The Connecticut Institute of Water Resources invites the faculty of all Connecticut colleges and universities to submit pre-proposals for freshwater related research or information transfer on problems of importance to Connecticut and the Northeast Region. This program is funded by a grant to the Institute from the U.S. Department of Interior, U.S. Geological Survey, as part of the National Water Resources Institute Program. Final CT IWR awards are contingent upon Congressional approval of FY 2021 funding for the National Water Resources Institutes program.

**EVALUATION CRITERIA:** Proposals will be evaluated for their:
- technical merit
- relevance to state water needs
- relevance to CT IWR funding priorities (start-up projects, new faculty projects and those projects where funds will be used to support students).

Pre-proposals will be reviewed by the CTIWR staff. PIs of the most promising pre-proposals will be invited to submit a full proposal (due November 2, 2020).

**RANGE OF AWARDS:** We anticipate having approximately $60,000 in available funding for new research and information transfer projects for the period March 1, 2021 – February 28, 2022. The recommended maximum award amount per project is $25,000 per year.

**DURATION OF PROJECTS:** One year projects are preferred. Projects that span up to two year are acceptable, however, second year funding is not guaranteed. Any projects requiring two years must be proposed as two separate one year projects (the first year submitted now (FY 2021) and the second year submitted next year for FY 2022).

**MATCH REQUIREMENT:** Awarded funds must be matched 2:1 with non-federal dollars.

Research projects proposed for joint funding with other institutes or centers are welcomed.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

1) Submit a notice of intent ASAP to: james.hurd_jr@uconn.edu. Include: Proposal Name, Proposal Type (Research, Information Transfer), Full Contact Info for PI/Co-I.

2) Obtain Pre-Proposal Preparation Guidelines at: https://ctiwr.uconn.edu/104b/

3) Email pre-proposals to: james.hurd_jr@uconn.edu

**PRE-PROPOSAL DUE DATE:** 5 PM, Monday, September 28, 2020.

4) Invitations for Full-Proposals will be announced on or about October 2, 2020.

5) Invited Full-Proposals due Friday, November 2, 2020.

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