

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	R16AN20009
Project Title	Invasive Species Control
Recipient	Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
Principal Investigator / Program Manager	Mervin Wright, Environmental Manager
Anticipated Federal Amount	\$60,138.36
Cost Share	\$0.00
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$60,138.36
New Award or Continuation?	New Award
Anticipated Period of Performance	March 1, 2016 thru February 28, 2021
Award Instrument	Grant
Statutory Authority	Public Law 108-7, Division D, Energy and Water Development Appropriations, 2003, Title II Section 201
CFDA # and Title	15.519 – Indian Tribal Water Resources Development, Management, and Protection
Single Source Justification Criteria Cited	(4) Unique Qualifications
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OVERVIEW

The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe's Reservation (Reservation) is located thirty-five miles northeast of Reno, Nevada in a remote desert area located in the counties of Washoe, Lyon, and Storey. The area of the Reservation contains 475,000 acres or 742.2 square miles, of which 112,000 acres cover the surface of Pyramid Lake, a desert terminal lake. The Truckee River originates at Lake Tahoe, traveling 22 miles within the Reservation and terminating at Pyramid Lake.

There is a significant infestation of invasive weed species including saltcedar (*tamarix spp.*), tall whitetop (*lepidium draba*), and Russian olive (*elaeagnus angustifolia*) in areas on the reservation and it is quickly displacing native cottonwoods, willows, and other riparian vegetation along the lower Truckee River. Invasive species threatens the abundance of native species due to uncontrollable population growth. Some noxious weed species such as cheatgrass burn easily and increase the risk of wildfires. Environmental impacts from invasive species infestations include increased erosion into waterways and loss of native habitats. Invasive plants populations along the waterways grow and spread their seed. Seeds can easily be carried down waterbodies or by wind to infest other locations which in turn increases costs associated with prevention (economic impacts from prevention, crop loss, etc.), reduces biodiversity, and displaces native species.

RECIPIENT INVOLVEMENT

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (PLPT) will conduct active measures for specific invasive species reduction and implement riparian enhancement in areas located along the lower Truckee River within their Reservation.

The task objectives include

- Reduction and/or removal of saltcedar, tall whitetop, Russian olive, and cheatgrass Riparian
- Public outreach activities will be conducted to inform the general public of any environmentally sensitive impacts

RECLAMATION INVOLVEMENT

Reclamation's involvement on the grant will be to provide technical assistance when requested and implement oversight of federal stewardship responsibilities, including monitoring of project performance and financial accountability and reporting in accordance with the terms of the grant agreement.

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:

(4) UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS

Single Source Justification Description:

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe's weed technicians are uniquely qualified to perform the invasive species control activities based on their 25 years of technical expertise treating highly competitive, non-native, noxious and invasive vegetation found on their land. The location of

this noxious weed and invasive vegetation removal project is in areas along the lower Truckee River within the boundaries of the PLPT reservation property.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

Public Law 108-7, Division D, Energy and Water Development Appropriations, 2003, Title II Section 201

GENERAL PROVISIONS

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

SEC. 201 In order to increase opportunities for Indian tribes to develop, manage, and protect their water resources, in fiscal year 2003 and thereafter, the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, is authorized to enter into grants and cooperative agreements with any Indian tribe, institution of higher education, national Indian organization, or tribal organization pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 6301–6308. Nothing in this Act is intended to modify or limit the provisions of the Indian Self Determination Act (25 U.S.C. 45 et seq.).