

Ecological Services Program
Fiscal Year 2015 Recovery Implementation Fund

Notice of Availability of Federal Assistance

Program Overview Information

Federal Agency Name: Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service,
Ecological Services Program

Funding Opportunity Title: Fiscal Year 2015 Endangered Species Recovery
Implementation

Announcement Type: Notice of discretionary funding

Funding Opportunity
Number: F15AS00038

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 15.657 - - Endangered
Species – Recovery Implementation

Dates: Applications are due by July 31, 2015. However, you may submit applications throughout the year. Consideration of applications ultimately will be based on the FWS budget cycle. We encourage partners (especially existing partners who already have a working relationship with local FWS Field Offices) to talk to their Regional Recovery Coordinator as soon as possible regarding possible project ideas, application processes, and submittal timeframes. A list of FWS Regional Recovery Coordinators is provided below under section VII. Agency Contacts.

Additional Information:

This document describes how you can apply for funding under the Recovery Implementation funding notice and how we will determine which project proposals will be funded. Please read each of the following sections carefully. Each section contains important information regarding the Recovery Implementation discretionary funding program.

- I. Funding Opportunity Description;
- II. Award Information;
- III. Eligibility Information;
- IV. Application and Submission Information;
- V. Application Review Information;

- VI. Award Administration Information;
- VII. Agency Contacts; and
- VIII. Other Information

I. Funding Opportunity Description

The purpose of the Endangered Species Act is to provide a means by which the ecosystems upon which endangered and threatened species depend may be conserved, to provide a program for the conservation of these species, and to take appropriate steps to achieve the purposes of treaties and conventions set forth in the law.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Ecological Services Program provides Federal financial assistance on a competitive basis to states, other Federal agencies, landowners, educators, non-profit organizations, researchers and other potential partners to secure information about endangered, threatened or candidate species, to aid in the recovery of these species, to avert listing of species pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, and to help conserve the ecosystems upon which these species depend.

Both the FWS and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), which is part of the Department of Commerce's NOAA Fisheries office, are responsible for implementing the Endangered Species Act. The FWS is primarily responsible for managing terrestrial and freshwater species, while the NMFS is primarily responsible for managing oceanic species, including most marine mammals. We also share responsibilities for several species such as sea turtles. For example, we have responsibility for sea turtles when they are on land, and NMFS has responsibility for sea turtles when they are in the water.

The overall goal of this Recovery Implementation funding opportunity is based on cooperative relationships with states, non-profit organizations, private landowners and those interested in habitat restoration or undertaking endangered and threatened species research, surveys and monitoring, or educational outreach efforts. Work may be done via cooperative agreement, grant agreement, project grants, or direct payment for specified use.

This opportunity provides funds to accomplish high priority recovery tasks for high priority, FWS-managed, endangered and threatened species in the United States (based on our Species Recovery Priority System and Recovery Task Priority System), such that known threats to the species may be reduced or eliminated. Projects for NMFS-managed species are not included in this funding opportunity.

This opportunity is limited to projects carrying out actions described in a species' approved recovery plan, in the implementation schedule of a species' approved recovery plan, actions recommended in a completed 5-year status review of the species or in a spotlight species action plan, or projects documenting species' response to climate change. For example: securing scientific information about endangered or threatened species and their habitat, implementing restoration actions that will lead to delisting of a

species, help prevent extinction of a species, or aid in the recovery of a species. Projects that address species response to climate change will receive additional consideration.

Copies of species' approved recovery plans and implementation schedules for approved recovery plans, as well as completed 5-year status reviews and completed spotlight species action plans, are available on the Ecological Services Program's website . Go to our Species Information website at <http://www.fws.gov/endangered>. Enter a species name in the blue regulatory profile query box at the top of the page, and then hit the Submit button. If you enter a general name like the word "trout," then a list of species names containing the word "trout" will appear. Click on the scientific name of the desired species to see the regulatory profile for that species.

Once you're in the species' profile, look under Lead Region to find the FWS Regional Office with lead for the species. If NMFS is lead for the species, then the Lead Region will be "National Marine Fisheries Service, Region 11." Projects for NMFS-managed species are not included in this funding opportunity.

