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Clean Water Trust Fund Bill Introduced in House

Washington, DC — December 19, 2005 —Chairman John J. Duncan, Jr. of the U.S. House Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee has introduced landmark legislation —*The Clean Water Trust Act of 2005* (H.R. 4560). The Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) applauds Chairman Duncan’s leadership in taking this greatly needed positive step to meet our critical infrastructure needs. The bill provides more than \$7.3 billion annually for increased funding for water infrastructure projects to improve America’s waters. The bipartisan bill creates a dedicated, deficit-neutral Clean Water Trust Fund.

Chairman Duncan commented, “There is nothing as important and yet nothing as taken for granted as a safe, clean supply of water. We have to do more to protect and enhance our clean water and wastewater systems for the future.” DBIA strongly supports the overall aims of the bill. Clean Water Trust Fund projects will be allowed to fully utilize the design-build project delivery method based upon anticipated language to be included in Chairman Duncan’s bill. Utilizing design-build will maximize federal design and construction dollars by completing projects faster, saving money, reducing litigation, and increasing project quality.

In addition to DBIA, the legislation is supported by a broad coalition which includes: The Associated General Contractors of America, American Council of Engineering Companies, American Society of Civil Engineers, The National Association of Clean Water Agencies American Supply Association, National Association of Towns and Townships, Rural Community Assistance Partnership, Ducks Unlimited, Western Coalition of Arid States, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, Association of Equipment Manufacturers, Trout Unlimited, American Concrete Pressure Pipe Association, Construction Management Association of America, Plastics Pipe Institute, Underground Contractors Association, American Sportfishing Association, and the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

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