

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-MP-16-N025
Project Title	Indian Ditch Pre-Construction Work and Diversion Gate
Recipient	Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
Principal Investigator / Program Manager	Donna Noel, Natural Resources Director
Anticipated Federal Amount	\$496,031.00
Anticipated Non-Federal Amount	\$0.00
New Award or Continuation?	New Award
Anticipated Period of Performance	August 1, 2016 thru September 30, 2019
Award Instrument	Grant Agreement
Statutory Authority	Public Law 108-7, Division D-Energy and Water Development Appropriations, 2003, Title II - General Provisions, Department of the Interior, Section 201
CFDA # and Title	15.519 - Indian Tribal Water Resources Development, Management, and Protection
Single Source Justification Criteria Cited	(4) Unique Qualifications
Reclamation Point of Contact	Crystal Oliver / Caryn Hunt DeCarlo

OVERVIEW

The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe's Reservation (Reservation) is located thirty-five miles northeast of Reno, Nevada in a remote desert area located in the counties of Washoe, Lyon, and Storey. The area of the Reservation contains 475,000 acres or 742.2 square miles, of which 112,000 acres cover the surface of Pyramid Lake, a desert terminal lake. The Truckee River originates at Lake Tahoe, traveling 31 miles within the Reservation and terminating at Pyramid Lake.

On the Reservation, the water in Indian Ditch is used by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (PLPT) for irrigation of agricultural fields in the Nixon area, which is currently antiquated and past the estimated design life. The Indian Ditch Project focus is on the rehabilitation of the distribution system to improve delivery efficiency and reduce diversions. This includes the removal of the stumps and root systems of 250 large cottonwood trees whose roots have extended below the ditch.

In addition, the gate valve and return pipe to the river is old and continuously leaks into the upper ditch throughout the year, where the water remains year around, due to the pipe corroding and collapsing in the middle. This project will allow improvements that return the water to the river in the case of over-diversion while the head gate is being adjusted for the proper irrigation flow rate.

RECIPIENT INVOLVEMENT

PLPT will conduct active measures to protect water resources by decreasing irrigation diversions from the Truckee River to the Indian Ditch through infrastructure improvement, which provides water to agricultural lands on the Pyramid Lake reservation.

The objectives will:

- Reduce seepage by removing the large tree stumps and roots from the Indian Ditch System along the canals and prepare for new lining.
- Reduce diversion and seepage from Truckee River by patching the canal concrete.
- Replace leaking gate valve and corroded return pipe by slip-lining two pipes in the steepest area of the diversion.

RECLAMATION INVOLVEMENT

No substantial involvement on the part of Reclamation is anticipated for the successful completion of the objectives to be funded by this award. It is anticipated that Reclamation's involvement will consist of standard federal stewardship responsibilities such as monitoring project performance, and technical assistance at the request of 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 Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (PLPT) water resource technicians are uniquely qualified to perform these tasks based on years of technical experience of operating, maintaining and

overseeing contractors performing these specific tasks in the Indian Ditch Irrigation System. The location of the gate valve leakage and seepage of tree stump and root removal is in the Nixon irrigation areas along the lower Truckee River which are situated within the boundaries of the PLPT reservation property. For these demonstrable reasons, the PLPT is uniquely qualified to perform the proposed grant activities on their reservation.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

Public Law 108-7, Division D, Energy and Water Development Appropriations, 2003, Title II Section 201

GENERAL PROVISIONS

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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.).