Next, scroll down to the Recovery section of the profile. Look under the Current Recovery Plans(s) heading to see if the species has a recovery plan (most species do). There are separate web links for the recovery plan and the plan's implementation schedule. Click on the title of the recovery plan title to see the recovery plan document. Click on View Implementation Progress to see the tasks under the recovery plan's implementation schedule and the party responsible for implementing each task. You can search a recovery plan's implementation schedule to find specific tasks and responsible parties. To access this search feature, click on the Recovery Plan Information Search link located at the top of the Recovery section. Then search by the desired task(s) and /or responsible party(ies). If a species has a completed 5-year status review, it will be posted in the Recovery section under the 5-Year Review heading. Click on the title of the 5-year status review to see the 5-year status review document. If a species has a spotlight species action plan, it will be posted under the Action Plans section of the regulatory profile.

The FWS is committed to addressing the issue of climate change. Through the creation of the FWS proposed strategic plan, "Rising to Challenge: Strategic Plan for Responding to Accelerating Climate Change," we developed a proposed 5-year action plan that details the actions that we will undertake to implement the strategic plan. One of the objectives in the proposed 5-year action plan is to evaluate and determine whether it is appropriate to revise FWS grant criteria to incorporate climate change considerations. Therefore, through this notice for Fiscal Year 2015, we are including species' response to climate change as one of the funding application ranking criteria to help us evaluate whether it would be appropriate to include climate change considerations in this and future funding opportunities. The FWS proposed strategic plan and action plan are available on the FWS website at <http://www.fws.gov/home/climatechange/strategy.html>

II. Award Information

This funding opportunity uses FWS Regional and Field Office discretionary funding, if available. The amount of actual funding available will vary from year to year. Funding may not be available every year in each Regional or Field Office.

III. Eligibility Information

1. Eligible Applicants

State and local governments/agencies; institutions of higher education, including public, private, state colleges and universities; non-profits that have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally-recognized tribal governments); city, county or township governments; individuals, Native American tribal governments (Federally-recognized); for-profit organizations; small businesses.

Applicants are expected to have demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the biology of the involved endangered or threatened species and their ecosystem, including preferably having worked with the species in the field and holding a currently valid Endangered Species Act permit, issued by the FWS, authorizing them to work with these species (or that have previously held a permit to do so). If funding is awarded, applicants that do not currently hold a valid permit for the proposed activity may need to apply for and obtain a FWS permit before beginning the proposed activity. For more information about the permit requirements, please visit our Ecological Services Program's permit website at <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/permits/index.html>.

2. Cost Sharing or Matching

Not required, but encouraged.

3. Other

The following additional criteria apply to all Recovery Implementation funding opportunity **and must be satisfied** for a proposal to be considered for funding:

- a. A proposal can not include FWS Full-Time-Equivalent (FTE) costs.
- b. A proposal can not seek funding for projects that serve to satisfy regulatory requirements of the Endangered Species Act, including complying with a biological opinion under Section 7 of the Act or fulfilling commitments of a Habitat Conservation Plan under section 10 of the Act, or for projects that serve to satisfy other Federal regulatory requirements (e.g., mitigation for Federal permits).

- c. State administrative costs must either be assumed by the state or included in the proposal in accordance with Federal requirements.

IV. Application and Submission Information

For general guidance on developing and writing grant proposals, see the CFDA Internet site at https://www.cfda.gov/downloads/CFDA_writing.pdf

1. Pre-Application Coordination

FWS Regional contacts can provide specific information on the amount of funding available, as well as Regional recovery priorities. We strongly encourage you to contact the appropriate FWS Regional Recovery contacts to discuss potential projects, application processes, and submittal timelines. If funding is available and the potential project addresses a high priority Regional recovery need, then the Regional contact will refer the potential applicant to the appropriate FWS Ecological Services Field Office for further coordination. A list of FWS Regional contacts is provided below under section VII. Agency Contacts.

If the Ecological Services Field Office is interested in the proposed project, they will notify the potential applicant and work with them to develop an adequate project proposal. Incomplete and ineligible proposals will not be considered for funding.

2. Content and Form of Application Package:

You must follow the instructions in this document in order to apply for the Recovery Implementation funding opportunity. For a description of the information that must be included in an application package, please follow the format outlined below.

