

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

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

OPPORTUNITY NUMBER	BOR-LC-20-N005
PROJECT TITLE	Tribal Irrigation Water Systems – Technical & Engineering Review
RECIPIENT	La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians (La Jolla)
ANTICIPATED FEDERAL AMOUNT	114,605.00
STATUTORY AUTHORITY	Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003, Division D - Energy and Water Development Appropriations, Title II, Sec. 201, P. L. 108-7 (43 USC Sec. 373d)
CFDA NUMBER	15.519 Indian Tribal Water Resources Development, Management, and Protection
RECLAMATION POINT OF CONTACT	Nathalie Washington, Phone: 702-293-8436; email: nwashington@usbr.gov
SUMMARY OF PROJECT ACTIVITIES	<u>Complete “on the ground” research and fact-checking to determine the location and condition of existing irrigation system infrastructure.</u> • Determine the functionality of pipelines, gate valves, air vacs, blow off valves, etc. • Conduct records research and pot-holing of existing irrigation infrastructure, to identify infrastructure equipment and to confirm condition. • Use hand-held GPS equipment to collect and accurately record irrigation system data. Data includes recording location elevations and coordinates for irrigation pipelines, water tanks, gate valves, clean-outs, air-vacs, stream intakes, groundwater wells and other relevant items. • Review the draft Reclamation report and submit comments. • Use the Final Reclamation Report to guide future expansion of the irrigation systems. <u>Perform an Irrigable Lands Assessment (ILA) of the Reservation.</u> • Study and assess tribal lands to determine suitable areas for growing marketable crops such as vineyards, avocados, fruit and nut orchards, and other useful plants. • Evaluate soil types, water availability (average annual rainfall and access to irrigation system water), and land-slope analysis. • Compare this information with currently marketable crops, to determine the feasibility of growing specific types of crops in specific parts of the Reservation. • Develop an ILA report to guide future expansion of agricultural enterprises on the Reservation.
SELECTION JUSTIFICATION	<i>Reclamation did not solicit full and open competition for this award based on the following criteria:</i> The La Jolla is uniquely qualified to complete this project as all tasks are for the improvement and expansion of the La Jolla irrigation systems within the Reservation boundaries with limited and controlled access to tribal lands.