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Determination for Issuing a Single Source Financial Assistance Award

Instructions: In accordance with Service policy 516 FW 6, *Issuing Discretionary Grant and Cooperative Agreement Awards without Competition*, complete this form to document the justification for issuing a single source grant or cooperative agreement award. This form must be signed by both a program representative and the employee with signature authority for the award to be issued (see 516 FW 3, *Signature Authority for Grant and Cooperative Agreement Awards*). The completed and signed form must be maintained in the official award file.

Recipient Name: Illinois, Michigan, and Ohio Departments of Natural Resources; Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission

Project Title: FY19 GLRI Asian Carp Action Plan

Program Contact: Rob Simmonds

Select all criteria that apply (from 505 DM 2):

	(1) Unsolicited Proposal: The proposed award is the result of an unsolicited application that represents a unique or innovative idea, method, or approach that is not the subject of a current or planned award, but is found to be advantageous to program objectives.
✔	(2) Continuation: The activity to be funded is necessary for the satisfactory completion of, or is a continuation of, an activity we are funding and holding a competition would have a significant adverse effect on continuing or completing the activity.
	(3) Legislative Intent: The language in the applicable authorizing legislation or legislative history clearly indicates the intent of Congress to restrict the award to a particular recipient or purpose.
✔	(4) Unique Qualifications: The applicant is uniquely qualified to perform the activity based on 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: Because of a compelling and unusual urgency, or substantial danger to health or safety, there is not enough time to follow adequate competitive procedures.

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

EPA, FWS, and others developed the FY19 Asian Carp Action Plan that includes implementation of specific actions, by the recipients, to protect the Great Lakes from invasion from Asian carp. The awards will support specific activities, and require specific deliverables of the each entity that only they can conduct and deliver under the 2019 Asian Carp Action Plan. All work conducted under this agreement will be within the Great Lakes Basin, and only agency (state) personnel have authority to lead those activities, and the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission's (NIRPC) charge, by state statute, is to coordinate planning and programming in the areas of transportation, environment, and economic development (which directly define the work they will be conducting). The work conducted under this Agreement largely continues activities initiated in 2010, and continued since. The entities listed are uniquely qualified to conduct the activities required within the GLRI framework based upon the location, management authorities, capacity, and technical expertise of each (e.g., NIRPC has technical expertise in facilitating regional planning and in balancing the competing interests and needs of communities, industries, and environmental protection).

I have determined that this project meets the requirements for a single source award and recommend that it be awarded to the recipient named above.

ROBERT SIMMONDS

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Program Representative Sign and Date

Printed Name of Program Representative

I, as the Service employee with signature authority for this award under 516 FW 3, have reviewed this program recommendation and find that it meets the requirements for a single source award.

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Authorized Signator Sign and Date

Daniel D. Lovdahl

Printed Name of Signator