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A. Program Description

Authority:

Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. §1531 et. seq.; Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act—Cooperation of agencies, 16 U.S.C. §§ 661-666; Fish and Wildlife Act, 16 U.S.C. § 742 et seq.; Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022, H.R. 2617, 117th Cong. Div. G, Title I.

Assistance Listing Number:

15.684

Background, Purpose and Program Requirements:

White-nose syndrome (WNS) is a disease of hibernating bats caused by the invasive fungus *Pseudogymnoascus destructans* (Pd). WNS is confirmed in at least 12 bat species in North America, including three that are federally listed as threatened or endangered and one that is proposed to be listed. The disease's impacts vary among affected species, and its impact to multiple recently or not yet exposed species is uncertain. The work funded through the WNS Grants to States and Tribes will assist partners in their efforts to combat the disease and conserve affected or vulnerable species. In addition, the projects funded will strengthen the scientific information needed and apply this information to support decisions for management of bats.

I. 2023 Priorities

The goal of this funding opportunity is to help our State and Tribal partners fulfill information needs, implement management actions for WNS and susceptible bat species, and actively engage in the National Response to WNS.

We intend to award funds that support the following activities:

1. Conduct, participate in and provide support for WNS treatment and management research projects, including, but not limited to:
 - a. WNS vaccine trials;
 - b. roost disinfection procedures;
 - c. management of hibernacula to improve microclimate conditions;
 - d. field testing VOCs or probiotics to improve survival
2. Conduct bat population monitoring and disease surveillance, with a focus on:
 - a. developing and maintaining long-term data streams for monitoring bats, especially through use of winter and summer colony counts, mobile and stationary acoustics and capture records in line with NABat protocols and data archiving standards;
 - b. processing bat monitoring data and uploading it to the NABat database for use in population analyses;
 - c. performing disease and/or pathogen surveillance in concert with National and State WNS management plans or priorities.

3. Implement conservation strategies for WNS-affected or WNS-vulnerable species with the goal of improving survivorship or resilience. For example:

- a. restoration, reinforcement, or improvement of important bat roosts or surrounding habitat (see below);
- b. management actions or conservation agreements to protect bats from disturbance, predation, disease or other threats;
- c. conservation and preservation of roosting locations for WNS-affected and WNS-vulnerable bats, with a focus on long-term protection and resilience to climate change.

4. Curtail the spread of Pd through implementing decontamination and containment strategies or managing risk at bat roosts.

5. Build and maintain local expertise and partnerships for long-term capacity to advance management and monitoring of bats.

6. Engage with working groups, committees, workshops, and meetings of the WNS National Response Team

Proposals for this program will be plans of action responsive to the current status of WNS in the applicant's location, and will address context-specific conservation needs of bats as well as the ecosystem as a whole. *These priorities are intended to address relevant projects in State or Tribal jurisdictions whether WNS is already affecting resident bats or the fungus has recently or not yet arrived.*

Successful applications to this funding opportunity will meet the following objectives:

- Benefit bat species that are known, assumed, or anticipated to be affected by WNS.
- Advance the priorities of this funding opportunity and the WNS National Plan.
- Build upon or advance the current state of knowledge of bats.

Awards are not guaranteed. Proposals will be reviewed based on the following considerations: responsiveness to described management needs, relevance to combatting WNS and conserving vulnerable species, geographic scope, project need and feasibility, cost efficiency, project design, species and colonies benefitted, degree of benefit to species or habitat, and extent and importance of area monitored for population or disease status. *Partial funding may be awarded.*

II. Project Categories

The proposed actions and related budget must meet the following conditions:

1. Proposed activities must be consistent with the WNS National Plan and must clearly address at least one of the "2023 Priorities" stated above. All proposed activities should represent a logical and appropriate progression of actions conducted in preparation for or in response to WNS in the action area. Applications must include clear project descriptions for how proposed activities address local and national management objectives for bats.

Project descriptions must clearly articulate the activities, methods, and timetables for each identified goal and objective, justify these goals and objectives, and identify anticipated outcomes.

2. No more than \$100,000 may be requested in total, including direct and indirect costs. Furthermore, proposals must adhere to the sub-caps for categories 2a and 2b, as described below.

a. Up to \$50,000 may be used to address data needs that inform management decisions and help implement bat conservation strategies to:

- i. Conduct disease and pathogen surveillance
- ii. Conduct population monitoring using one or multiple aspects of the NABat monitoring strategy, or equivalent: (1) summer colony count; (2) winter colony count; (3) mobile acoustic transect; and/or (4) stationary acoustic surveys. Note: Cost effectiveness scores will be affected by the cost of this activity relative to the number of grid cells or area monitored. Project impact scores will be affected by how well the monitoring activities contribute to national and clearly defined local monitoring strategies.
- iii. Participate in and provide support for WNS-related research projects.
- iv. Curtail the spread of Pd (e.g., implement decontamination procedures).
- v. Build and maintain local expertise.
- vi. Engage with the WNS National Response, including preparing and updating local WNS response and bat conservation plans, participating in WNS working groups, and travel to the WNS annual meeting and regional bat working groups.

b. Up to \$50,000 may be used by the applicant to enact conservation actions at significant bat roosts used by WNS-affected or WNS-vulnerable species through restoration, protection, and enhancement. These actions may include the following activities:

- i. Implement appropriate WNS treatment strategies to reduce disease or improve survival of hibernating bat species.
- ii. Prohibit unauthorized entry/vandalism, install gates or fences, stabilize entrance portals, or modify to produce beneficial airflow or temperature.
- iii. Ensure long-term integrity or resilience of established roosts to degradation, climate change, or other negative influences.
- iv. Improve suitability of the roost for seasonal or year-round use by bats.
- v. Develop agreements such as cooperative conservation agreements, conservation easements or contracts with cave and wildlife conservation groups, land trusts, landowners and local advocacy groups to conserve caves, mines, and other significant roost locations that fulfill important life history functions for bats.

