**Section 365.160 Application Process**

a) In order to receive a loan under the WPCLP, loan applicants must apply to the Agency using the loan application process outlined in Subpart C. The process requires that:

1) the loan applicant submits a Funding Nomination Form pursuant to Section 365.310;

2) the loan applicant submits a Project Plan pursuant to Section 365.320;

3) the project undergoes State environmental review under Section 365.330;

4) the project be placed on the Project Priority List pursuant to Section 365.340; and

5) the loan applicant submits the following information:

A) a loan application as required by Section 365.350(a);

B) contracts for personal or professional services as required by Section 365.350(b);

C) a construction permit application, if necessary, as required by Section 365.350(c);

D) pre-bidding plans and specifications with certification form, as required by Section 365.350(d); and

E) bidding evaluation and certification forms as required by Section 365.350(e).

b) Loan applicants shall not execute a notice to proceed authorizing the initiation of construction until the loan agreement has been fully secured and executed.

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