

**District of Columbia
Water and Sewer Authority**

DATE: September 6, 2013
TO: GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE CHALLENGE CONTESTANTS
SUBJECT: ADDENDUM NO. 05
REFERENCE: Green Infrastructure (GI) Challenge

Contestants shall acknowledge receipt of this Addendum on the Submission Form. Failure to do so may result in the rejection of the submission.

All requirements of the original GI Challenge material and any previous Addenda shall remain in force except as amended by this addendum.

Addendum No. 05 consists of the following (3 pages of text):

Answers to Questions received between August 9, 2013
and September 4, 2013

The following corrections, changes, additions, deletions, revisions, and/or clarifications are hereby made a part of the GI Challenge. In case of conflicts between this Addendum and previous issued Documents, this Addendum shall have precedence.

CHANGES TO BRIEFING DOCUMENT

1. **Section 3.0 Resources: 3.3 Addenda (page 3-1):**

Add "DC Water will accept questions until September 17, 2013 at 5:00 pm."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Inquiry No. 1

Question:

A commenter noted that publication of an invention before a patent application is filed may prevent the inventor from obtaining patent rights for the invention in Europe and most other foreign countries. In addition, publication of an invention or offering it for sale may limit the time an inventor has to file a patent application under the 2011 America Invents Act. The commenter requested that DC Water advise participants about patent rights and the potential implications of submitting on the GI Challenge.

Answer:

Submitters should make themselves aware of possible patent implications and should seek guidance from qualified counsel prior to submitting.

2. Inquiry No. 2

Question:

A commenter recommended that DC Water offer to ensure confidentiality for innovative parts of designs submitted.

Answer:

One of the purposes of the challenge is to encourage and publicize effective GI technologies in urban areas. DC Water cannot, therefore, provide confidentiality for the submittals. Entrants are encouraged to consult with appropriate counsel and to consider the allowable uses of the submittal as described in the terms and conditions when determining the content of their submissions.

3. Inquiry No. 3

Question:

A commenter suggested that DC Water consider assisting inventors with patenting, developing, testing and sharing royalty income from inventions.

Answer:

This is beyond the scope of the challenge.