

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
Notice of Intent to Award to a Single Source without Competition (NOI)

Per 505 DM 2, Section 2.14, a single source award is a financial assistance award specifically directed to a known recipient that is statutorily designated or determined to be an appropriate partner based on demonstrable criteria, such as unique expertise or capacity. Decisions to award funds to a single source without engaging in competition must withstand scrutiny, should protect the public interest, and should comport with management priorities, objectives and statutory requirements. **Programs must use this NOI template to document justification for issuing funds in any amount to a single source without competition.** The completed NOI template must be included in the official award file maintained by the program office. When issuing funds of \$25,000 or more to a single source a Grants.gov funding opportunity posting, including a synopsis and a complete application package, is required. The completed NOI template must be scanned and uploaded as an attachment to the Grants.gov funding opportunity synopsis.

Recipient:	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)*
Project Title:	SARC - APC Breeding Facility
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Single Source Justification (as per 505 DM 2.14) - select the applicable justification(s):

☐	(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 award to a particular recipient or 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.

Explain below why competition for this award is not practicable. Include a discussion of the program legislative history, unique capabilities of the proposed recipient, and any cost-sharing contribution offered by the proposed recipient, as applicable. Be brief and specific:

The Attwater's prairie chicken (APC) is a critically endangered grouse found in the coastal prairies of Texas. Currently, less than 50 birds exist at three locations in the wild. Efforts to propagate and release APCs into the wild have been ongoing since 1992 and 1996, respectively. In an effort to attain the goals established in the APC Recovery Plan (2010), captive breeding efforts need to be increased through the establishment of an additional dedicated facility. NFWF identified the APC as a Keystone species in 2007. NFWF was and still is instrumental in rallying support for this imperiled species, bringing partners and organizations together to establish a new, state-of-the-art, dedicated breeding facility for the APC. It is expected that cost-sharing contributions by NFWF and other partners will provide the necessary funding to complete and operate this new breeding facility and carry out other APC recovery activities. It has taken more than 5 years to reach this level of support. Awarding these funds to any other organization would delay the recovery of the APC while the new organization "gets up to speed" with the APC recovery program. Unfortunately, the species is running out of time.