Note: Funding may not be used for land purchases, general forestry actions, fulfilling consultation and permitting requirements, offsetting costs of curtailment or construction, or development of management plans.

Collaborations are encouraged. Collaborative projects that describe the contributions of multiple partners to enact conservation strategies will be more competitive than projects conducted by a solitary organization or agency.

NOTE: As a condition of any award for bat population monitoring (section 2.a.i. above), grantees will use the data management infrastructure of NABat for relevant funded activities prior to completion of the grant reporting period. Proposed population monitoring activities are not required to occur with the specific monitoring protocols of NABat, nor in the highest priority grid cells of a state or jurisdiction. However, monitoring using specific NABat protocols and priority locations will be prioritized over sampling using other protocols, unless those differences are strongly justified.. Completed upload of all appropriate monitoring data is a requirement for meeting the terms of the grant agreement. Contribution of data entails providing locations only at the resolution of the NABat grid cell (10 km x 10 km), and not precise locations of data or descriptive site names, although precise locations greatly increase the utility of the records for national and range-wide analyses. Standard reports including data visualization outputs generated by NABat are accepted to fulfill award reporting requirements for project activities funded through this opportunity.

Proposed projects should aim to be completed within 2 years of the proposed start of the project.

The use of grant funds requires adherence to established protocols and methodologies developed or espoused by the national WNS working groups for surveillance, diagnostics, population monitoring, conservation and recovery, and disease management (for more information contact the appropriate Service WNS coordinator), as well as the Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and National Environmental Policy Act. All proposed actions must be in line with the most current guidance, policies, information related the COVID-19 pandemic and SARS-CoV-2.

Some proposed WNS mitigation and treatment actions may entail significant workload by the applicant to comply with regulatory requirements of the Endangered Species Act, National Environmental Policy Act, and National Historic Preservation Act. These requirements must be completed prior to funds becoming available for the proposed actions.

The Service is committing internally directed funds for this open funding opportunity, which accompanies three additional funding opportunities from the Service's WNS National Response in 2023: 1) Research and development of Biotechnological Tools for WNS (<https://www.grants.gov>, opportunity #343941) 2) WNS Research for Conservation Grants (Spring 2023), and 3) Bats for the Future Fund (with National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, closes April 27, 2023), www.nfwf.org/bats. Contact the Service's WNS coordinator in your region (below) for more information about these funding opportunities.

The Service's White-nose Syndrome Program is coordinated and funded through the branches of Ecological Services and Science Applications, and will be working with the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration program (WSFR) to administer grants to State agencies and Tribes that engage in the collaborative national response to WNS. Grants will be competitively awarded based on merit review of proposed actions for their applicability and feasibility to advance the priorities identified in this notice and for their overall contribution to meeting the objectives of the WNS national plan ([White-Nose Syndrome Response Plans](#)).

B. Federal Award Information

B1. Total Funding

Estimated Total Funding

\$2,000,000

The Service has targeted up to \$2 million (up to \$1.7 million for States and up to \$400,000 for Tribes) for this funding opportunity in 2023 to help States and Tribes develop and implement strategies to conserve species of bats that are affected by or vulnerable to WNS.

B2. Expected Award Amount

Maximum Award

\$100,000

Minimum Award

\$10,000

Some awards may be as high as \$100,000, pending availability of funds and strength of proposals for category 2.b. Enacting conservation strategies at bat roosts. More information about cost limits for certain types of projects is provided in section A2.

B3. Expected Award Funding and Anticipated Dates

Expected Award Funding

\$55,000

Expected Award Date

July 03, 2023

Applications that are submitted prior to May 1, 2023, may be notified prior to July 3.

B4. Number of Awards

Expected Number of Awards

40

B5. Type of Award

Funding Instrument Type

G - Grant

C. Eligibility Information

C1. Eligible Applicants

Eligible Applicants

00 – State governments

07 – Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

Additional Information on Eligibility

Eligible applicants for this competitive grant program include state fish and wildlife or natural resources agencies in all States and the District of Columbia, and federally recognized Tribes.

Additional Information on Eligibility

Applicants must be in good standing on previously awarded Federal grant agreements, with no outstanding reports or obligations. Applicants in good standing have records of successful use of funds from previous awards from the Service's WNS funding opportunities (if applicable), with no or minimal record of surrendered funds as a result of avoidable project or administrative delays. When an applicant is carrying two or more active WNS projects while applying for another, the Service has an administrative obligation to verify that there are no correctable problems in implementing the existing awards. The Service will review the reasons why those grants are still open before proceeding with further consideration. Applicants that have taken no significant action on any one of their two or more preexisting awards will not be considered eligible to apply for new funds from the WNS program until the problem is resolved.

C2. Cost Sharing or Matching

Cost Sharing / Matching Requirement

No

Percentage of Cost Sharing / Matching Requirement

0

Note: Projects such as cave or mine gating that occur on Federal lands are expected to include a significant contribution from the partnering Federal agency. This contribution may be in the form of matching funds.

