

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Region 6 Migratory Birds**

Migratory Bird Conservation

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 15.647

Notice of Funding Availability and Application Instructions

I. Single Source Information

This is a Notice of Intent to award a Single Source Cooperative agreement to Eagle Environmental for the purpose of investigating Golden Eagle nest occupancy, nest success, movements, and survival throughout much of Region 6, especially Colorado, Wyoming, and Nebraska.

The tasks to be performed under this agreement are as follows: Eagle Environmental will work with U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) to develop an aerial survey design for nesting Golden Eagles; conduct nest surveys (aerial, with on-the-ground follow-up) following the survey design, but also visit a pre-determined proportion of known/historic nest sites that do not fall along transect lines; and select a subset of Golden Eagles of various age-classes to study movement and mortality factors through the use of GPS/satellite-enabled Platform Terminal Transmitters (PTT).

This Single Source Award is being awarded in accordance with Department of the Interior Policy 505 DM 2.14 B [4: Unique Qualifications], which allows for award without competition to an applicant. This recipient and project meet this criterion due to the fact that Eagle Environmental is highly-experienced with Golden Eagle research throughout the West, especially in FWS Regions 6 and 2. Eagle Environmental has demonstrated the ability to safely live-trap, handle, and apply transmitters to Golden Eagles in through multiple FWS or FWS-partner projects. Eagle Environmental has specialized experience with various methods to safely capture and handle Golden Eagles (which are protected by very strict federal laws), has extensive knowledge on where to efficiently and effectively search for eagles in each season, possesses all appropriate permits and/or sub-permits (state and federal) to capture and handle eagles, and also has extensive experience conducting aerial nest surveys for Golden Eagles.

II. Award Information

This project should be considered a Cooperative Agreement with substantial involvement by the FWS Project Officer and other Migratory Bird Program staff. The FWS Project Officer will work closely with personnel from Eagle Environmental to develop work plans for each aspect & year of the project and to develop aerial survey transects, assist with eagle trapping and PTT attachment, and will assist with publishing

results. Consequently, the FWS Project Officer will serve as an integral partner with Eagle Environmental.

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$300,000

Expected Number of Awards: 4

Award Ceiling: \$100,000

Award Floor: \$20,000

III. Basic Eligibility Requirements

Cost Sharing or Matching: Cost sharing or matching is not required.

IV. Agency Contacts

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