

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Great Plains Fire Zone**

Prescribed Fire Training Exchange
Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 15.674

Notice of Funding Availability and Application Instructions

I. Single Source Information

This is a Notice of Intent to award a Single Source Cooperative agreement to The Nature Conservancy for the purpose of a Prescribed Fire Training Exchange, in order to combine two successful capacity building programs, providing fire training and increasing the pool of skilled fire-fighters available to both programs

The tasks to be performed under this agreement are as follows: The USFWS and TNC will collaborate on two training events in the spring of 2015; the first training occurring in March and the second in May. The March training will be hosted at TNC's Niobrara Valley Preserve but will include controlled burns on both USFWS and TNC lands in the area. The second training will be hosted at USFWS stations within the USFWS Great Plains Zone and will include controlled burns on multiple agency lands.

This Single Source Award is being awarded in accordance with Department of the Interior Policy 505 DM 2.14 B (1) Unsolicited Proposal and (4) Unique Qualifications, which allows for award without competition to an applicant. This recipient and project meet this criteria due to the shared knowledge both parties have, equipment, training materials, and similar project missions.

II. Award Information

Type of assistance instrument: cooperative agreements

Substantial involvement by the Service will be in the form of:

- Provide Type 6 engine support to both training events
- Support logistics during the March TREX
- Provide supplies during the March training
- Provide logistics for May training
- Participate in planning calls and serve on incident management team

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$40,260

Expected Number of Awards: -one-

Award Ceiling: \$

Award Floor: \$

III. Basic Eligibility Requirements

Cost sharing &/or Matching by The Nature Conservancy will be in the form of:

- Provide coordination and incident management for trainings
- Provide housing for participants at March training

- Contract with caterer and lodging for March and May training
- Develop and distribute training announcements
- Collect applications and work with USFWS and TNC staff to select participants
- Organize planning calls, document decisions and develop training agenda
- Build incident management team using staff from TNC, USFWS and other organizations

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