C3. Other

Foreign Entities or Projects:

State Sponsors of Terrorism: This program will not fund projects in [countries determined by the U.S. Department of State to have repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism](#) and therefore are subject to sanctions restricting receipt of U.S. foreign assistance and other financial transactions.

Office of Foreign Assets Control Sanctions: This program will not fund projects in countries subject to [comprehensive sanction programs administered by the U.S. Department of Treasury, Office of Foreign Asset Control](#) without proper licenses.

In-Country Licenses, Permits, or Approvals: Entities conducting activities outside the U.S. are responsible for coordinating with appropriate U.S. and foreign government authorities as necessary to obtain all required licenses, permits, or approvals before undertaking project activities. The Service does not assume responsibility for recipient compliance with the laws, regulations, policies, or procedures of the foreign country in which they are conducting work.

Excluded Parties:

The DOI conducts a review of the SAM.gov Exclusions database for all applicant entities and their key project personnel prior to award. The DOI cannot award funds to entities or their key project personnel identified in the SAM.gov Exclusions database as ineligible, prohibited/restricted or otherwise excluded from receiving Federal contracts, certain subcontracts, and certain Federal assistance and benefits, as their ineligibility condition applies to this Federal program.

D. Application and Submission Information**D1. Address to Request Application Package**

The Application Package can be found at the following locations:

GrantSolutions <https://home.grantsolutions.gov/home/> - Search for the funding opportunity using the Program name and/or CFDA Number 15.684. Or, search for the funding opportunity name: 2022 White-nose Syndrome Grants to States and Tribes.

Forms required for the application can also be found here:

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/forms/sf-424-family.html> or requested from Kyle Welsh, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration, 413-270-2259 or Kyle_Welsh@fws.gov

Program Website Link

www.WhiteNoseSyndrome.org

D2. Content and Form of Application Submission**SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance**

All applicants must submit the Standard Form (SF)-424, Application for Federal Assistance. This form is available with the announcement on Grants.gov and in GrantSolutions. The form must be complete and signed by an Authorized Representative. For all applicants except individuals and commercial entities, the Authorized Representative's signature on a standard application form submitted to the Service represents their certification that the entity's financial management system meets [2 CFR §200.302](#) financial management requirements. The non-Federal entity's financial management system must be sufficient to:

1. Permit the preparation of required reports;
2. Trace funds to a level of expenditures adequate to establish that the entity has used such funds per Federal statutes, regulations, and terms and conditions of the Federal award;
3. Provide for the requirements in [2 CFR §200.302\(b\)](#); and
4. Comply with [§200.334](#) Retention requirements for records, [§200.335](#) Requests for transfer of records, [§200.336](#) Methods for collection, transmission, and storage of information, and [§200.337](#) Access to records.

If this application requests more than \$100,000 in Federal funds, the Authorized Representative's signature on or submission of the SF-424 form in GrantSolutions also represents their certification of the statements in 43 CFR Part 18, Appendix A-Certification Regarding Lobbying.

When completing the SF-424 Application form, enter only the amount requested from this Federal program in Box 18a, Estimated Federal Funding. Include any other Federal sources of funding in Box 18e. Estimated Other Funding and identify any such sources and amounts in the required Budget Narrative (see below). For individuals applying as a private citizen (i.e., unrelated to any business or nonprofit organization you may own or operate in your name), do NOT include your Social Security Number on this or any other document to be submitted with your application! When completing the SF-424 Application form, individuals must enter in Box 8b. Employee/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN) the substitute number "444-44-4444." Individuals may register in SAM.gov but are not required to have a SAM.gov registration. For individuals without a SAM.gov registration enter in Box 8c. the substitute Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) "KA5HQCLKUVW1".

Project Abstract Summary (OMB Number 4040-0019)

Applicants must complete and submit the Project Abstract Summary form. The Project Abstract Summary form must provide a brief award description. The description must be in plain language that the public can understand without viewing the full application proposal. It should include a brief, simple description of the project purpose, activities to be performed, deliverables and expected outcomes, intended beneficiaries, and subrecipient activities, if known at the time of submission.

Do not include personally identifiable, sensitive, or proprietary information in the award description as this is available to the public. Use only English characters, numbers, punctuation, and standard symbols. Use of non-English, non-standard characters (also referred to as special or extended ASCII characters) will result in the award description failing to be reported correctly to USASpending.gov. Award descriptions are limited to 4,000 characters or less. Applicants should check the length of the award description and proofread for proper grammar and spelling.

For applicants applying through Grants.gov: Applicants must download and complete the Grants.gov "Project Abstract Summary" form from the full text announcement. To submit the Grants.gov "Project Abstract Summary" form with the application, applicants must add the form as an attachment to the Grants.gov "Attachments" form that is included in the application package.

For applicants applying through GrantSolutions-Grants Management Module (GS-GMM): Applicants must enter the information in the Project Abstract Summary screen. Do not upload a document in place of entering the information directly into GS-GMM Project Abstract Screen.

Project Narrative

Proposals must not exceed 6 pages in length (excluding required forms, letters of support/collaboration, and literature cited) and must have a minimum font size of 11 pt.

The project narrative should include:

Statement of Need: The statement of need should be a concise paragraph describing why the applicant is requesting funds and how the funds will advance the State's or Tribe's objectives for managing bats affected by, or vulnerable to, WNS. This section must include a summary of other non-Federally funded activities for bat conservation research and management that are being conducted by the applicant within the project period. In particular, if the applicant is using different funding to contribute to the objectives stated for this funding opportunity, those activities and funds should be described.

