP are due Monday, August 25.

During Fall 2008, the LCCMR will consider all proposals received in response to both phases of the 2009 RFP. In December, the LCCMR will make a recommendation to the Minnesota Legislature about which projects should receive funding from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund beginning July 1, 2009.

For more information on the LCCMR funding process or the 2009 RFP, please visit <http://www.lccmr.leg.mn>.

Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR)

The LCCMR is made up of 17 members (5 Senators, 5 Representatives, 5 citizens appointed by the governor, and 1 citizen appointed by each the Senate and the House). The function of the LCCMR (formerly LCMR) is to make funding recommendations to the Minnesota State Legislature for special environment and natural resource projects, primarily from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund. These projects help maintain and enhance Minnesota's environment and natural resources. The LCCMR developed from a program initiated in 1963. Prior to May 1, 2008 over \$600 million has been appropriated to more than 1,250 projects recommended to protect and enhance Minnesota's environment and natural resources.

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