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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: Tucson Audubon Society

Project Title: Increasing Native Quail Populations on Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge

Program Contact: Lacrecia Johnson

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:

The recipient, Tucson Audubon Society, is uniquely qualified as it is a primary source of locally available, highly trained habitat restoration and quail and habitat monitoring staff familiar with plant species/wildlife associations and complex landscape characteristics of the project area. Some of these technicians can be selected from their large voluntary support capacity. While their access to qualified personnel allows them high eligibility, they can also provide the collaboration access to field botanists through their environmental restoration programs and prestigious connections within the scientific community. Additionally, the Tucson Audubon staff is highly qualified to provide standardization through quality data collection, data management, and quality control/assurance procedures as dictated by the FWS. Accurate documentation of methods and results is necessary for this project, will help guide future similar projects and is consistent with USFWS policy.

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.

Lacrecia Johnson

Program Representative Sign and Date

Lacrecia Johnson 7/5/2019

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.

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Authorized Signator Sign and Date

Michelle L. Willcox

Printed Name of Signator