Project Goals and Objectives: State the long-term, overarching goal(s) of the program/project seeking funds, and the specific objectives to be addressed with the proposed funding. Objectives are the specific outcomes to be accomplished in order to reach the stated goal(s). The project's objectives must be clear and specific with measurable outcomes, and deliverable within the project's proposed timeline. Include a description of how the objectives prepare for or advance implementation of strategies that address the priorities of this funding opportunity. This section should also include a description of how the proposed activities build upon previous work to advance the applicant's long-term goals.

Species and Locations: Identify the species affected by the proposed activities. Clearly describe the geographic scope of the proposed activities.

Results: Anticipate the conservation benefits to be accomplished through the proposed goals and objectives. If appropriate, estimate the area of habitat or number of bats/colonies affected by the proposed work.

Project Activities, Methods, and Timetable: Identify the proposed activities to be undertaken to fulfill the project objectives and reach the project goal(s). The proposed project activities narrative must be detailed enough for reviewers to make a clear connection between the activities and the project costs. Provide a detailed description of the method(s) to be used to carry out each activity.

Provide a timetable indicating when activities will be accomplished and project milestones met. The timetable should not propose specific dates but instead group activities by month or season over the project period. For applicants proposing population monitoring, data should be entered into the NABat database prior to annual deadlines set by the program for including data in annual status and trends analyses.

(If applicable) Proposals that seek funds for the enhancement, restoration, or protection of important bat roosts must provide the following information:

- a clear description of the estimated abundance of all species present at the roost and the conservation need or problem at hand;
- a clear description of the enhancement or protection measures proposed and how the action mitigates that problem;
- a quantified estimate of the benefit from the proposed action, e.g., linear feet of subterranean habitat restored or protected, number of bats protected, etc.;
- justification for cost of the project and an analysis of cost efficiency;
- names and affiliations of the partners that will contribute to the work;
- and the project's timeline and future monitoring.
- In proposals where an easement will be purchased, describe who will hold title to the easement, manage the easement, and if it is ready to implement. Include a copy of the letter from the willing seller.
- If Federally Endangered or Threatened species are present in the site(s) to be protected, coordinate with the relevant Service Species recovery lead.

(If applicable) Proposals that seek funds to apply WNS treatment tools to reduce disease or improve survival of affected bats must provide the following information:

- A clear description of the intended treatment strategy, including logistical preparations, timing, and permissions to conduct the activity.
- Estimates of the number of bats of each species intended to be reached with the treatment.
- Description of how treatment will be delivered in a way that is safe for bats, other species and the environment in the vicinity of the project.
- Plans for monitoring the effects of the delivered treatment.

Note: Bat roost conservation supported through this funding opportunity can occur on non-Federal, publicly-owned or managed land, on private property, or on Federally owned or managed land. *Applicants seeking funds to meet this priority on Federally-owned or managed land should contact the WNS regional coordinator in their area to discuss options. Projects proposed on Federal land must include significant contributions from the Federal partner (see criteria below) and may be of lower priority than projects on proposed on non-Federal land.*

Funding may not be used for land purchases, general forestry actions, fulfilling consultation and permitting requirements, offsetting costs of curtailment or construction, or development of management plans.

Description of Entities Undertaking the Project: Provide a brief description of the applicant's organization and all participating entities and/or individuals collaborating to complete the project. Identify which of the proposed activities each agency, organization, group, or individual is responsible for conducting or managing. Provide complete contact information for the individual within the organization that will oversee/manage the project activities on a day-to-day basis. If subcontracting to consultants outside of the applicant's organization is planned to complete proposed activities, explain why this approach is the most effective way to complete the work and how the agency will utilize the outcomes in the future.

Environmental Compliance: Provide sufficient detail about site locations, species, and methods so that reviewers are able to determine project compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

When acquiring real property (Conservation Easement) you and any of your subrecipients are responsible for complying with the requirements of 49 CFR 24 and 2 CFR 1402.329. If a person knowledgeable of the local real estate market determines that the property has a low value and the valuation is not complex, the acquisition may qualify for the use of a waiver valuation under 49 CFR 24.102. If it doesn't qualify for a waiver valuation, an appraiser must develop an opinion of market value in an appraisal that conforms to both the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisition, 6th edition, 2016 (Yellow Book), and the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP). The appraisal must be recommended by a qualified real property appraiser. The appraiser and review appraiser must be either licensed or certified by the State or States where the real property is located, and the license or certification must qualify them for the scope of work in their assignments.

Permitting: All participants working in conjunction with the proposed activities must be covered by necessary Federal, State, and local permits, and landowner permissions prior to project initiation. Applicants submitting proposals to support animal-based experiments, whether in conjunction with universities or not, will be expected to demonstrate compliance with the

Endangered Species Act and the Animal Welfare Act with satisfactory review of animal use protocols by an established Animal Care and Use Committee or related State wildlife veterinarian (as appropriate). Treatment and decontamination actions also require demonstrated compliance with FDA, EPA, and other relevant regulatory agencies.

Sustainability: Identify how the actions to be completed in the project period contribute to complementary or long-term management objectives for bats in the jurisdiction where the project is located.

