

The Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region, intends to award a sole-source grant agreement to the State of California Department of Fish and Game, under the authority of CFDA 15.517, Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, Public Law 85-624, 16 U.S.C. 661 et seq., as amended; as limited and delegated by the Secretary of the Interior delegation of authority to the Bureau of Reclamation at 255 DM 14 and Public Law 108-361, Bay Delta Program Section 103(d) Description of Activities Under Applicable Law,(1) (2) Conveyance (D) Program to meet standards, on the following program: Stanislaus River Fisheries Study. The purpose of the project will: 1) providing appropriate Stanislaus River instream flows as needed to maintain or enhance the fishery resources during an interim period in which habitat requirements are better defined, and 2) completing studies of Chinook salmon fisheries of the Stanislaus River. A seven-year study program was developed jointly by Reclamation, DGF, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) which included seven study elements, a schedule, estimated budget, along with the recognition that completion of the studies was contingent upon approval of the participating agencies respective budgets. The seven study elements described in the 1987 Agreement are:

- 1) Evaluate instream flow requirements
- 2) Evaluate distribution and growth of juvenile salmon
- 3) Define timing and magnitude of downstream migration
- 4) Determine annual spawning escapements
- 5) Evaluate spawning habitat suitability and improvement needs
- 6) Temperature stations and modeling
- 7) Coordinate and integrate studies

Estimate amount: \$220,426.00. A Determination by the Government not to compete this proposed financial assistance based upon Departmental Manual 505 DM2 paragraph 2.14(B)(4) is solely within the discretion of the Government. This notice of intent is NOT a request for competitive proposals. Questions concerning this announcement should be directed to Beverly S. Breen/Grants Management Specialist, by e-mail at bbreen@usbr.gov.