

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
Notice of Intent to Award to a Single Source without Competition (NOI)

Per 505 DM 2, Section 2.14, a single source award is a financial assistance award specifically directed to a known recipient that is statutorily designated or determined to be an appropriate partner based on demonstrable criteria, such as unique expertise or capacity. Decisions to award funds to a single source without engaging in competition must withstand scrutiny, should protect the public interest, and should comport with management priorities, objectives and statutory requirements. **Programs must use this NOI template to document justification for issuing funds in any amount to a single source without competition.** The completed NOI template must be included in the official award file maintained by the program office. When issuing funds of \$25,000 or more to a single source a Grants.gov funding opportunity posting, including a synopsis and a complete application package, is required. The completed NOI template must be scanned and uploaded as an attachment to the Grants.gov funding opportunity synopsis.

Recipient:	Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission
Project Title:	American River Rotary Screw Trap Project
Award Amount:	\$491,577.00
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Single Source Justification (as per 505 DM 2.14) - select the applicable justification(s):

☒	(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 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 - 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.

Explain below why competition for this award is not practicable. Include a discussion of the program legislative history, unique capabilities of the proposed recipient, and any cost-sharing contribution offered by the proposed recipient, as applicable. Be brief and specific:

Staff from the Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office (SFWO) propose that a cooperative agreement to conduct the American River Rotary Screw Trap Project be awarded without competition to the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC). The cost for conducting that project in year 1 of a five-year cooperative agreement is \$91,577, and the subsequent annual costs for conducting that project in years 2 through 4 of the cooperative agreement is approximately \$100,000. The total cost associated with the cooperative agreement is therefore ~ \$491,577.

In June 2011, the SFWO conducted a competitive bid process to award a contract to conduct a rotary screw trap (RST) project on the Stanislaus River. The RST project on the American River and Stanislaus River are identical in nature and scope. Three companies submitted bids in relation to the Stanislaus River RST project, and those bids were \$174,173, \$135,000, and \$150,000. In March 2012, the Stockton Fish and Wildlife Office conducted a competitive bid process to award work to conduct monitoring activities on the American River. Only one company submitted a proposal to do that work, that company provided a bid to conduct a RST project on the American River, and that bid was \$262,774.

Because two independent bid solicitation processes have already been conducted within the past two years to conduct a RST project that involves the type of work on the American River, and those four bids were \$35,000 - \$171,197 more than what the PSMFC would charge for conducting the work. The SFWO therefore proposes awarding a noncompetitive award to the PSMFC to conduct the American River RST project. Such an award would provide substantial cost savings to the government over the life of the cooperative agreement, i.e., at least \$175,000. Awarding a noncompetitive award to the PSMFC would also provide a cost savings by eliminating the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service administrative staff time that would be required to develop and conduct a new bid solicitation process for the American River RST project.

The PSMFC is qualified to conduct the American River RST project. And, that organization was developed, in part, to support and collaborate on monitoring projects conducted by state and federal agencies managing areas along the west coast of the United States.