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Increasing the pace, expanding the scope, and improving the effectiveness of conservation

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U.S. EPA Region 10  
1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900  
Seattle, WA 98101

To whom it may concern,

The Willamette Partnership is a non-profit organization with the mission to expand the pace, scope, and effectiveness of conservation and restoration in the Willamette Basin and American West. On April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Willamette Partnership will be hosting a workshop in Union, WA as part of the process to develop a Joint Regional Agreement on Water Quality Trading. This work is funded by a Conservation Innovation Grant awarded by US Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation Service. EPA is not receiving any funds under the grant but agreed to participate in the project. The final product of the grant is expected to be a document supported by EPA Region 10, and the environmental agencies of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, that provides a consistent framework for how water quality trading will be implemented in the region, and serving as guidance to the states. EPA will not be performing any regulatory work as a part of this project but will instead be offering its expertise and opinions on various program elements as they relate to the Clean Water Act and its implementing regulations.

We are specifically requesting the participation in the April meeting of Claire Schary, Susan Poulosom, Dru Keenan, Bill Stewart, Dustan Bott, Laurie Mann, and Christine Psyk, whose areas of expertise in the TMDL, NPDES, and enforcement programs are integral to the discussion planned at this meeting. We expect this to be the first of several important meetings needed in 2013 to further this project. Collectively, this group represents key aspects and input related to water quality considerations.

The Willamette Partnership is providing full sponsorship for all meals, and lodging for EPA participants, including one participant's air travel, with funds that are completely separate from CIG funds and CIG associated matching funds. Note: We are providing lunch only for Christine Psyk and Susan Poulosom on April 9<sup>th</sup> because they are unable to stay to participate in the meeting on April 10 due to scheduling conflicts. We understand that should their plans change, Susan Poulosom will stay overnight for the meeting in place of Dru Keenan.

The following represents and itemized accounting of the costs that WP will be sponsoring:

Lodging (April 9):	Dru Keenan, Bill Stewart, Dustan Bott, Claire Schary; 2 double occupancy rooms @\$98.35 ea	\$196.70
Meals (April 9-10):	Dru Keenan, Bill Stewart, Dustan Bott, Claire Schary @ \$160 ea	\$640
	Christine Psyk and Susan Poulosom, lunch only April 9	\$38
Travel (April 9-10):	Bill Stewart round-trip flight from Boise	\$211
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1085.70</b>

Please let me know if there is any further information that we can provide.

Sincerely,



Bobby Cochran  
Executive Director  
Willamette Partnership