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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: Missouri Department of Conservation

Project Title: Cooper

Program Contact: Donovan Henry

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 Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) Big Rivers and Wetlands Field Station (BRWFS) has been providing exceptional fish and habitat data for the Middle Mississippi River to help program Pallid Sturgeon and channel maintenance actions for decades. BRWFS staff have published manuscripts that included in books for sampling (e.g. Paddlefish Management, Propagation, and Conservation for the 21st Century; Standard Methods for Sampling North American Freshwater Fishes) and have developed sampling gear (i.e. Mini-Missouri Trawl) designed to capture our target fishes. MDC is also the congnizant agency responsible for fish and wildlife management actions along their border, and as such are a necessary partner to enact change. BRWFS staff have over 20 years of sampling experience and annual data for all life stages of Pallid Sturgeon, as well as Sturgeon Chub and Sicklefin Chub which are new priorities for river management.

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.

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Program Representative Sign and Date

Donovan Henry

Printed Name of Program Representative

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

Daniel D. Lovdahl

Printed Name of Signator