A. Objective:
As the host country of the 5th World Water Forum, Republic of Turkey aims to contribute to and cooperate in solving world water issues. Turkey hopes for the continued success of future World Water Fora and made a proposal to the World Water Council for an international Prize to honor the activities towards solving critical water issues. The World Water Council and Republic of Turkey Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs will collaborate on the preparation and the awarding of this Prize. The Prize aims to honor individuals/organizations in promoting applicable scientific studies, new technics, technological innovations, awareness building, regional cooperations on water.

The theme of the prize is briefly indicated as “innovative solutions for challenging water problems”.

B. Organizer:
On behalf of Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs, General Directorate of State Hydraulic Works (DSI)

C. Sponsors:
Republic of Turkey Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs, General Directorate of State Hydraulic Works (DSI)

D. What kind of activities will be valued?
Scientific studies, development of new technics, technological innovations, awareness building programs, regional cooperations on water, and so on.

E. Winning Prize:
50,000.- Turkish Liras (approximately 25,000.- USD) will be awarded to the Prize winner. A trophy and a certificate will also be given to the winner. The awarding will be held during the water prizes ceremonies of 6th World Water Forum.

F. Application period:
Applications will be accepted only during the period from the beginning of 1st of December 2011 upto end of 31 January 2012 (2 months).

G. Eligibility for entry:
Any individual/organization is eligible for applying to the Prize, with the following exceptions:
• National governments,
• Local self-governing bodies,
• Commercial corporations,
• The Secretariat of the World Water Council,
• Members of the Board of Governors of WWC,
• The Secretariat of the 6th World Water Forum,
• Organizations represented by members of the Bureau of the World Water Council,
• Organizations represented by members of the International Panel of Judges,
• Organizers of the 6th World Water Forum.

H. Selection procedure:

Screening: February 2012
The corresponding number of applications will be pre-selected through the screening of the submitted documents, to evaluate which ones best correspond to the criteria. This process is to be coordinated by the Republic of Turkey Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs, General Directorate of State Hydraulic Works.

Selection of the finalists: end of February 2012
The selection of the finalists from the pre-selected applications will be made by a committee to be formed by the Republic of Turkey Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs.

Selection of the Prize winner (final selection): beginning of March 2012
The pre-selected applications will be given a special certificate, but will not be competing for the Prize. The finalists will be evaluated by the International Panel of Judges, consisting of 1 international water expert, the 2 members of the Republic of Turkey Prime Minister’s Water Prize Committee, 1 member from the WWC and 1 member from the Turkish Water Institute. The International Panel of Judges will make the selection and will nominate.

Award Ceremony:
The Award Ceremony of the Prize will be made during the 6th World Water Forum which will take place in March 2012 at Marseilles, France.

I. How to apply:
A duly filled in application form should be submitted to the Secretariat of the Republic of Turkey Prime Minister’s Water Prize online. The form must be completed in English.

Materials to be submitted:
• Application Form (included in this document, Form A)
• Photographs or videos, which introduce the activity and the results of the activities (required, Form B)
• Any other materials like brochures, pamphlets, documents which serve as a reference
for evaluation (optional)

Submit to:
General Directorate of State Hydraulic Works
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• The criteria to be used in evaluating activities are included in this document.
• Any cost for entry such as postage and shipping cost is to be paid by the applicant.
• Materials submitted for entry will not be returned. They might be used or published partially or wholly by the organizer.

J. Organizational structure:

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International Panel of Judges (5)

1 International Water expert
2 members from the Republic of Turkey Prime Minister's Water Prize Local Committee
1 member nominated by Turkish Water Institute
1 Member nominated by the World Water Council
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EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following are the criteria that will be used when evaluating applications for the prize. The main focus that applications should attempt to highlight through their answers is “innovative solutions for challenging water problems” which is compatible with “Time for Solutions”, the master theme of 6th World Water Forum. All sections must be clearly answered in English.

1. Description of the Problem and Activity as Implemented
   Brief and clear description of the water problem at hand and consequently achieved activity should be provided.

2. Description of time for solutions
   The divides that were bridged in order to implement this action should be clearly described.

3. Direct and indirect impact of Implemented Activity
   The impact of the activity in alleviating or eradicating the water problem should be articulated.

4. Stakeholder Participation
   The contribution of all types of stakeholders involved in implementing or designing the activity should be clearly defined.

5. Sustainability
   The plans for sustaining the action should be clearly reported.

6. Commitment
   It is important to articulate your commitment to pursuing the activity or following it up.

7. Originality and Innovative Ideas
   Originality or innovative ideas for unsolved problems should be clearly reported.

Hints to fill in this section:
- Does the activity apply innovative solutions to an unsolved problem?
- What kind of technology and expertise has been used to optimize the results of your activity?
- What is your contribution to the know-how or technology transfer?
- Can your activity be easily replicated and scaled up to accelerate provision of services to the unserved?
- Additional relevant information