Hard copy application packages must be sent to the appropriate Regional or Field Office contact. Each application package must:

- a. Not be bound in any manner (except by a single binder clip);
- b. Not be submitted by email or by fax;
- c. Be printed on only one side of 8.5 x 11 inch paper;
- d. Not include any paper larger than 8.5 x 11 inches;
- e. Include one completed and signed original plus two signed copies of the Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424), project summary, project proposal, and supporting information; and

- f. Be received by the appropriate FWS Regional or Field Office by 5 pm on or before July 31, 2015. Proposals not received by the due date may be held and considered for funding in the subsequent fiscal year.

For electronic application packages submitted through the Grants.gov Internet site (<http://www.Grants.gov>), you must follow all instructions provided by Grants.gov to ensure that your electronic application is received by the due date. We will ONLY accept electronic applications that are submitted through the Grants.gov Internet site. We will not accept any other form of electronic application. We highly recommend for applicants that intend to apply electronically through Grants.gov, that you begin your application process well in advance of the closing date for submission of applications. The application process through Grants.gov requires that applicants complete a registration process, and requires that all materials submitted are completely and accurately filled out.

Whether submitted by hard copy or electronically, the application package should contain:

- a. Application for Federal Assistance (SF 424), and the appropriate Budget and Assurances forms (SF 424A and SF 424B – Non-construction; or SF 424C and SF 424D – Construction).

This form is available from <http://fawiki.fws.gov/display/WTk/Toolkit+Homepage> or <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/forms.html>. This form must be signed by the official with the authority and responsibility to commit the applicant to participate in this program. Applications without this completed form will not be considered.

All applicants, except for private individuals, must provide a Data Universal Number System (DUNS) number. Such numbers may be acquired free of charge by contacting 1-866-705-5711 or online at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/index.jsp>

- b. Project Summary Page:

Project Proposals should include a Project Summary Page containing the following information: Project Name; Applicant; Applicant Address and Contact Information (address, phone, email); Type of Project (Recovery Implementation). They should also include one clear and succinct paragraph summarizing the proposed project and its location; Requested Funding; and Matching Funding (if any).

- c. Proposed Project:

The application package should contain a separate document discussing the proposed project in detail. The document should include the following sections:

- *Project Description*, including a list of targeted species, significance of the project to the targeted species and general location of proposed work;
- *Project Location* describing in detail where the work will be done, habitat type(s) to be affected, and relevant ecosystem/watershed characterization.
- *Project Objectives* clearly articulating what will be done, including how the project will:
 - contribute to recovery, meet the objectives in the species' approved recovery plan or its implementation schedule, or in a completed 5-year status review or spotlight species action plan;
 - contribute to downlisting endangered species or delisting species,
 - contribute information on species' response to climate change,
 - address the FWS Regional recovery priorities;
 - contribute to landscape level priorities (for example, focus areas such as Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (<http://www.fws.gov/science/SHC/lcc.html>), target watersheds for mussel conservation, Ecoteam or landscape level priorities, etc.);
- *Methodology* section describing how the proposed project will be accomplished and by whom;
- *Credentials* demonstrating that project participants have the necessary biological and scientific education and experience to be able to complete the project satisfactorily.
- *Coordination* with state and/or other Federal agencies, if needed; how the proposed project leverages other funding to address high priority recovery species needs (e.g., complements a Private Stewardship Grant Program project; complements a landscape level Habitat Conservation Plan project, etc.)
- *Length* of proposed project (no more than 3 years maximum). For proposals involving an ongoing project, evidence of progress made to date must be provided. The proposal must involve a discrete

activity(ies) (each activity included in the proposal must have an identified starting point and end point)

- *Budget* for the project that is detailed enough to know what are the costs of the various aspects of the project, including involved partners and their financial or in-kind contributions towards this project; contribution of partners and number of partners

The project proposal should also indicate whether partial funding of the project is practicable, and, if so, what specific portion(s) of the project could be implemented with what level of funding. A project proposal that is a part of a longer-term initiative will be considered; however, the proposed project's objectives, benefits, and tasks must stand on their own, as there are no assurances that additional funding would be awarded in subsequent years for associated or complementary projects.

- *Criteria for Success*, i.e., the success performance criteria that will apply to this project (i.e., what will be measured to determine the success of the project, such as linear distance of stream bank restored; number of mussels successfully re-introduced); and
- *Deliverables with Timeframes*, including what will be provided to the FWS at the close of the project.
- *Supporting Information*. Any additional supporting information may also be submitted (i.e., maps of project site/location, copies of relevant permits currently or previously held that authorize similar activities for the targeted species).

