

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Determination for Issuing a Single Source Financial Assistance Award

Instructions: In accordance with Service policy 516 FW 6, *Issuing Discretionary Grant and Cooperative Agreement Awards without Competition*, complete this form to document the justification for issuing a single source grant or cooperative agreement award. This form must be signed by both a program representative and the employee with signature authority for the award to be issued (see 516 FW 3, *Signature Authority for Grant and Cooperative Agreement Awards*). The completed and signed form must be maintained in the official award file.

Recipient Name: Dudek
Project Title: Casey's June Beetle Dietary and Subsoil Use Project
Program Contact: Chris Gregory

Select all criteria that apply (from 505 DM 2):

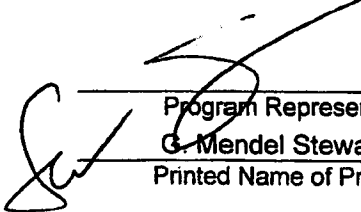
☐	(1) Unsolicited Proposal: The proposed award is the result of an unsolicited application that represents a unique or innovative idea, method, or approach that is not the subject of a current or planned award, but is found to be advantageous to program objectives.
☐	(2) Continuation: The activity to be funded 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 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 on 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:

Casey's June beetle (CJB) was federally listed as endangered and critical habitat was designated in 2011. However, little is known about CJB and recovery actions are being planned without suitable baseline information. This project will investigate optimal soil conditions, assess dietary needs, determine life span, conduct genetic testing, and test a telemetry project. Dudek is uniquely qualified to perform this project because they maintain an office in Palm Desert (CJB habitat) and has federally permitted biologists that will provide state-of-the-art field and GIS equipment and subsidized labor for this project. In addition, we are already working with Dudek on a project (F15AC00043) that is measuring environmental influences on distribution and abundance of CJB. Dudek has the local presence, the resources, the skills, and the experience to perform at a research-grade level over the lifetime of this project. This project is contingent upon the availability of funds.

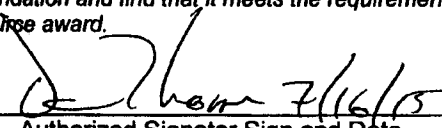
I have determined that this project meets the requirements for a single source award and recommend that it be awarded to the recipient named above.

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Program Representative Sign and Date
G. Mendel Stewart, Field Supervisor
Printed Name of Program Representative

I, as the Service employee with signature authority for this award under 516 FW 3, have reviewed this program recommendation and find that it meets the requirements for a single source award.



Authorized Signator Sign and Date
Darrin Thome, Deputy ARD, ES, Region 8
Printed Name of Signator