

ATTACHMENT A

San Andres National Wildlife Refuge - Fiscal Year 2012 Request for Proposals

I. Overview Information

Federal Agency Name: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Opportunity Title: Establishment of the Rio Grande Canalization Project Water Transaction Program in southern New Mexico

Opportunity Number: F12AS00080

Announcement Type: This is a notice of a Request for Proposals from the San Andres National Wildlife Refuge

II. Full Text of Announcement

Funding Opportunity Description

This announcement is for US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) San Andres National Wildlife Refuge (SANWR), New Mexico, Region 2, FY 2011. The U.S. International Boundary and Water Commission issued a Record of Decision (ROD) on River Management Alternatives for the Rio Grande Canalization Project dated June 4, 2009. The ROD specifies that environmental water to enhance riparian streamside habitat and river-floodplain hydrologic connection will be leased or acquired through a cooperative environmental water transaction program with the Elephant Butte Irrigation District and the El Paso County Water Improvement District #1 and willing water rights holders.

The project focuses on setting up the environmental water transaction program and implementing it within the Canalization reach of the Rio Grande in southern New Mexico. This modification will enable participation of Elephant Butte Irrigation District and El Paso #1 Irrigation District through financial assistance grant agreements and will be administered to enhance river and floodplain connectivity and establish and restore riparian habitat along the Rio Grande

III. Eligibility Information

Eligible Applicants:

Non profits having a 501 (c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education.

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:

This Grant does not require cost sharing or matching funds.

San Andres National Wildlife Refuge Funding Priorities:

The San Andres National Wildlife Refuge will be transferring funds from the International Boundary and Water Commission to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to implement this program.

You MUST contact the San Andres National Wildlife Refuge Coordinator to discuss current project priorities/needs of the partnership:

Kevin Cobble, Refuge Manager (USFWS)
c/o San Andres National Wildlife Refuge
5686 Santa Gertrudis Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88012
Phone: 575-382-5047
Fax: 575-382-5454
Email: kevin_cobble@fws.gov

IV. Application and Submission Information

Proposal submission must be completed electronically via email to the contact listed above (i.e., the Refuge Manager, San Andres National Wildlife Refuge). All proposals should be submitted as a single MS Word Document and should be accompanied by Standard Form (SF): SF-424, SF-424a, and SF-424b.

Content and Form of Application

A complete application package will include the following:

1. A project proposal (described below)
2. Standard Form (SF) SF-424, SF-424a, and SF-424b (available at www.grants.gov)
3. Attachment B (Certifications for Federal Grants and Cooperative Agreements)

Submission Dates and Times:

Proposals must be submitted electronically via email to the Refuge Manager, San Andres National Wildlife Refuge (identified under Section III above) by midnight Mountain Daylight Savings Time February 20, 2012. However, first you MUST contact the Refuge Manager to discuss current project priorities/needs of the partnership.

The Government recognizes that some applicants may not have access to email and in those cases the Refuge Manager will inform you of the procedure for submitting a proposal by fax or mail.

Proposals submitted later than midnight Mountain Daylight Savings Time, February 20, 2012 will not be considered. The San Andres National Wildlife Refuge bears no responsibility for misplaced or mishandled proposals when the applicant did not alert the Refuge Manager to the incoming proposal and method of transmission prior to the submission deadline.

Proposal Format:

You MUST call the Refuge Manager (identified under Section III above) to discuss current project priorities/needs of the San Andres National Wildlife Refuge; he will

provide the necessary details regarding the proposal format and the submission of additional information, i.e., the standard form (SF) that is required as a face sheet for applications for Federal assistance (SF-424).

Review and Selection Process:

USFWS staff will select the project based on costs, methods, deliverables and experience of the applicants.