3. Submission Dates and Times

Hard copy applications must be received at the appropriate Regional or Field Office on or before July 31, 2015, at 5pm. A list of FWS Regional and Field Office contacts is provided below under section VII. Agency Contacts.

Applications submitted electronically through the Grants.gov Internet site must be received on or before July 31, 2015. Applicants will receive notice electronically through Grants.gov to confirm receipt of the proposal.

Proposals not received by the due date will be held and may be considered for funding in the subsequent fiscal year if funding is available.

4. Intergovernmental Review Process:

State and local government applicants should contact the following website (http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants_spoc/) to determine whether their application is subject to the state intergovernmental review process for Executive Order 12372 “Intergovernmental review of Federal Programs.” EO 12372 was issued to foster the intergovernmental partnership and strengthen federalism by relying on state and local processes for the coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance and direct Federal development. The EO allows each state to designate an entity to perform this function. State and local government applicants should contact the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for EO 12372 for more information on the process the state requires to be followed in applying for assistance, if the State has selected the program for review. A complete list of the names and addresses for the SPOCs may be found at the above website.

5. Other Submission Requirements:

The FWS will be accepting both hard copy submissions and electronic submissions of application packages. The project proposal is a narrative description of your project, a summary of your project, and one required Federal form. Application packages must be submitted to the appropriate Regional or Field Office contact (hard copy only) or electronically through www.Grants.gov. We will ONLY accept electronic applications that are submitted through the Grants.gov Internet site. We will not accept any other form of electronic application.

V. Application Review Information:

1. Review and Selection Process:

All application packages will be reviewed by a team of biologists at the FWS Regional and/or Field Office level. The applications will be ranked based on the following general and specific selection criteria.

2. General Criteria:

The following General Criteria apply to all Recovery Implementation potential projects:

- a. Projects should show a clear conservation benefit that will help prevent extinction of a species, improve the recovery status of a species, or lead to delisting of a species.
- b. All projects will be considered independently on a year-to-year basis.
- c. Multi-year projects are not prohibited, but applicants will need to resubmit and compete annually for financial assistance. There is no guarantee that if the project is funded one year that subsequent funding will be available.

- d. Projects that involve multiple partnerships are encouraged.
- e. Projects that involve matching funding are strongly encouraged.

3. Additional Specific Criteria:

In addition to the above-listed general criteria, the following specific criteria will be considered for selecting Recovery Implementation projects:

- a. Initiate immediate actions to stabilize endangered and threatened species on the brink of extinction.
- b. Implement final recovery actions so that a species can meet its downlisting or delisting recovery criteria within a 5-year horizon.
- c. Provide scientific data that documents species' response to climate change.

After the FWS Regional Office review is complete, eligible application packages will be referred to the appropriate FWS Ecological Services Field Office for final selection. For application packages submitted directly to the FWS Field Office, the Field Office will conduct the review and make the final selection.

VI. Award Administrative Information:

Awards will be announced on or before September 31st of each fiscal year via letters sent directly to the applicants. No work may begin on a project until the appropriate legal contracting or procurement documents, and the required environmental compliance documents, have been signed by the authorized FWS official. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified either by letter, fax, email or by telephone.

The FWS, the Department of the Interior, and the Office of Management and Budget have established requirements concerning Federal financial assistance. This includes established principles for determining which costs are allowable or eligible based on the type of applicant (see table below). Your project proposal must comply with these requirements. Funding award documents will be used to implement selected projects. A project begins on the effective date of the grant award document between you and an authorized representative of the U.S. Government and ends on the date specified in the award document.

1. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

Listed in the table below are administrative requirements that may apply to your project if funded through the Recovery Implementation opportunity. The documents listed below establish principles for determining which costs are allowable or eligible ("cost

principles”) and describe other requirements that apply to receiving Recovery Implementation funding. These requirements apply to grantees and subgrantees of Recovery Implementation funding. In some cases, the requirements vary depending upon the type of organization receiving the funding or that is a subgrantee of the funding.

Each of these documents can be found at the FWS Wildlife and Sport Restoration Program’s Tool Kit Internet site:

<http://fawiki.fws.gov/display/WTk/Toolkit+Homepage>

For projects that are selected for funding, we will also offer additional technical assistance to facilitate the prospective grantees’ understanding of the financial requirements.

