



Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance

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TO: GBERBA COUNTIES AND SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS
GBERBA STAFF POSITIONS
GBERBA PARTNERS

FROM: KAY CLARK
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SUBJECT: STATE OF MINNESOTA SHUTDOWN

I am writing this letter in response to the government shutdown that started on July 1st.

In speaking with BWSR and MPCA staff, and following the FAQ's from both agencies GBERBA **CAN** work on all grants and positions as before. We are to work as we have in the past, all project contracts can continue and GBERBA can still encumber projects and in-kind can and will be used for your positions and projects.

The GBERBA Executive Board did take active measures before the shutdown and on June 30th held a Special Executive Meeting by conference call completing the following actions:

- 1) Approved all GBERBA Position Contracts starting July 1, 2011
- 2) Approved all completed Cost-Share Contracts for payment
- 3) Encumber new Cost-Share projects
- 4) Pay bills
- 5) Approve IRS mileage rate change starting July 1, 2011
- 6) Approve the signing of the grant extensions for FY09 and FY10 BWSR grants

Please let me know if you have any questions and we will try and answer them with the resources we have. We can only hope that this will be a quick process, and things will get back to normal as soon as possible.

Thank you so much for your help and patience in these interesting times!

If you have any questions please call (507) 831-1153 Extension 3.

Sincerely,

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