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**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Division of Contracting and Grants Services**

Fish and Wildlife Coordination and Assistance Programs
MIGRATORY BIRD JOINT VENTURES
Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 15.637

Notice of Funding Opportunity

I. Description of Funding Opportunity:

This is not a request for proposals.

This is a notice of intent to provide a financial assistance opportunity to the American Bird Conservancy (Recipient) to support a project titled “*Operational Support for the Lower Mississippi Valley Joint Venture*.” This financial assistance opportunity is being issued through a discretionary, single source cooperative agreement award. The authority is the Fish and Wildlife Act, 16 U.S.C. §742 et seq.; Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, 16 U.S.C. §§661-666; Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 16 U.S.C. §2901 et seq.; Migratory Bird Treaty Act 16 U.S.C. §703 et seq.; and Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. §§1531 et seq.

Project Description:

The Recipient will:

- 1) Provide an Annual Work Plan by September 1 of each year describing the staff, expenses, and projects to be performed each year. The Annual Work Plan is subject to approval by the Service.
- 2) Secure the services of and provide necessary and appropriate administrative and physical support to a WGCPO Partnership Coordinator & Science Coordinator for each Fiscal Year. ABC will hire a well-qualified individual in consultation with the LMVJV Coordinator for each of these roles. Partnership Coordinator & Science Coordinator will perform duties as detailed in the respective Annual Work Plans to coordinate conservation activities consistent with the mission of the LMVJV, and each will function as part of the LMVJV Office staff.

- 3) Use funds as described in the Annual Work Plan to support necessary travel expenses and supplies/equipment to carry out the mission of this agreement, and use no more than 12% of the annual funds provided by the Service to provide administrative support to this agreement.
- 4) Provide other services as agreed to in the Annual Work Plan, consistent with the mission of the LMVJV, and as funds permit.

II. Award Information

The Recipient is:

**American Bird Conservancy
4249 Loudoun Ave.
The Plains, VA 20198**

A non-profit organization

DUNS NO. 943047225

One award of **\$150,000.00** will be issued in FY18 to the Recipient.

Subject to the availability of funding the agreement will be incrementally funded as follows:

FY19 \$240,000.00
FY20 \$240,000.00
FY21 \$240,000.00
FY22` \$240,000.00

Total funding is anticipated to be: **\$1,110,000.00**

This project will be awarded under Cooperative Agreement No. **F18AC00383**.

The agreement period of performance will be **09/01/2018 through 10/01/2023**.

This is a single award opportunity for a new project, and the funding instrument selected is a cooperative agreement. All project costs will be charged directly.

This project meets the unique qualifications for a single/sole source justification. The applicant is uniquely qualified to perform the activity based on a variety of demonstrable factors such as location; technical expertise; or other such unique qualifications.

Indirect costs will be charged at the negotiated rate of 30.77% of total direct salaries and wages, excluding fringe benefits.

III. Basic Eligibility Requirements

Eligible Applicants:

The intent is to fund the project via a sole source, discretionary grant awarded to the UF. The UF is a state controlled and funded institute of higher education.

Federal law mandates that all entities applying for Federal financial assistance must have a valid Dun & Bradstreet Data Universal Number System (DUNS) number and have a current registration in the System for Award Management (SAM). See Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 25 for more information. Exemptions: The SAM registration requirement does not apply to individuals submitting an application on their own behalf and not on behalf of a company or other for-profit entity, state, local or Tribal government, academia or other type of organization

A. DUNS Registration

Organization Name:

DUNS No:

B. Entity Registration in SAM

Completed (Active)

C. Excluded Entities

None

D. Cost Sharing or Matching:

Cost sharing is not required.

IV. Application Requirements

To be considered for funding under this funding opportunity, an application must contain:

A. See attached SF 424, SF 424A and SF 424B forms.

B. Project Summary:

Project Description:

C. Project Narrative

1. Statement of Need:

The Migratory Bird Program of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, under authority of CFDA 15.637, Migratory Bird Joint Ventures, is seeking assistance with enhanced bird habitat conservation coordination in support of integrated bird conservation goals within the Lower Mississippi Valley Joint Venture (LMVJV) administrative area. This coordination is focused on,

but not limited to, securing the services of and providing necessary and appropriate administrative and physical support to the LMVJV Science Coordinator (SC) and LMVJV West Gulf Coastal Plain/Ouachitas Partnership Coordinator (PC). The successful applicant will retain and support, full-time, a well-qualified individual for each of the two positions (SC, PC) in consultation with the LMVJV Coordinator. The PC will perform duties as detailed in the Annual Work Plan to coordinate conservation delivery activities in the WGCPO, including but not limited to Conservation Delivery Networks consistent with the mission of the LMVJV, and will function as a part of the LMVJV Office staff. The SC will perform duties as detailed in the Annual Work Plan to coordinate conservation science activities throughout the LMVJV region in support of LMVJV Science Priorities, and in cooperation with science staff throughout North America, as appropriate, consistent with the mission of the LMVJV, and will function as a part of the LMVJV Office staff.

2. Project Goals and Objectives:

3. Project Activities, Methods and Timetable:

4. Stakeholder Coordination/Involvement:

5. Project Monitoring and Evaluation:

6. Description of Entities Undertaking the Project:

7. Sustainability:

8. Literature Cited

D. Budget Form

E. Budget Justification

Required Indirect Cost Statement:

F. Single Audit Reporting Statements:

G. Assurances:

H. Certification and Disclosure of Lobbying Activities:

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I. Conflict of Interest Disclosures:

J. Required Overlap/Duplication Statement:

V. Submission Instructions

VI. Application Review Information Criteria:

N/A

VII. Award Administration

VIII. Agency Contacts

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