On June 27, 2003, The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) published a *Federal Register* notice (68 FR 38402) that announced final policy issuance on the use of a universal identifier by grant applicants. The policy requires applicants applying for Federal grants or cooperative agreements on or after October 1, 2003, to acquire a Data Universal Number System (DUNS) number. It is the responsibility of the organization seeking Federal funds to obtain a DUNS number, as necessary. Grant and cooperative agreement applicants (excluding individuals) need to ensure they have a DUNS number. Therefore, all applicants for Recovery Implementation funding **MUST** acquire a DUNS number to be submitted with the proposal. Organizations can receive a DUNS number at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free DUNS number request line at 1-866-705-5711.

Category	Specific Requirements
Individuals, private firms, non-profits excluded from coverage under 2 CFR 230 (OMB Circular No A-122) ¹	(1) Federal Acquisition Regulation Subpart 31.2 (FAR 31.2) (2) 43 CFR 18 – New Restrictions on Lobbying (3) 48 CFR 31 – Contracts with Commercial Organizations
Non-profit Organizations covered under 2 CFR 230 (OMB Circular No A-122)	(1) 43 CFR 12 – Administrative and Audit Requirements and Cost Principles for Assistance Programs (2) 43 CFR 18 – New Restrictions on Lobbying (3) 2 CFR 230 (OMB Circular No. A-122) – Cost Principles (4) 2 CFR 215 (OMB Circular No. A-110) – Administrative Requirements for Grants (5) OMB Circular No. A-133 – Audits
Educational Institutions (even if part of a state or local government)	(1) 43 CFR 12 – Administrative and Audit Requirements and Cost Principles for

¹ OMB Circulars incorporated into the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) are shown in parentheses after the corresponding regulation.

Category	Specific Requirements
	Assistance Programs (2) 43 CFR 18 – New Restrictions on Lobbying (3) 2 CFR 220 (OMB Circular No. A-21) – Cost Principles (4) 2 CFR 215 (OMB Circular No. A-110) – Administrative Requirements for Grants (5) OMB Circular No. A-133 – Audits
States, local governments and Indian Tribes	(1) 43 CFR 12 – Administrative and Audit Requirements and Cost Principles for Assistance Programs (2) 43 CFR 18 – New Restrictions on Lobbying (3) 2 CFR 225 (OMB Circular No. A-87) – Cost Principles (4) OMB Circular No. A-102 – Grants and Cooperative Agreements (5) OMB Circular No. A-133 – Audits

The project proponent is reimbursed based on the cost sharing formula in the award document. A project applicant should not initiate a project in expectation of Recovery Implementation funding, nor should they purchase materials or begin work until such time as they receive the final grant award document signed by an authorized FWS official.

Please be aware that when the FWS funds fire management on lands other than the National Wildlife Refuge System lands, the activity must be conducted according to Chapter 18 of the FWS Fire Management Handbook Regarding Prescribed Burning Off-Service Lands at <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/esa-library/pdf/fireplanreview.pdf> and further clarified at <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/esa-library/pdf/m0299.pdf>.

The Recovery Implementation funding programs are eligible for coverage under Executive Order (EO) 12372 “Intergovernmental review of Federal Programs.” EO 12372 was issued to foster the intergovernmental partnership and strengthen federalism by relying on state and local processes for the coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance and direct Federal development. The Order allows each state to designate an entity to perform this function.

Applicants should contact the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for Federal Executive Order 12372 for more information on the process the state requires to be followed in applying for assistance, if the state has selected the program for review. A complete list of the names and addresses for the SPOCs may be found at http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants_spoc/

Length and Time Phasing of Assistance:

Obligation of Funds: The FWS' goal is to obligate Recovery Implementation funds within 120 days of the award announcement. Project proponents can assist the FWS in meeting the 120 day target by providing necessary documents for funding issuance as soon as possible following the funding award announcements.

Expenditure of Funds:

The Recovery Implementation funding comes from FWS Regional and Field Office discretionary funds each fiscal year. There is no guarantee that funding will be available each fiscal year in each Region or Field Office, or that we will be able to carry over unobligated funding from one fiscal year to the next. Therefore, Recovery Implementation funds will be obligated during the same fiscal year that a project is approved. Recovery Implementation funds obligated in one fiscal year must be expended in that same, or following fiscal year. Proposals received after July 31, 2015, may be held and considered for funding in the subsequent fiscal year.

