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-LC-17-N012
Project Title	Santa Rosa Erosion Mitigation & Habitat Restoration
Recipient	Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians
Principal Investigator / Program Manager	Ryan Macintosh
Anticipated Federal Amount	$49,812.00
Anticipated Non-Federal Amount	$0.00
New Award or Continuation?	New Award
Anticipated Period of Performance	September 30 2017 – September 30, 2019
Award Instrument	Cooperative Agreement
Statutory Authority	Pub. L. 108–7, div. D, title II, §201, Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 144
CFDA # and Title	15.519
Single Source Justification Criteria Cited	(4) Unique Qualifications
Reclamation Point of Contact	Diana Blake

OVERVIEW

The Santa Rosa Indian Reservation (Reservation) spans over approximately 11,021 acres of federal trust lands within Riverside County, California. The Reservation is under the jurisdiction of the Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians (Recipient). A majority of the rural land is undistributed and covered in natural vegetation. The Reservation is situated at the headwaters of the drainage basins of the Santa Ana River Basin and the Colorado River Basin.

In 2015, the Palm Canyon Dam was restored, creating a reservoir to capture water from the Palm Canyon Creek. The Palm Canyon Dam Reservoir (Reservoir) serves as a benefit to the ecosystem and the community. The primary focus of this project is to mitigate erosion and sediment issues and to restore habitat surrounding the Reservoir.

This project will include the removal of invasive plant materials, planting of native trees, and addressing erosion and sediment issues. These efforts will improve the overall habitat which will benefit the wildlife, recreational, aesthetic and ecological values of the area. Restoration efforts will also provide the Santa Rosa people an area near water for cultural activities, similarly to that of their ancestors.

RECIPIENT INVOLVEMENT

The following tasks are to be completed by the Recipient:

- Collecting water samples from the Reservoir and having them tested for a variety of parameters before the project begins.
- Collecting water samples to be tested after the project completion.
- Removal of existing invasive plants and weeds at the project site.
- Planting of the oak and elderberry trees at project site.
- Wattle 1,895 feet along the slopes surrounding the Reservoir.

RECLAMATION INVOLVEMENT

Reclamation will draft a Scope of Work and complete the soil survey/analysis for the Recipient.

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:

The project is on the Reservoir, which is located on the Santa Rosa Indian Reservation. The Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians has jurisdiction over the Santa Rosa Indian Reservation.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The authority for the Bureau of Reclamation to enter into this Agreement is included in Division D, title II, Sec. 201 of P.L. 108-7, Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 144.) (43 USC Sec. 373d). The following section, provided in full text:

SEC. 201. In order to increase opportunities for Indian tribes to develop, manage, and protect their water resources, in fiscal year 2003 and thereafter, the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, is authorized to enter into grants and cooperative agreements with any Indian tribe, institution of higher education, national Indian organization, or tribal organization pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 6301–6308. Nothing in this Act is intended to modify or limit the provisions of the Indian Self Determination Act (25 U.S.C. 45 et seq.).