

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR – NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NPS P14AS00079 SINGLE SOURCE AWARD NOTICE OF INTENT

- I. **Funding Opportunity Description-** The U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, North Cascades National Park, intends to make a single source award to the Institute for Bird Populations, P.O. Box 1346, Point Reyes Station, California, 94956. This is a noncompetitive award in accordance with Department of Interior Policy, Departmental Manual 505DM2 based upon Unique Qualifications. IBP is uniquely qualified to perform the activity based upon demonstrated factors, specifically, location, technical expertise, and other unique qualifications as outlined in this document. The National Park Service, North Cascades National Park, intends to award a Task Agreement (TA) to provide for avian studies based upon this announcement. Presently, a five year Cooperative Agreement is in place for avian monitoring and related services, this TA is to fund the following:

IBP will serve as Principal Investigator for all of the objectives identified in the Task Agreement leading to the completion of an avian monitoring program in the NCCN (2014 – Year 8). Conduct monitoring surveys (point counts) at MORA, NOCA, OLYM (annual panel and second of 5 rotating panels, a total of 68 transects) and at LEWI (approximately 60 points) as described in the protocol and SOP's. Collaborate with NPS on all aspects of implementation of the NCCN Landbird Monitoring Protocol and SOPs and other work as described in this Funding Announcement. The value of this Task Agreement is \$87,000.

This funding announcement is not a request for applications. This announcement is to provide public notice of the National Park Service, intention to fund the following project activities without full and open competition.

NPS, working with government agencies, universities, and private not-for-profit organizations, has designed a process and developed protocols for monitoring long-term ecological integrity of national park ecosystems in the North Coast and Cascades Network (NCCN) of national parks of the Pacific Northwest. The NCCN consists of three large natural area parks (Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks) and four smaller cultural and historical parks (Ebey's Landing, Fort Vancouver, Lewis and Clark, and San Juan Island) in western Washington and Oregon. Breeding populations of landbirds have been identified as an important indicator of changes in ecological condition of these park units, and have been selected for long-term monitoring.

The Institute of Bird Populations (IBP) has a lengthy history of working with the National Park Service to inventory avifauna in park units throughout the country. In 2000, the Institute began working directly with NCCN parks, first, by working with North Cascades National Park to summarize recommendations of an expert panel for developing a spatially extensive inventory and monitoring program in North Cascades National Park (Siegel and Kuntz, 2000). Subsequently, the NCCN adapted those recommendations and established a cooperative agreement with the Institute to conduct large-scale avian inventories in North Cascades, Olympic, Mount Rainier, and San Juan Islands. The Institute completed fieldwork

for these avian inventories in 2004 (Siegel et al. 2002, 2004a, 2004b, 2005a, 2005b). Consequently, the Institute has become the leading expert in conducting avian inventories and monitoring programs in national parks of the NCCN.

In October 2003, the Institute entered into a 3-year cooperative agreement with US Geological Survey to help the NCCN develop a Landbird Monitoring Plan that included a peer-reviewed monitoring protocol and a manual of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). A draft protocol and SOPs were written and peer-reviewed in summer/fall of 2006. Implementing this protocol enabled NCCN parks to track and understand how avian communities and their habitats respond to natural processes, to distinguish differences between human-induced disturbance effects and those caused by natural processes, to provide early detection of environmental impairment, and to provide park managers with comprehensive, scientifically-based information about the nature and status of selected biological resources occurring within park boundaries in a form that increases its accessibility and utility for making management decisions, for scientific research, and for educating the public.

This Task Agreement between NPS and the Institute is entered into for the purpose of:

1. IBP to serve as Principal Investigator for all of the objectives identified in this agreement leading to the completion of an avian monitoring program in the NCCN (2014-Year 8).
2. Conduct monitoring surveys (point counts) at MORA, NOCA, OLYM (annual panel and second of 5 rotating panels, a total of 68 transects) and at LEWI (approximately 60 points) as described in the protocol and SOPs. Collaborate with NPS on all aspects of implementation of the NCCN Landbird Monitoring Protocol and SOPs.
3. Supervise field operations and data management in the implementation of monitoring protocols.
4. Prepare and deliver reports, presentations, and technical papers as listed below under deliverables with assistance from NPS lead.

The IBP will deliver the following products:

- A. Project planning.
- B. Hire personnel, buy equip, etc.
- C. Revise protocol, SOPs, and database, as necessary.
- D. Conduct training of field staff.
- E. Conduct field surveys.
- F. Data entry.
- G. Conduct data verification.
- H. Conduct data analysis.

II. **Award Information-** the U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, North Cascades National Park, intends to make a single source award to Institute for Bird Populations, P.O. Box 1346, Point Reyes Station, California, 94956. This is a noncompetitive award in accordance with Department of Interior Policy, Departmental Manual 505DM2.

III. **Eligibility Information-** the U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, North Cascades National Park, intends to make a single source award to Institute for Bird Populations, P.O. Box 1346, Point Reyes Station, California, 94956. This is a noncompetitive award in accordance with Department of Interior Policy, Departmental Manual 505DM2. IBP is classified as a nonprofit with 501 (C) (3) IRS status.

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IV. **Application and Submission Information-** This funding announcement is not a request for applications. This announcement is to provide public notice of the National Park Service, intention to fund the following project activities without full and open competition.

V. **Application Review Information-** the U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, North Cascades National Park, intends to make a single source award to Institute for Bird Populations, P.O. Box 1346, Point Reyes Station, California, 94956. This is a noncompetitive award in accordance with Department of Interior Policy, Departmental Manual 505DM2.

VI. **Award Administration Information-** the U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, North Cascades National Park, intends to make a single source award to Institute for Bird Populations, P.O. Box 1346, Point Reyes Station, California, 94956. This is a noncompetitive award in accordance with Department of Interior Policy, Departmental Manual 505DM2.

VII. **Agency Contact(s)-** Point of contact for inquiries related to this opportunity. Barry Fetzer, Supervisory Contract Specialist, North Cascades National Park, 810 State Route 20, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284 or via e-mail at Barry_fetzer@nps.gov