

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: Lake Superior State University
Project Title: Upper Peninsula Piping Plover Monitoring
Program Contact: Vincent Cavalieri

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

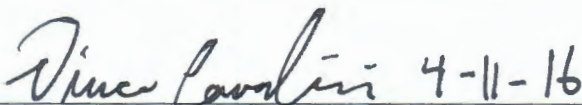
	(1) Unsolicited Proposal: The proposed award is the result of an unsolicited application that represents a unique or innovative idea, method, or approach that is not the subject of a current or planned award, but is found to be advantageous to program objectives.
✓	(2) Continuation: The activity to be 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 award is to continue critical monitoring activities for the endangered Great Lakes Piping Plover population. Lake Superior State University has been conducting the monitoring activities in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan for many years and are uniquely qualified to continue this activity. They are located locally in the eastern Upper Peninsula near where many of the plovers nest. They have the experience and unique expertise to continue to carry out these activities and have local contacts that can help secure housing for piping plover monitors and to bring volunteers into the program to assist the monitors in their work. They also have housing available through the University near one of the major nesting sites for these birds.

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.

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.

 4-11-16

Program Representative Sign and Date

Vincent Cavalieri

Printed Name of Program Representative

Authorized Signator Sign and Date

Daniel D. Lovdahl

Printed Name of Signator