U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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:	California Waterfowl Association
Project Title:	Biological Monitoring, GIS mapping and Visitors Services at Humboldt Bay NWR
Program Contact:	Eric Nelson, Refuge Manager or Kurt Roblek, Deputy Refuge Manager

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:

The biological monitoring and visitor services programs at HBNWR have been ongoing at their current levels for the past 10 years. Biological monitoring focuses on waterbird abundance and distribution surveys, Aleutian cackling goose research, endemic/endangered plan censuses, and dune abiotic surveys. Withing the visitors services program, the Refuge has cooperated with CWA to staff our visitor center, run the Refuge hunt check station, and coordinate our environmental education and interpretation programs. This relationship has produced critical data needed to effectively manage the Refuge's habitats, and provided visitors with a quality nature experience. Due to the breadth of experience that CWA has in both the biological and visitors services fields, they are uniquely qualified to carry out these duties in cooperation with the refuge. Few for profit, non-profit, or NGO's have the experience to cost effectively support the refuge in the above described endeavors. They provide cost sharing, oversight, technical expertise, and passion for natural resource management that is needed by the Refuge and nearly impossible to find on the open market. CWA has a proven track record of positive results on this and other NWR's across the state.

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.

Program Representative Sign and Date

Eric Nelson, Refuge Manager

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.

Authorized Signator Sign and Date

Polly Wheeler, PhD, ARD, National Wildlife Refuge System

Printed Name of Signator