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: The National Audubon Society, Inc.

Project Title: Forestry Evaluation and Prescription for the Benefit of Migratory Birds

Program Contact: Timothy Yager (507) 494-6219, timothy_yager@fws.gov

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:

The National Audubon Society (Audubon Minnesota) approached the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge (Refuge) with a proposal to cost-share a forestry position that would provide forestry expertise and project oversight both on and off Refuge. The Refuge manages 66,000 acres of forested lands but does not have a forester on staff. Audubon is committed to a cost-share for the project in the amount of $33,446 for the first year period. FWS will commit $42,018 for the first period.

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.

Sabrina Chandler 5/24/18

Program Representative Sign and Date

for Tim Yager, Deputy Refuge Manager

Printed Name of Program Representative

Sabrina Chandler
Refuge Supervisor

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.

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Authorized Signator Sign and Date

Printed Name of Signator