NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

This notice is not a request for applications. This provides public notice of the Bureau of Reclamation's intention to fund the following project activities without full and open competition.

OPPORTUNITY NUMBER	BOR-LC-19-N023
PROJECT TITLE	Building Water Scenarios to Support Community Planning in Rural Arizona Through Collaborative Stakeholder Engagement Process Design
RECIPIENT	University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center
ANTICIPATED FEDERAL AMOUNT	$298,097.77
STATUTORY AUTHORITY	Section 9509 Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-11) SEC. 9509. RESEARCH AGREEMENT AUTHORITY. The Secretary may enter into contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements, for periods not to exceed 5 years, to carry out research within the Bureau of Reclamation.
CFDA NUMBER	15.560
RECLAMATION POINT OF CONTACT	Jessica Asbill-Case Phone: 623-773-6273 Email:jasbillcase@usbr.gov
SUMMARY OF PROJECT ACTIVITIES	Proposed activities for this project include: 1) Presentation of the water supply and demand projections to stakeholders to develop a common foundation of knowledge about the watershed, watershed conditions, etc.; 2) Stakeholder meetings to develop ecosystem services values and planning scenarios for future management of the Cobre Valley water resources based on the common foundation developed by the baseline assessment; 3) Technical development of planning scenarios in both narrative and GIS/map format to demonstrate the implications of each planning scenario on water resources and ecosystems within the Cobre Valley to inform final study; and 4) The presentation of final scenarios to stakeholders within Cobre Valley.

SELECTION JUSTIFICATION	*Reclamation did not solicit full and open competition for this award based on the following criteria:* The University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center (WRRC) will build off of data from a previous cooperative agreement (R18AC00086) where they developed a needs assessment and recommendations for water resource management in the Cobre Valley region of Arizona. The WRRC has experience with researching and compiling historical water data and demands, holding public forums with local stakeholders, and developing a conceptual water budget for the region.