

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
Notice of Intent to Award to a Single Source without Competition (NOI)

Per 505 DM 2, Section 2.14, a single source award is a financial assistance award specifically directed to a known recipient that is statutorily designated or determined to be an appropriate partner based on demonstrable criteria, such as unique expertise or capacity. Decisions to award funds to a single source without engaging in competition must withstand scrutiny, should protect the public interest, and should comport with management priorities, objectives and statutory requirements. **Programs must use this NOI template to document justification for issuing funds in any amount to a single source without competition.** The completed NOI template must be included in the official award file maintained by the program office. When issuing funds of \$25,000 or more to a single source a Grants.gov funding opportunity posting, including a synopsis and a complete application package, is required. The completed NOI template must be scanned and uploaded as an attachment to the Grants.gov funding opportunity synopsis.

Recipient:	Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission
Project Title:	CAMP technical assistance
Award Amount:	\$149,000.00
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Single Source Justification (as per 505 DM 2.14) - select the applicable justification(s):

☒	(1) Unsolicited Proposal - The proposed award is the result of an unsolicited assistance application which represents a unique or innovative idea, method, or approach which is not the subject of a current or planned contract or assistance award, but which is deemed advantageous to the program objectives;
☐	(2) Continuation - The activity to be funded is necessary to the satisfactory completion of, or is a continuation of an activity presently being funded, and for which competition would have a significant adverse effect on the continuity or completion of the activity.
☐	(3) Legislative Intent - The language in the applicable authorizing legislation or legislative history clearly indicates Congress' intent to restrict award to a particular recipient or purpose.
☐	(4) Unique Qualifications - The applicant is uniquely qualified to perform the activity based upon a variety of demonstrable factors such as location, property ownership, voluntary support capacity, cost-sharing ability, if applicable, technical expertise, or other such unique qualifications.
☐	(5) Emergencies - Program/award where there is insufficient time available (due to a compelling and unusual urgency, or substantial danger to health or safety) for adequate competitive procedures to be followed.

Explain below why competition for this award is not practicable. Include a discussion of the program legislative history, unique capabilities of the proposed recipient, and any cost-sharing contribution offered by the proposed recipient, as applicable. Be brief and specific:

The work to be done pursuant to a modification of an existing cooperative agreement represents a continuation of ongoing work that is already under way. As such, the award recipient, the PSMFC, has already invested a substantial amount of resources and time becoming familiar with the work and products required by the Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office (SFWO). Hiring a different (new) cooperator would therefore be inefficient because a new entity would need to devote substantial time and effort to become familiar with work and products that are required by the SFWO, which in turn would create scheduling delays on existing projects and additional costs to the Federal government.

PSMFC staff and their subcontractors provide a blend of scientific knowledge, technical expertise, and scientific credentials that make them uniquely qualified to conduct the work that is required by the SFWO. The PSMFC was developed to support and collaborate on monitoring projects conducted by state and federal agencies managing areas along the west coast of the United States, which aligns with the portion of the SFWO that requires the assistance of the PSMFC.