RECLAMATION
Managing Water in the West

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	R15AN20034
Project Title	Conveyance of Central Valley Project Water to Provide a Year-Round Water Supply to Specified Wildlife Refuges within the San Joaquin Basin
Recipient	Central California Irrigation District (CCID)
Principal Investigator / Program Manager	Chris White, General Manager, CCID
Anticipated Federal Amount	FY15 $2,868,956.00 Mod #0042 $646,000.00
Cost Share	none
Total Anticipated Award Amount	$22,052.847.00
New Award or Continuation?	Continuation
Anticipated Period of Performance	2 years
Award Instrument	Cooperative Agreement
Statutory Authority	Public Law 102-575, Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA), Title XXXIV, Section 3406(d)(5); and Basic Agreement Section C.15, Modifications and Amendments
CFDA # and Title	15.512—CVPIA
Single Source Justification Criteria Cited	(2) Continuation
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OVERVIEW

In 1998, Reclamation and the Central California Irrigation District (CCID, District; Recipient) entered into long-term Agreement #R13AC20501 (formerly #1425-98-FC-20-1 6770) to utilize the District's conveyance facilities for the conveyance of water supplies for certain CVPIA refuges, due to its geographical proximity to these refuges. The District directly conveys water to the boundary of the China Island Unit of the North Grasslands Wild life Area, and to several privately owned/managed wetlands within the Grassland Resource Conservation District (GRCD). (The GRCD is identified as one of the 19 CVPIA refuges.) The District also conveys water to Grassland Water District's (GWD) conveyance facilities under the Agreement, for the purpose of GWD continuing the conveyance of these water supplies for completion of delivery to the remainder of wetlands within the GRCD, and to the refuge boundaries of the Freitas and Kesterson Units of the San Lu is National Wild Life Refuge, the Los Banos Wild life Area, and the Salt Slough Unit of the North Grasslands Wild life Area.

Accordingly, a three-tiered rate structure was established at the implementation of the agreement. The deliveries made to individual clubs are billed at a rate that is derived as the average cost of service to the District ag customers. That rate is $17.32 per a.f, which has been in effect since it was last updated, based on an analysis of the District's 2009 budget.

Because proportionately less time and effort is required of the District employees to make bulk refuge water deliveries, the charge rate for deliveries from water entering the canal system at Mendota Pool is discounted by 36% from the individual base rate, to $11.08 per a.f.

This modification is for the sole purpose of adding additional funding for fiscal year 2015 due to the increased conveyance rate for the continuation of supplying suitable quality refuge water to certain CVPIA refuges.

RECIPIENT INVOLVEMENT

1. The District is required to meet water delivery schedules established by refuge managers 12 months of the year.

2. The District shall deliver up to 163,630 acre-feet (AF) of water to the Point(s) of Delivery during any one (1) WY, pursuant to requests for deliveries by Reclamation or the Refuge Manager.

3. The District agrees to deliver water pursuant to this Agreement with a conveyance delay of not more than forty-eight (48) hours or the conveyance delay time for water deliveries to the District's customers, whichever is greater.

4. The District shall ensure that the quality of water delivered at the Point(s) of Delivery will be maintained free of substance in concentrations that produce detrimental physiological responses in plant, animal, and aquatic life, or adversely affects any beneficial use for wetlands management.

RECLAMATION INVOLVEMENT

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:

1. Reclamation provides refuge water conveying entities with additional water supplies, over the amounts identified for the refuges, to cover conveyance losses due to factors including evapotranspiration and canal seepage.

2. Reclamation shall make available at the Point(s) of Acceptance sufficient water for the District to deliver the amount requested, including conveyance losses

3. Reclamation will submit an Annual Delivery Schedule for monthly water deliveries, specifying each Refuge and each Point(s) of Delivery.

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:

(2) CONTINUATION:

Single Source Justification Description:

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. This agreement does not expire until 2023 and the sole purpose of this modification is to add federal funds for the continuation of supplying water deliveries to National and State Wildlife Refuges. No scope changes to the existing agreement have been made.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA), Public Law 102-575, Title XXXIV Section 3406 (d)(5).

3406 (d) CENTRAL VALLEY REFUGES AND WILDLIFE HABITAT AREAS.— In support of the objectives of the Central Valley Habitat Joint Venture and in furtherance of the purposes of this title, the Secretory shall provide, either directly or through contractual agreements with other appropriate parties, firm water supplies of suitable quality to maintain and improve wetland habitat areas on unite of the National Wildlife Refuge System in the Central Valley of California; on the Gray Lodge, Los Banos, Volte, North Grasslands, and Mendota state wildlife management areas; and on the Grasslands Resources Conservation District in the Central Valley of California.

3406 (d) (5) The Secretory is authorized and directed to construct or to acquire from non-Federal entities such water conveyance facilities, conveyance capacity, and wells as are necessary to implement the requirements of this subsection; Provided, That such authorization shall not extend to conveyance facilities in or around the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary. Associated construction or acquisition costs shall be reimbursable pursuant to existing law in accordance with the cost allocations set forth in paragraph (3) of this subsection.