SF-424A, Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs

Applicants must complete and submit the SF-424A Budget Information form for Non-Construction Programs or Projects. All required application forms are available with this announcement on Grants.gov or in GrantSolutions. Federal award recipients and subrecipients are subject to Federal award cost principles in Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 200. Applicants must show funds requested from this Federal program separately from any other Federal sources of funding. In “Section A – Budget Summary” on the SF-424A form enter the funding requested from this Federal program in the first row. Identify any other Federal funding sources and amounts in the required Budget Narrative (see below). In the SF-424A “Contractual” category total, do not combine estimated subawards and contractual costs. Use the “Contractual” category to reflect estimated contractual costs only. Enter estimated subaward costs in the SF-424A “Other” category. Provide a separate description and total estimated costs for both contractual and subaward costs in the required Budget Narrative (see below).

Budget Narrative

Applicants must include a budget narrative that describes and justifies requested budget items and costs. In your budget narrative, describe how the SF-424 Budget Information, “Object Class Category” totals were determined. For personnel salary costs, generally describe how estimates were determined by identifying what type of staff will support the project and how much time they will contribute to the project (in hours or workdays). Describe any proposed [items of cost that require prior approval](#) under the [Federal award cost principles](#), including any anticipated subawarding, transferring, or contracting out of any work under the award. Provide a separate description and total estimated costs for both contractual and subaward costs. If equipment previously purchased with Federal funds is available for the project, provide a list of that equipment and identify the Federal funding source. Identify any third-party cash or in-kind contributions that a partner or other entity will contribute to the project and describe how the contributions directly and substantively benefit completion of the project. For in-kind contributions, identify the source, the amount, and the valuation methodology used to determine the total value. See [2 CFR §200.306](#) for more information. Please note the prohibitions on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment in [2 CFR 200.216](#). The Department of the Interior’s [Unmanned Aircraft web page](#) provides a list of approved unmanned aircraft and related equipment and software.

Budgets must clearly distinguish between categories described in Project Categories 2.a. and 2.b. identified in section A.II., above, and clearly show that requested funds adhere to maximum amounts indicated for each category of activity.

A table in the budget narrative should be used to clarify use of requested funds more specifically. This table should include at least these budget categories:

- Salaries and benefits (include names, responsibilities, and time commitments);
- Project related expenses (such as: travel, communications, supplies, consultants etc.);
- Equipment (purchases of tangible, personal property over \$5,000.00 that will be used for a year or more); and
- Indirect costs (if any).

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Per the Financial Assistance Interior Regulation (FAIR), [2 CFR §1402.112](#), applicants must state in their application if any actual or potential conflict of interest exists at the time of submission.

a. Applicability.

1. This section intends to ensure that non-Federal entities and their employees take appropriate steps to avoid conflicts of interest in their responsibilities under or with respect to Federal financial assistance agreements.
2. In the procurement of supplies, equipment, construction, and services by recipients and by sub recipients, the conflict of interest provisions in [2 CFR §200.318](#) apply.

b. Notification.

1. Non-Federal entities, including applicants for financial assistance awards, must disclose in writing any conflict of interest to the DOI awarding agency or pass-through entity in accordance with [2 CFR §200.112](#).
2. Recipients must establish internal controls that include, at a minimum, procedures to identify, disclose, and mitigate or eliminate identified conflicts of interest. The recipient is responsible for notifying the Financial Assistance Officer in writing of any conflicts of interest that may arise during the life of the award, including those that have been reported by sub recipients.

c. Restrictions on lobbying. Non-Federal entities are strictly prohibited from using funds under a grant or cooperative agreement for lobbying activities and must provide the required certifications and disclosures pursuant to [43 CFR §18](#) and [31 USC §1352](#).

d. Review procedures. The Financial Assistance Officer will examine each conflict of interest disclosure on the basis of its particular facts and the nature of the proposed grant or cooperative agreement, and will determine whether a significant potential conflict exists and, if it does, develop an appropriate means for resolving it.

Enforcement. Failure to resolve conflicts of interest in a manner that satisfies the government may be cause for termination of the award. Failure to make required disclosures may result in any of the remedies described in [2 CFR §200.339](#), Remedies for noncompliance, including suspension or debarment (see also [2 CFR §180](#)).

Uniform Audit Reporting Statement

All U.S. states, local governments, Indian tribes, institutions of higher education, and non-profit organizations expending \$750,000 USD or more in Federal award funds in the applicant's fiscal

year must submit a Single Audit report for that year through the [Federal Audit Clearinghouse's Internet Data Entry System](#), in accordance with 2 CFR 200 subpart F. U.S. state, local government, Indian tribes, institutions of higher education, and non-profit applicants must state if your organization was or was not required to submit a Single Audit report for the most recently closed fiscal year. If your organization was required to submit a Single Audit report for the most recently closed fiscal year, provide the EIN associated with that report and state if it is available through the [Federal Audit Clearinghouse](#) website.

Certification Regarding Lobbying

Applicants requesting more than \$100,000 in Federal funding must certify to the statements in [43CFR Part 18, Appendix A-Certification Regarding Lobbying](#). If this application requests more than \$100,000 in Federal funds, the Authorized Official's signature on the appropriate SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance form also represents the entity's certification of the statements in [43 CFR Part 18, Appendix A](#).

