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Subject: RE: TIME SENSITIVE: Request to review draft EPA stormwater funding training course

Yes, I will be a reviewer.

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Subject: TIME SENSITIVE: Request to review draft EPA stormwater funding training course

Greetings- I am writing to ask your help in reviewing EPA's new stormwater funding training course. As some of you know, EPA is developing an on-line stormwater funding training course designed for local stormwater program managers who are interested in building more sustainable long term funding approaches for their programs. We are drawing on much of the excellent past work by EFCs, EPA, WEF, contractors, states, local programs, and other organizations concerning program planning, development and funding in an integrated manner to provide fairly in-depth training on how to build a more robust stormwater program and funding plan. The course will be coded in Adobe Captivate (which yields a fairly dynamic appearance similar to animated Powerpoint presentations). The course will be modular in form. While we hope readers will enjoy the entire course (which lays out a suggested process for building a more robust long term program vision and plan, assessing costs and potential funding sources, and developing a sustainable program funding portfolio), readers can choose to read some or all of the independent chapters. An initial course outline is attached; the review draft may vary in some details. We plan to get this course up and running as part of the Water Finance Clearinghouse series of water finance courses by early 2019.

We are on a very tight timeline to develop the course content then turn it over to the contractors who will code the course in Adobe Captivate format next month. We identified you as a leader in the field of stormwater funding and finance and are hoping you might have time in the first 2 weeks of October to review and comment on the course materials (or at least a substantial portion thereof), before we ship this off for coding.

Please let us know ASAP if you are willing to serve as a reviewer. We plan to provide it to reviewers in Word format next Tuesday or Wednesday for review, with a comment deadline of October 12th. Fair warning— the overall course content will be about 200 pages long before being coded into standalone Captiate chapter format. I apologize in advance for the short turnaround time. We also hope to be in a position to make course modifications within the next 1-2 years based on early experiences by users, so this won't be the last chance to help us get it right.

Thanks in advance for your interest in this effort. Please let me know if you have questions.

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