g The Environmental Finance Information Network

The Environmental Finance Information Network is an electronic outreach service offering environmental financing information on a World Wide Web site:

http://www.epa.gov/efinpage

This Web site provides EFAB reports, case studies, abstracts of publications, contacts, links to the EFC's and financial tools.

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***The Guidebook of Financial Tools**: The Guidebook of Financial Tools is a reference document available on the EFIN Web site. The Guidebook provides information on 340 financing tools that can be used to pay for environmental programs and projects.*

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***EFAB has produced a variety of environmental policy and technical reports available to the public.** Information about these reports are available on the EFIN Web site. For additional information about EFAB, contact our EFAB Coordinator:*
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***EFAB works closely with the Environmental Finance Center (EFC) Network.** The EFC network is a university-based program that provides financial outreach services to the regulated community and small environmental businesses. The EFC Directors serve as expert witnesses to EFAB and assist them in their work. For more information about the Centers, contact the EFC Network Coordinator:*
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Environmental Financial Advisory Board

Providing Advice on "How to Pay" for Environmental Protection

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A major environmental challenge of our time is paying for environmental facilities and services and creating incentives that promote environmental stewardship.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has developed the Environmental Finance Program to help meet this challenge.

The Environmental Finance Program provides:

- *financial outreach services to smaller communities, state and federal environmental programs, and emerging environmental enterprises;*
- *advice and recommendations to EPA on finance issues, trends, and opportunities.*

The Environmental Finance Program operates through four activities:

- ***The Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB)***
- ***The Environmental Finance Center (EFC) Network***
- ***The Environmental Finance Information Network (EFIN)***
- ***EPA In-House Services***

What is the Environmental Financial Advisory Board?

- ***The Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB) is a federally chartered advisory committee***

EFAB provides advice to the EPA Administrator and Program Offices on "how to pay" for environmental protection. The Board includes approximately 25 financing experts from all levels of government, including: elected officials; the finance and banking communities; business and industry; and national organizations. The Chair is Robert O. Lenna, Executive Dir. of the Maine Municipal Bond Bank. EFAB's Executive Director and Designated Federal Official is John C. Wise of EPA, Region 9 in San Francisco, California.

What is the purpose of EFAB?

- ***EFAB provides advice on "how to pay" for environmental protection.***

Environmental legislation has placed additional resource requirements on governments, increasing their infrastructure and administrative costs. EFAB provides authoritative analysis and advice to the EPA Administrator and Program Offices on finance issues. EFAB assists the Agency, communities and businesses to carry out their environmental mandates.

How does EFAB work?

- ***The Board members meet twice a year; the meetings are open to the public and announced in the Federal Register.***

The entire Board gets together twice a year to discuss products, reports and plans for the future. EFAB has four standing workgroups and three targeted workgroups that meet individually as needed.

What are the goals of EFAB?

1. To lower costs

EFAB proposes ways to remove financial and programmatic barriers that raise the cost of environmental protection.

2. To increase public and private investment

EFAB proposes means of increasing public and private investment in environmental facilities and services. The Board also proposes ways to improve the efficiency of investments.

3. To build state and local financial capacity

EFAB recommends ways to build state and local financial capacity necessary to carry out environmental mandates.