

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Division of Refuges – Habitat and Population Evaluation Team**

HAPET - Collaborative Migratory Bird Research and Evaluation
Research Grants (Generic)
Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 15.650

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 Ducks Unlimited, Inc., Great Plains Regional Office for the purpose of providing financial support from the Service for developing and conducting collaborative research and evaluation activities in coordination with the Habitat and Population Evaluation Team.

The tasks to be performed under this agreement are as follows:

Collaborate with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to conduct research and evaluation activities that advance the understanding of the relationship between migratory birds and associated wetland and upland habitat.

The principle work area includes the Northern Great Plains and Prairie Pothole Region of the United States and results of research will be used to inform habitat management and conservation decisions for sustainable and abundant migratory bird populations by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and its Partners

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 the criteria due to the technical expertise of the Ducks Unlimited scientific staff in the development and delivery of research and evaluation activities related to migratory birds, especially waterfowl, in the Northern Great Plains. The co-location of the Ducks Unlimited Great Plains Regional Office in Bismarck, ND, with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat and Population Evaluation Team provides a unique opportunity to collaborate on research and evaluation issues that affect the delivery of conservation programs important to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the Prairie Pothole Region.

The Fish and Wildlife Service will work closely with Ducks Unlimited to design field research that address migratory bird conservation in the project area. Additionally, the Fish and Wildlife Service will be involved in hiring field technicians, provide access to Refuge System lands, and facilities, logistical support and equipment to conduct field work, safety, vehicle, and ATV training, and lodging for field technicians. The Fish and Wildlife Service will also assist in actively collecting field data and in the analysis and reporting of the project results.

II. Award Information

This award is designed to facilitate collaborative research with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on issues important to the conservation and management of migratory birds in the Northern Great Plains and Prairie Pothole Region of the United States.

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$500,000 USD per Year

Expected Number of Awards: 5

Award Ceiling: \$150,000

Award Floor: \$5,000 USD

This program uses cooperative agreements as the primary assistance instrument.

III. Basic Eligibility Requirements

Cost Sharing or Matching: No cost sharing or matching is required by the applicant.

IV. Agency Contacts

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