



Preliminary Engineering Report Template Project

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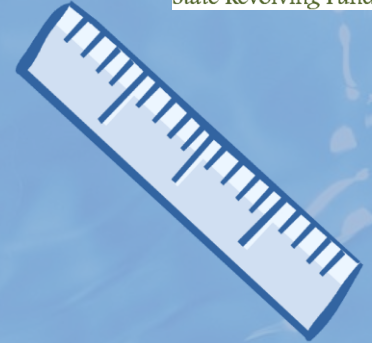




Project Background



- Formed a workgroup in February 2012
 - Federal agencies (USDA, EPA, HUD, & IHS)
 - State administering agencies (SRF, CDBG)
 - 13 states; 16 programs
- Met monthly via conference call
- Developed prelim. engr. report template
 - Started with USDA's existing Bulletin
 - Looked at what states were using
- Edited after review and comment by workgroup
- Finalized and signed in January 2013

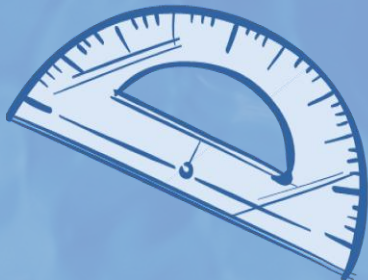




Project Purpose



- Reduce duplication of effort
- Increase cooperation and standardization between Federal funding partners
- Influence the water sector
 - How water systems are planned and upgraded
 - Promote sustainable infrastructure
 - Ensure proper evaluation of alternatives

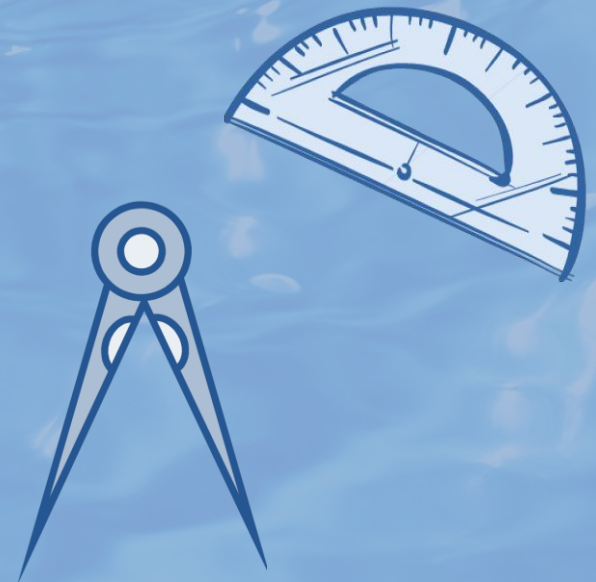




Project Significance



- **SCWIE**
 - Facilitate coordination across funding agencies
- **GAO interested in duplicative effort**
 - GAO-13-111 “Additional Coordination Can Help Avoid Potentially Duplicative Application Requirements” October 2012
- **MOA between EPA and USDA**
 - Build sustainable small systems





EPA-USDA Memorandum of Agreement



- **Signed June 2011**
(<http://water.epa.gov/type/drink/pws/smallsystems/partners.cfm>)
- **Four Parts to agreement, this effort fell under:**
 - **Sustainability of Rural Communities**
 - Work together to promote system-wide planning and sustainable management practices such as effective utility management, asset management, water and energy efficiency, and up-front infrastructure planning.
- **Other efforts include:**
 - Environmental review coordination
 - Sustainable utility management/workshop in a box





Current Status of Project



- **Government Accountability Office (GAO) has positively commented on the work in progress**
- **USDA Implemented with RUS Bulletin 1780-2**
- **IHS has implemented template in most areas**
- **Several state CDBG and SRF programs are using the template for some or all of their projects this year**

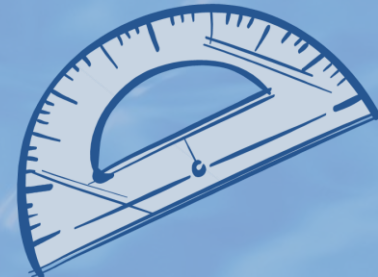




Next steps...



- **Continue to promote template**
 - Determine it's usage
- **Phase 2 – Develop electronic template**
- **Pilot/roll out the final electronic product**





Thank You



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