

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:	Ryan Biological Consulting
Project Title:	Least Tern Predator Aversion at Venice Beach, California
Award Amount:	\$25,000.00
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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:

Ryan Biological Consulting company is very uniquely qualified to perform the work described in the Scope of Work. Thomas Ryan, President of Ryan Biological Consulting, is in possession of the keys to this fenced property, has worked at this site for many years, and has the proper permits already in place which is crucial since the project needs to begin immediately in order to prepare for nesting season. This company has intimate historical knowledge of predation of least tern eggs at Venice Beach, having spent many years protecting and monitoring least terns that nest there, and they have presented a proposal for predator aversion to least tern eggs. The methods of this proposal will allow the maximum number of eggs to hatch without having to kill predators in the process. This proposal was the result of this company's intimate knowledge of the Venice Beach area and of the species present at the site. It is expected that their innovative approach to solving the crow predation by utilizing baited quail eggs will benefit the species by improving the least tern chick survival rate.