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### **Invitation to Submit** **Statements of Interest and Qualifications**

The Governor of Florida has announced that the State of Florida intends to file an original jurisdiction action against the State of Georgia in the Supreme Court of the United States in the coming days. The action reportedly will seek equitable apportionment of some portion of the waters of the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint river system.

Although Georgia does not seek this litigation, Georgia will aggressively defend itself. Part of the defense may involve the appointment of one or more special assistant attorneys general (SAAGs).

The Attorney General, in consultation with the Governor, has determined that receiving a Statement of Interest and Qualifications from interested attorneys would provide useful information to assist with the appointment process.

Accordingly, any attorneys interested in representing the State of Georgia in this manner are encouraged to submit a Statement of Interest and Qualifications to the Attorney General no later than September 10, 2013. The Statement should address the following subjects:

- The proposed scope of representation
- Experience with environmental matters, to include specifically
  - Experience with water-related matters
  - Experience with matters arising from or related to multistate environmental resource disputes
- Experience with matters before the Supreme Court of the United States, to include specifically
  - Overall experience before the Supreme Court of the United States
  - Experience with original jurisdiction matters before the Supreme Court of the United States
  - Experience with matters before special masters appointed by the Supreme Court of the United States
  - Experience with equitable apportionment-related matters
- Trial-related experience, to the extent relevant here

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- The extent to which experience in each of these areas – or the lack thereof – should be considered significant in selecting counsel.
- Proposed rates and estimated cost of litigation
- Any other subjects the submitting attorney considers relevant

No Statement of Interest and Qualifications will bind the Attorney General or any other State official or entity in any manner with respect to the selection or appointment of counsel, compensation of counsel, or in any other manner whatsoever.

Selection and/or appointment of counsel, compensation of counsel, and all related determinations will be made according to the provisions and requirements of Georgia law, without any additional restrictions or limitations whatsoever.

Statements of Interest and Qualifications should be submitted electronically by September 10, 2013 to: [GeorgiaWater@law.ga.gov](mailto:GeorgiaWater@law.ga.gov). Submissions through other means will not be accepted or considered.