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The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) today released a Solicitation For Projects (SFP): Water Sources For Consumptive Use Mitigation Within The Susquehanna River Basin.

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**Press Release****SRBC ISSUES SOLICITATION FOR  
PROJECTS: WATER SOURCES FOR  
CONSUMPTIVE USE MITIGATION**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:****March 31, 2014**

HARRISBURG, Pa. – The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC; [www.srbc.net](http://www.srbc.net)) today released a Solicitation For Projects (SFP): Water Sources For Consumptive Use Mitigation Within The Susquehanna River Basin. The SFP and associated documents can be accessed at [www.srbc.net/sfp](http://www.srbc.net/sfp).

SRBC's regulations regarding review and approval of projects require mitigation for consumptive use (CU) of water. CU is broadly defined as the loss of water due to a variety of processes by which the water is not returned to the basin undiminished in quantity. SRBC's mitigation strategy is based on the elimination of man-made impacts caused by CU during low flows and the return to natural flow conditions. SRBC's CU Mitigation Plan (CUMP) presented the state of CU in the basin, projected mitigation needs, and introduced SRBC's plan for meeting those needs, including an assessment of CU mitigation assets available at that time in the basin to offset impacts. Several of the recommendations in the CUMP focus on identifying and evaluating new mitigation sources, which is the goal of this SFP.

The SFP provides necessary information to an Offeror interested in making a submission in response to the solicitation. This initial phase is focused on soliciting reasonable project concepts involving practical water sources available for CU mitigation and screening them against a set of criteria derived from the SRBC's CU regulations, standards for CU mitigation, CUMP, and overall objectives related to CU mitigation. Sealed submittals are due at SRBC Headquarters, 4423 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA, 17110-1788 by 4:00 p.m. on June 27, 2014. Questions regarding the SFP can be directed to [sfp@srbc.net](mailto:sfp@srbc.net).

The Harrisburg, Pennsylvania-based SRBC is the governing agency established under a 100-year compact signed on December 24, 1970 by the federal government and the states of New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland to protect and wisely manage the water resources of the Susquehanna River Basin. The Susquehanna River starts in Cooperstown, New York, and flows 444 miles to Havre de Grace, Maryland, where the river meets the Chesapeake Bay.