

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Determination for Issuing a Single Source Financial Assistance Award

Instructions: In accordance with Service policy 516 FW 6, *Issuing Discretionary Grant and Cooperative Agreement Awards without Competition*, complete this form to document the justification for issuing a single source grant or cooperative agreement award. This form must be signed by both a program representative and the employee with signature authority for the award to be issued (see 516 FW 3, *Signature Authority for Grant and Cooperative Agreement Awards*). The completed and signed form must be maintained in the official award file.

Recipient Name: Westland Resources, Inc.

Project Title: Mojave Shoulderband Snail Field Assessment

Program Contact: Joel Page

Select all criteria that apply (from 505 DM 2):

☐	(1) Unsolicited Proposal: The proposed award is the result of an unsolicited application that represents a unique or innovative idea, method, or approach that is not the subject of a current or planned award, but is found to be advantageous to program objectives.
☒	(2) Continuation: The activity to be funded is necessary for the satisfactory completion of, or is a continuation of, an activity we are funding and holding a competition would have a significant adverse effect on continuing or completing the activity.
☐	(3) Legislative Intent: The language in the applicable authorizing legislation or legislative history clearly indicates the intent of Congress to restrict the award to a particular recipient or purpose.
☐	(4) Unique Qualifications: The applicant is uniquely qualified to perform the activity based on 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: Because of a compelling and unusual urgency, or substantial danger to health or safety, there is not enough time to follow adequate competitive procedures.

Explain below why competition for this award is not practical. As applicable, summarize the program legislative history, unique capabilities of the proposed recipient, and any cost-sharing contribution offered by the proposed recipient. Be brief and specific:

This project will fund surveys to detect the presence of Mojave shoulderband snails in the Mojave Desert in order to determine presence/absence and ascertain demography and basic ecology. Westland Resources is uniquely qualified to perform this work and employs individuals on their staff who have expertise in working with desert snails. They have extensive experience with the survey, research, and analysis of desert snails and their habitat in the southwest, including working with this species in our previous USFWS Cooperative Agreement, F16AC00093. In addition, Westland has surveyed for and performed taxonomic analyses of terrestrial snails to support the environmental review and development of conservation measures for mining projects in the Southwest. Results of these research programs have been published in peer-reviewed journals and supported USFWS analyses of whether or not listing of snail species under the ESA was warranted. This project is contingent upon availability of funds.

I have determined that this project meets the requirements for a single source award and recommend that it be awarded to the recipient named above.

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Program Representative Sign and Date
G. Mendel Stewart, Field Supervisor
Printed Name of Program Representative

I, as the Service employee with signature authority for this award under 516 FW 3, have reviewed this program recommendation and find that it meets the requirements for a single source award.

Michael Fris 1/23/17
Authorized Signator Sign and Date
Michael Fris, ARD-ES
Printed Name of Signator