RECLAMATION
Managing Water in the West

U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Reclamation

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

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

ABSTRACT	
Funding Announcement	BOR-GP-17-N007
Project Title	Three Lakes Peer Review – Portland State University
Recipient	Portland State University
Principal Investigator / Program Manager	Scott Wells
Anticipated Federal Amount	$99,024.00
Anticipated Non-Federal Amount	$0.00
New Award or Continuation?	New
Anticipated Period of Performance	8/1/2017 to 7/30/2018
Award Instrument	Grant
Statutory Authority	PL 111-11, Section 9509
CFDA # and Title	15.560 SECURE Water Act – Research Agreements
Single Source Justification Criteria Cited	(4) Unique Qualifications
Reclamation Point of Contact	Hallie Groff

OVERVIEW

The United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), Great Plains Region, East Colorado Area Office is seeking an external peer review of water quality and hydrologic models for the Three Lakes system located in Grand County, Colorado. The lake and reservoir system is composed of Grand Lake, Shadow Mountain Reservoir, and Granby Reservoir.

RECIPIENT INVOLVEMENT

The project will involve forming two peer review panels that will assess the in-stream Three Lakes system model (CE-QUAL-W2) and the RiverWare hydrology model. The results from these panels will be summarized in a final report documenting the process, the conclusions, and recommendations for improving the tools used for managing the system.

RECLAMATION INVOLVEMENT

No substantial involvement on the part of Reclamation is anticipated for the successful completion of the objectives to be funded by this award. It is anticipated that Reclamation's involvement will consist of standard federal stewardship responsibilities such as monitoring project performance, technical assistance at the request of the recipient, etc.

SINGLE-SOURCE JUSTIFICATION

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
SINGLE SOURCE POLICY REQUIREMENTS

Department of the Interior Policy (505 DM 2) requires a written justification which explains why competition is not practicable for each single-source award. The justification must address one or more of the following criteria as well as discussion of the program legislative history, unique capabilities of the proposed recipient, and cost-sharing contribution offered by the proposed recipient, as applicable.

In order for an assistance award to be made without competition, the award must satisfy one or more of the following criteria:

(1) Unsolicited Proposal – The proposed award is the result of an unsolicited assistance application which represents a unique or innovative idea, method, or approach which is not the subject of a current or planned contract or assistance award, but which is deemed advantageous to the program objectives;

(2) Continuation – The activity to be funded is necessary to the satisfactory completion of, or is a continuation of an activity presently being funded, and for which competition would have a significant adverse effect on the continuity or completion of the activity;

(3) Legislative intent – The language in the applicable authorizing legislation or legislative history clearly indicates Congress' intent to restrict the award to a particular recipient of 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 – Program/award where there is insufficient time available (due to a compelling and unusual urgency, or substantial danger to health or safety) for adequate competitive procedures to be followed.

Reclamation did not solicit full and open competition for this award based the following criteria:

(4) UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS

Single Source Justification Description:

Scott Wells is the technical expert and developer of the model being reviewed. He has unique qualifications to lead this review due to his role in the continual development of the CE-QUAL-W2 model**.**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY
123 STAT. 1346 PUBLIC LAW 111–11—MAR. 30, 2009

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.