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Applicants and recipients must not use any federally appropriated funds (annually appropriated or continuing appropriations) or matching funds under a Federal award to pay any person for lobbying in connection with the award. Lobbying is influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any U.S. agency, a Member of the U.S. Congress, an officer or employee of the U.S. Congress, or an employee of a Member of the U.S. Congress connection with the award. Applicants and recipients must complete and submit the [SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities"](#) form if the Federal share of the proposal or award is more than \$100,000 and the applicant or recipient has made or has agreed to make any payment using non-appropriated funds for lobbying in connection with the application or award. The SF-LLL form is available with this Funding Opportunity on Grants.gov. See 43 CFR, Subpart 18.100 for more information on when additional submission of this form is required.

Overlap or Duplication of Effort Statement

Applicants must provide a statement indicating if there is any overlap between this Federal application and any other Federal application, or funded project, in regard to activities, costs, or time commitment of key personnel. If no such overlap or duplication exists, state, "There are no overlaps or duplication between this application and any of our other Federal applications or funded projects, including in regard to activities, costs, or time commitment of key personnel". If any such overlap exists, provide a complete description of overlaps or duplications between this proposal and any other federally funded project or application in regard to activities, costs, and time commitment of key personnel, as applicable. Provide a copy of any overlapping or duplicative proposal submitted to any other potential funding entity and identify when that proposal was submitted, to whom (entity name and program), and when you anticipate being notified of their funding decision. When overlap exists, your statement must end with "We understand that if at any time we receive funding from another source that is duplicative of the funding we are requesting from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in this application, we will immediately notify the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service point of contact identified in this Funding Opportunity in writing."

D3. Unique Entity Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM)

Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM.gov) Registration:

This requirement does not apply to individuals applying for funds as an individual (i.e., unrelated to any business or nonprofit organization you may own, operate, or work within), or any entity with an exception to bypass SAM.gov registration with prior approval from the funding bureau or office in accordance with bureau or office policy. All other applicants are required to register as a financial assistance recipient in SAM.gov prior to submitting a Federal award application and obtain a [Unique Entity Identifier \(UEI\)](#). A Federal award may not be made to an applicant that has not completed the SAM.gov registration. If an applicant selected for funding has not completed their SAM.gov registration by the time the program is ready to make an award, the program may determine the applicant is not qualified to receive an award. Federal award recipients must also continue to maintain an active SAM.gov registration with current information through the life of their Federal award(s). Entities already registered in SAM.gov should review their registration to confirm that they are registered as a financial assistance recipient, which requires completion of the SAM.gov “Financial Assistance General Certifications and Representations”. See the “Submission Requirements” section of this document below for more information on SAM.gov registration.

Applicants can register on the [SAM.gov](#) website. The “Help” tab on the website contains User Guides and other information to assist you with registration. The Grants.gov “[Register with SAM](#)” page also provides detailed instructions. Applicants can contact the supporting Federal Service Desk for help registering in SAM. Once registered in SAM, entities must renew and revalidate their SAM registration at least once every 12 months from the date previously registered. Entities are strongly encouraged to revalidate their registration as often as needed to ensure their information is up to date and reflects changes that may have been made to the entity’s IRS information. If applicable, foreign entities who want to receive payment directly to a U.S. bank account must enter and maintain valid, current banking information in SAM.

D4. Submission Dates and Times**Due Date for Applications**

06/16/2023

Application Due Date Explanation

Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM., ET, on the listed application due date.

Applications received by 5/5/2023 may be reviewed prior to the final application due date. If so, highly competitive and time sensitive projects may also receive award notification prior to the final application due date.

D5. Intergovernmental Review

An intergovernmental review may be required for applications submissions from a U.S. state or local government prior to submission. Applicants must contact their State’s Single Point of Contact (SPOC) to comply with the state’s process under [Executive Order 12372](#). The State

Single Point of Contact list is available on the [OMB Office of Federal Financial Management website](#).

D6. Funding Restrictions

Indirect Costs: Individuals

Individuals applying for and receiving funds separate from a business or non-profit organization they may operate are not eligible to charge indirect costs to their award. If you are an individual applying for funding, you must not include any indirect costs in your proposed budget.

Indirect Costs: Organizations

The Federal awarding agency that provides the largest amount of direct funding to your organization is your cognizant agency for indirect costs, unless otherwise assigned by the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB). If the Department of the Interior (DOI) is your organization's cognizant agency, the Interior Business Center (IBC) will negotiate your indirect cost rate. Contact the IBC by phone 916-930-3803 or using the [IBC Email Submission Form](#). See the [IBC Website](#) for more information.

Organizations must have an active Federal award before they can submit an indirect cost rate proposal to their cognizant agency. Failure to establish an approved rate during the award period renders all costs otherwise allocable as indirect costs unallowable under the award. Recipients may not shift unallowable indirect costs to another Federal award unless specifically authorized to do so by legislation.

Required Indirect Cost Statement to be submitted by Organization:

U.S. state or local government entities receiving more than \$35 million in direct Federal funding must include the following statement in their application and attach a copy of their most recently negotiated rate agreement:

- We are a U.S. state or local government entity receiving more than \$35 million in direct Federal funding. We submit our indirect cost rate proposals to our cognizant agency. Our current indirect cost rate is [insert rate]. Attached is a copy of our most recently negotiated rate agreement/certification.

