Environmental Infrastructure Project. A project that will prevent, control, or reduce environmental pollutants or contaminants, improve the drinking water supply, or protect flora and fauna so as to improve human health, promote sustainable development, or contribute to a higher quality of life.

General Manager. General Manager of the BECC.

INTERNAL RATE OF RETURN. Discount rate that makes the present value of a stream of benefits equal to the present value of a stream of costs.

Life Cycle Cost. Cost of the entire project including planning, construction, operations and maintenance phases.

Municipal Solid Waste. Domestic and commercial waste accumulated by a community.

Natural Resources. Flora, fauna, geology, soil, surface water, groundwater, wetlands, and air.

Related Matters. Other environmental issues related to the priority areas listed.

Transfer of Technology. Process in which newer technology developed in one location is acquired by another.

User Fee. Fee paid by each member of the community to finance a new facility or public service.

Wastewater Treatment. Primary, secondary, or tertiary treatment of a polluted liquid of diverse composition coming from domestic, industrial, commercial, agricultural, livestock waste, or other sources.

Water Pollution. Presence of one or more contaminants in the environment which damage or degrade the quality of water resources and methods to prevent, reduce, or mitigate such contamination.

V. Technical Assistance Proposal Submission Procedures

Requests for technical assistance for development of proposals, project feasibility planning, and engineering design studies, and environmental assessments may be submitted at any time to the General Manager with the Step I Project Pre-Proposal Submission Form. Funds for technical assistance are limited but staff is available to assist with general proposal guidance. The General Manager will give priority to communities which have the least available resources for project development.

VI. Project Proposal Submission Procedures

A. Preapplication Communication

Prior to project submission, project originators are highly encouraged to meet or communicate with appropriate BECC staff to establish fundamental eligibility of the proposed project and to be briefed on the two step BECC project submission process and the BECC technical assistance program.

B. Step I: Project Pre-Proposal Submission Process

Step I is a preliminary stage in the project proposal submission process to be completed prior to, or in conjunction with, the comprehensive project proposal as described in Step II: Project Proposal Submission Process. Step I involves completion of a relatively simple, straightforward form describing the project's basic parameters. These parameters will provide basic administrative information, will be used to establish initial project conformance with BECC objectives, and may indicate the applicant's need for technical assistance. The Step I: Project Pre-Proposal Form may be submitted at any time to the General Manager of the BECC.

The project information requested on Step 1 Form includes the project title, project sponsor information, project description, project type and location, expected benefits to human health and the environment, previous environmental and technical studies, engineering technical design, description of environmental assessment, community participation and support, estimated project capital costs, estimated annual costs, time schedule for each project phase, proposed method and sources of project financing, proposed sources of revenue for bank loan repayment, and additional information considered pertinent by the applicant. The Step I Form is provided in this document.

Border Environment Cooperation Commission Project Pre-Proposal Submission Form

(STEP 1)

- 1. Title of proposed project
- 2. Project sponsor/s Name: Address:
- Phone:
- Fax:
- Email:
- 3. Type of project:

- Wastewater treatment ____ Water ____ Water _____ Water
- Solid waste management ____ Other related project ____
- 4. General information Impact of the project. Binational _____ National _____
 - Number of people directly affected Is the project located within 100 km (62 miles) of the United States/Mexican border? Yes No
 - If the project is outside that region, does the project significantly impact the border? Yes No
 - border? Yes <u>No</u> No Will the project have a positive environmental benefit to the community? Yes <u>No</u>
 - Does the project comply with local, regional, state, and federal laws and regulations? Yes <u>No</u>
 - Is there a source of revenue to repay loans? Yes ____ No ____
- Is the project widely supported by the community? Yes ____ No ____
- Is technical assistance needed to complete the application process? Yes _____
- No _____ 5. General description of project
- 6. Geographic location
- 7. Expected benefits to human health and the environment
- 8. Previous environmental assessments and technical feasibility studies regarding project development
- 9. Description of engineering technical design
- 10. Environmental assessment
- If the project is already in compliance with local, regional, state and federal environmental laws and regulations provide a list of permits authorized, documents approved, and authorizing agencies.
- Otherwise, describe how the project will comply with appropriate regulatory agencies.
- Describe negative short and long-term environmental impacts of project Describe implication of the no project alternative
- Describe mechanisms to preserve, protect, and enhance environmental quality on a sustainable basis
- 11. Describe community participation and support in project planning
- 12. Estimated project capital costs (dollars) Planning
- Design
- Construction
- Equipment
- Education & training programs
- Public outreach program
- Other
- Total
- 13. Estimated annual costs (dollars) Operation and maintenance Equipment replacement Other

14. Time schedule	Number of months	Estimated completion date
Planning Environmental assessment Site preparation		