

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	BOR-MP-16-N017
Project Title	Water Quality Monitoring of the Summit Lake Watershed
Recipient	Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
Principal Investigator / Program Manager	William Cowan
Anticipated Federal Amount	\$200,000.00
Anticipated Non-Federal Amount	\$0.00
New Award or Continuation?	New Award
Anticipated Period of Performance	June 1, 2016 to May 31, 2018
Award Instrument	Grant
Statutory Authority	Public Law 108-7, Division D-Energy and Water Development Appropriations, 2003, Title II - General Provisions, Department of the Interior, 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

Summit Lake and its associated tributaries are a unique water source on the Summit Lake Indian Reservation in northwestern Humboldt County, Nevada. It is home to the largest self-sustaining lacustrine population of Lahontan cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus clarkii henshawi*) left in its native range. This federally threatened species is of high cultural significance to tribal members, and all management practices conducted by the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe (Tribe) to conserve and enhance this resource. The Tribe will monitor the water quality of waters in and around the Reservation to ensure the protection of water resources.

RECIPIENT INVOLVEMENT

The Tribe staff will conduct the following objectives:

Objective #1: Monitor water quality within the Summit Lake Watershed.

Objective #2: Identify trends in water quality within the Summit Lake Watershed.

Objective #3: Update water quality procedures and management plans.

RECLAMATION INVOLVEMENT

No substantial involvement on the part of Reclamation is anticipated for the successful completion of the objectives to be funded by this award. It is anticipated that Reclamation's involvement will consist of standard federal stewardship responsibilities such as monitoring project performance, technical assistance at the request of the recipient, etc.

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:

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe (Tribe) is uniquely qualified to perform the activities based upon a variety of demonstrable factors such as location, technical expertise, and extensive history with monitoring and managing water quality in Summit Lake and the surrounding watershed. Summit Lake, the location of the water quality monitoring, is entirely contained within the boundary of the Summit Lake Indian Reservation, with parts of the lake's two tributaries, Mahogany and Snow Creeks also flowing through the Reservation. The Tribe has measured and recorded water quality in Summit Lake and throughout the watershed since the 1980s, and conducted water quality sampling events as recently as 2013.

In addition, the Tribe has existing initiatives to prevent degradation of water quality through adoption of several management plans including a Nonpoint Source Management Plan, Wild Horse Management Plan, and Range Management Plan; and installation of hydrologic and meteorological monitoring equipment to assess climate change and forecast water flows.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

Public Law 108-7, Division D-Energy and Water Development Appropriations, 2003, Title II - General Provisions, Department of the Interior, Section 201. The following section, provided in full text, authorizes Reclamation to award this financial assistance agreement:

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.).