U.S. state or local government entities receiving \$35 million or less in direct Federal funding must include the applicable statement from this list:

- We are a U.S. state or local government entity receiving \$35 million or less in direct Federal funding. We prepare and retain for audit an indirect cost rate proposal and documentation per 2 CFR 200, Appendix VII. Our current indirect cost rate is [insert rate], which is charged against [insert a complete description of the direct cost base used to distribute indirect costs to the award].
- We are a U.S. state or local government entity receiving \$35 million or less in direct Federal funding. We have not prepared an indirect cost rate proposal and documentation per 2 CFR §200, Appendix VII and elect to charge the de minimis rate of 10% of Modified Total Direct Costs as defined in 2 CFR §200.1. We understand we must use this methodology consistently for all Federal awards until we choose to establish a rate per 2

CFR §200. We understand we must notify the Service in writing if we establish a rate that changes the methodology used to charge indirect costs during the award period. We understand that additional Federal funds may not be available to support an unexpected increase in indirect costs during the project period and that such changes are subject to review, negotiation, and prior approval by the Service.

All other organizations must include the applicable statement from this list and any related documentation in their application. Please note, an organization with a current negotiated (including provisional) rate may not elect to charge the 10% de minimis rate of Modified Total Direct Costs during the period covered by their current negotiated rate.

- We are an organization with a current negotiated indirect cost rate. In the event we receive an award, we will charge indirect costs per our current negotiated rate agreement. Attached is a copy of our current rate agreement.
- We are an organization with a negotiated indirect cost rate that has expired. Attached is copy of our most recently negotiated rate agreement. If we receive an award, we will submit an indirect cost rate proposal to our cognizant agency within 90 calendar days after the award date. We understand we must provide the Service a copy of our approved rate agreement before charging indirect costs to the Federal award.
- We are an organization that has never negotiated an indirect cost rate with our cognizant agency. Our indirect cost rate is [insert rate], which is charged against [insert a complete description of the direct cost base used to distribute indirect costs to the award]. If we receive an award, we will submit an indirect cost rate proposal to our cognizant agency within 90 calendar days after the award date. We understand we must provide the Service a copy of our approved rate agreement before charging indirect costs to the Federal award.
- We are an organization that does not have a current negotiated (including provisional) rate. In the event an award is made, we elect to charge the de minimis rate of 10% of Modified Total Direct Costs as defined in 2 CFR §200.1. We understand we must use this methodology consistently for all Federal awards until such time as we negotiate a different rate with our cognizant agency. We understand that we must notify the Service in writing if during the award period we establish a rate that changes the methodology used to charge indirect costs to the award. We understand that additional Federal funds may not be available to support an unexpected increase in indirect costs and that such changes are subject to review, negotiation, and prior approval by the Service.
- We are an organization submitting a [insert either “Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit Program” or “Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit Network”] project proposal, which has an indirect cost rate cap of [insert rate; CRU is currently 15%; CESU is currently 17.5%]. In the event we receive an award, we understand that if we have a current negotiated (including provisional) indirect cost rate agreement we must charge the capped indirect cost rate to the same base identified in our approved indirect cost rate agreement. We understand we must request prior approval from the awarding program to use the [2 CFR 200.1 Modified Total Direct Costs](#) (MTDC) base instead of our approved base and that we must submit such requests with our application, including a calculation showing how use of the MTDC base results in an overall reduction in the total indirect costs recovered. If we do not have current negotiated (including provisional) rate, we understand we must charge the capped indirect cost rate against Modified Total Direct

Costs (MTDC) as defined in 2 CFR §200.1. If we have never negotiated a rate, we understand we must use the de minimis rate of 10% of MTDC.

- We are an organization that will charge all costs directly.

D7. Other Submission Requirements

The Service uses the GrantSolutions system to manage financial assistance applications and awards. Applicants must register in and conduct any subsequent award business with the Service in GrantSolutions. To apply, your organization and organization officials must be established in GrantSolutions. To register your organization in GrantSolutions, send an email to help@grantsolutions.gov with the following information:

Subject: New Organization Request

- Organization/Individual Name
- Point of Contact first and last name, email, and phone number
- Organization Type
- SAM.gov Unique Entity Identifier (not required for individuals or Service-waived entities)
- Organization Employer Identification Number (Applicants that are INDIVIDUALS DO NOT include your social security number)
- Address

Organizational details should match those in the organization's SAM.gov registration. To establish organization official accounts and user role(s), complete a Recipient User Account Request Form for each official and email it to help@grantsolutions.gov. The GrantSolutions entity user roles are: Authorizing Official (ADO); Principal Investigator/Program Director (PI/PD); Support Specialist (GSS); Financial Officer (FO); and Financial Support Staff (FSS). All roles can do the following: enter applications, amendments, and reports, view awards, and view and create notes. The ADO and the PI/PD roles can also submit applications, amendments, and reports. The FO role can also submit reports. At a minimum, registered organizations must assign someone to the ADO and PI/PD roles. For more information, see the GrantSolutions Recipient Training and FAQs web page. For GrantSolutions registration, submission, and other assistance contact their Customer Support by telephone at 1-866-577-0771 or by email at help@grantsolutions.gov.

E. Application Review Information

E1. Criteria

Project Responsiveness and Relevance (20%)

- How well does the proposed work address one or more priorities (above) for this funding opportunity?
- Does the project have a high likelihood of contributing positively to bat conservation?

Project Need (25%)

- Does the project take action to mitigate a threat to bats?
- Does the project build upon and advance the applicant's ability to manage to WNS and bats?

Project Impact (20%)

- How well will the project benefit WNS-affected and/or WNS-vulnerable species or populations?
- How many bats and what species are affected by the project? How important are the affected bats to the local population?Budget (20%)
- Is the project a cost effective approach to achieving the stated goals and objectives?
- Is the project budget justifiable for the proposed actions and conservation benefit achieved?

