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Notice of Intent (NOI) to Award to a Single Source without Competition

Instructions: Use this form to document the determination of a single source financial assistance award. Refer to the **Issuing a New Financial Assistance Award Guidance** found at <https://inside.fws.gov/go/post/FAPO-NewAwards>. Once completed, the program office must maintain the form in the official award file.

Recipient Name:	Friends of Maine's Seabird Islands
Project Title:	Seabird Restoration and Monitoring on Petit Manan Island, Metinic I., Ship I., and E. Brothers I
Service Contact Name:	Beth Goettel

Single Source Determination - select all that apply:

☐	(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 the award will fund 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 already funded 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 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 - 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 Friends of Maine's Seabird Islands is a non-profit group whose mission is to support the refuge. Every year the refuge places people on a number of islands to protect and monitor a seabird nesting colonies. We need assistance to carry out this very important work this year.

We routinely work closely with the Friends, who have an office and part-time staff co-located in our headquarters, allowing us to communicate with them easily and often. They have an excellent understanding of the seabird work, having assisted us with much of the work on islands via volunteering in past years. They are able to quickly and efficiently find and deploy qualified staff and volunteers to do the tasks we require, and will not charge overhead, which means we can afford to get the work done.