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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-GP-17-N001
Project Title	Inadvertent Discoveries and Site Visits
Recipient	Wichita State University
Principal Investigator / Program Manager	Peer Moore-Jensen, Ph.D.
Anticipated Federal Amount	$46,222.00
Anticipated Non-Federal Amount	$0.00
New Award or Continuation?	New
Anticipated Period of Performance	5 Years
Award Instrument	Cooperative Agreement
Statutory Authority	Historical Sites Act of 1935
CFDA # and Title	15.511 Cultural Resources Management
Single Source Justification Criteria Cited	(4) Unique Qualifications
Reclamation Point of Contact	Jerry Fink

OVERVIEW

The purpose of this agreement is to provide for the recipient to curate Reclamation collections and perform site visits. Reclamation will obligate funds when the need arises.

RECIPIENT INVOLVEMENT

The recipient will provide qualified staff and equipment for curation of collections, and for emergency recovery fieldwork and research on potential locations of archaeological materials and human remains which are exposed by low water or subsequently by erosion, vandalism, or other means on Reclamation lands. The recipient shall adhere to Federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and codes, as applicable, and shall obtain all required approvals and permits.

As stated in 36 CFR 79.10d (1), in accordance with section 9 of the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 470hh) and section 304 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470 w-3), the recipient shall restrict access to associated records that contain information relating to the nature, location, or character of a prehistoric or historic resource, unless the recipient determines that such disclosure would not create a risk of harm, theft, or destruction to the resource or to the area or place where the resource is located or disclosure is not otherwise required by law (36 CFR 79.10d (1)). A final technical report on work performed and information recovered shall be required after completion of the project.

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Substantial involvement on the part Reclamation is anticipated for the successful completion of the objectives to be funded by this award. In particular, Reclamation will be responsible for the following:

Reclamation archaeologists will be present and assist with field recoveries. Should any human remains encountered be determined to be of Native American origin, the responsibility to consult and repatriate human remains and any funerary objects shall remain with Reclamation. Reclamation will conduct all notification, consultation, and other activities required by the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), for human remains, sacred objects, and other items covered under the act, including the documentation of any necessary consultations or permissions.

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 recipient will provide qualified staff and supplies for the excavation of inadvertent discoveries, controlled laboratory inventory, analysis, and research on archeological materials and human remains which are 1) unexpectedly exposed by erosion, vandalism, or other means on Reclamation Lands, or 2) maintained in existing Reclamation curation facilities and requiring assessment. The location of the recipient in proximity to the location for inadvertent discoveries is necessary due to timeliness.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The Historic Sites Act of 1935 (16 U.S.C. 461), section 4 (a) states:

"The Secretary, in administering this Act, is authorized to cooperate with and may seek and accept the assistance of any Federal, State, or municipal department or agency, or any educational or scientific institution, or any patriotic association, or an individual."