2. Reporting

a. FWS Reports

The FWS is required by Congress to report biennially efforts to implement recovery plans, and annually, on a species by species basis, on expenditures for the conservation of listed species. Recipients of Recovery Implementation funding will be required to provide a written final report for each funded project detailing project results. This funding opportunity authorizes a variety of projects for species conservation. There is no standardized format for the written project reports. The FWS Regional and Field Offices will provide potential applicants with specific information on the reporting requirements for each project. If a project is funded for more than one year, the recipient will be required to provide a written, annual report at the end of each year detailing the status of each project, in addition to the final report when the project is completed. All reports will be submitted to the appropriate FWS Ecological Services Field Office.

b. OMB Reports

In general, OMB Circulars A-102 §40 and 41, and 2 CFR 215 specify requirements for both financial and program performance reporting. A performance report is due annually within 90 days of the anniversary of the start date of the funding award and a final report is due 90 days after the funding expiration. Funding recipients may be required to complete the following financial form: SF-425, Federal Financial Report

The FWS' interim guidance on financial status and performance reporting is available at the FWS Wildlife and Sport Restoration Program's Tool Kit Internet site:

<http://fawiki.fws.gov/display/WTk/Toolkit+Homepage>

Records: Records must be maintained for three years following the submission of the final expenditure report or until final action has been taken on any litigation, claim or audit finding.

VII. Agency Contacts:

Please contact the appropriate FWS Regional contact for technical questions regarding this announcement. A list of FWS Regional contacts is provided below.

Pacific Region (Region 1): OR, WA, ID, the Pacific Islands (HI, American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the Pacific Trust Territories.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Ecological Services Program
911 NE 11th Ave
Portland, Oregon 97232
Contact: Sarah Hall, Recovery Program Manager
Phone: (503) 231-6868

Southwest Region (Region 2): AZ, NM, OK, and TX

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Ecological Services Program
17629 El Camino Real #211.
Houston, Texas, 77058
Contact: Jennifer Smith-Castro, Recovery Biologist
Phone: (281) 286-8282 Ext 234

Midwest Region (Region 3): IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, MO, OH, and WI

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Ecological Services Program
B.H. Whipple Federal Building
One Federal Drive
Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056
Contact: Tom Magnuson
Phone: (612) 713-5467

Southeast Region (Region 4): AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, PR, SC, TN, and U.S. Virgin Islands

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Ecological Services Program
1875 Century Blvd., Suite 200
Atlanta, Georgia 30345
Contact: Kelly Bibb, Recovery Coordinator
Phone: (404) 679-7132

Northeast Region (Region 5): CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VA, VT, and WV

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Ecological Services Program
300 Westgate Center Drive
Hadley, MA 01035-9589
Contact: Mary Parkin, Recovery Coordinator
Phone: (617) 417-3331

Mountain-Prairie Region (Region 6): CO, KS, MT, NE, ND, SD, UT, and WY

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Ecological Services Program
Denver Federal Center
P.O. Box 25486
Denver, Colorado 80225-0489
Contact: Seth Willey
Phone: (303) 236-4257

Alaska Region (Region 7): AK

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Ecological Services Program
1011 E. Tudor Road
Anchorage, Alaska 99503-6199
Contact: Drew Crane
Phone: (907) 786-3323

Pacific Southwest Region (Region 8): CA, NV, and the Klamath Basin in OR

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Ecological Services Program
2800 Cottage Way W-2606
Sacramento, Ca 95825
Contact: Lisa Ellis,
Phone: (916) 414-6741

VIII. Other Information:

Please note that the Federal Government is not obligated to make any awards as a result of this announcement, and only official FWS Contracting Officers can bind the Government to the expenditure of funds. The Federal government is not legally bound to support any financial assistance project until the official FWS Contracting Officer has signed the award agreement.

All awards will be administered in accordance with applicable OMB Circulars and all environmental and other laws.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT: The Paperwork Reduction Act requires us to tell you why we are collecting this information, how we will use it, and whether or not you have to respond. We will use the information that we collect to evaluate proposals submitted to acquire funding for imagery and elevation maps. Your response is required to receive funding. A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. We estimate that it will take an average of 40 hours to complete the application. The average estimated annual burden associated with writing and submitting required monthly and final reports is 6 hours. You may send comments concerning the burden estimates or any aspect of this information collection to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Clearance Officer, 2150 Centre Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80525.