Project Feasibility (15%)

- Are the proposed timeline and work schedule realistic for achieving the goals and objectives of the project within the period of performance?
- Are key personnel experienced and well positioned to successfully complete the project and communicate the results?
- Does the project utilize appropriate partnerships within the project area?

Reviewers will record additional information for projects that provide long term protection of important bat roosts.

- What is the size of the site?
- How many species use it and during what seasons?
- Are the affected species impacted by WNS?
- How many bats benefit directly from this action?
- Will the action produce a lasting solution to the stated problem and be resilient to future change?
- If the site is on Federal land, will or has the Federal partner contribute(d) to planning, funding, and completing the project?

Projects will be evaluated based on the criteria above, with applications ranked independently in competition for available funds.

The Service may choose to fund all or part of a proposed budget.

The Service may employ additional review criteria to specifically evaluate groups of proposals. These criteria include prioritization of projects based on the following considerations.

- Is there collaboration that enhances efficiency or efficacy of the work?
- What is the applicant's ability to use partial funding?

- If an applicant indicates that a project cannot be completed with partial funding, a lower ranked project within the target funding amount may be funded instead of a higher ranked project.
- An applicant may receive less funding than requested if an activity identified in the grant has been deemed ineligible, insubstantial, or in conflict with goals of the funding opportunity. Applicants may be asked to adjust project objectives, tasks, and budgets to best utilize the reduced award amount.
- Does the project contribute to a dynamic bat conservation effort with examples of how the accomplishments of this funding will lead to progress and information that help advance the applicant's bat conservation efforts?
- Has the applicant successfully accomplished goals funded through prior awards and completed required reports?

The Service reserves the right to reject an application in its entirety where information is uncovered that raises a significant risk with respect to the responsibility or suitability of an applicant.

E2. Review and Selection Process

Prior to award, the program will review any applicant statement regarding potential overlap or duplication between the project to be funded and any other funded or proposed project in terms of activities, funding, or time commitment of key personnel. Depending on the circumstances, the program may request modification to the application, other pending applications, or an active award, as needed to eliminate any duplication of effort, or the FWS may choose not to fund the selected project.

Prior to award, the program will conduct and document a review of the proposed budget to ensure figures are calculated correctly, proposed costs are clearly linked to the project narrative and seem necessary and reasonable, no obviously unallowable costs are included, costs requiring prior approval are identified and described, indirect cost are applied correctly, and any program match or cost share requirements are addressed.

The program may not make a Federal award to an applicant that has not completed the SAM.gov registration. If an applicant selected for funding has not completed their SAM.gov registration by the time the Bureau is ready to make an award, the program may determine that the applicant is not qualified to receive an award. The program can use that determination as a basis for making an award to another applicant.

Prior to award, the program will evaluate the risk posed by applicants as required in [2 CFR §200.206](#). Prior to approving awards for Federal funding in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold (currently \$250,000), the Bureau is required to review and consider any information about or from the applicant found in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System. The Bureau will consider this information when completing the risk review. The Bureau uses the results of the risk evaluation to establish monitoring plans, recipient reporting frequency

requirements, and to determine if one or more of the specific award conditions in [2 CFR §200.208](#) should be applied to the award.

The review panel will include national and regional coordinators of the Service's white-nose syndrome national response team. At least three reviewers will evaluate each proposal on the criteria listed above. All elements of review will be submitted and maintained electronically by the national assistant coordinator for the Service's white-nose syndrome program. The Service will evaluate recommendations from the review committee and seek consensus funding decisions from the Service's national and regional WNS coordinators. The Service is responsible for all final decisions. The National WNS Steering Committee will be notified of the award selections by the Service' WNS Program.

E3. CFR – Regulatory Information

See the [Service's General Award Terms and Conditions](#) for the general administrative and national policy requirements applicable to Service awards. The Service will communicate any other program- or project-specific special terms and conditions to recipients in their notices of award.

E4. Anticipated Announcement and Federal Award Dates

We anticipate notifying applicants of award decisions by July 1, 2023.

F. Federal Award Administration Information

F1. Federal Award Notices

Following review, applicants may be requested to revise the project scope and/or budget before an award is made. Successful applicants will receive written notice in the form of a notice of award document. Notices of award will be generated and sent to the applicant through GrantSolutions. Award recipients are not required to sign/return the Notice of Award document. Acceptance of an award is defined as starting work, drawing down funds, or accepting the award via electronic means.

Awards are based on the final application submitted to and approved by the Service and are subject to the terms and conditions incorporated into the Notice of Award either by direct citation or by reference to the following: Federal regulations; program legislation or regulation; and special award terms and conditions. Recipient acceptance of a Federal award from the Service carries with it the responsibility to be aware of and comply with all terms and conditions applicable to the award.

F2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

See the [DOI Standard Terms and Conditions](#) for the administrative and national policy requirements applicable to DOI awards.

See the [Service's General Award Terms and Conditions](#) for the general administrative and national policy requirements applicable to Service awards.

Buy America Provision for Infrastructure: Required Use of American Iron, Steel, Manufactured Products, and Construction Materials.

As required by Section 70914 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. 117-58), on or after May 14, 2022, none of the funds under a federal award that are part of a Federal financial assistance program for infrastructure may be obligated for a project unless all the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States, unless subject to an approved waiver. Recipients conducting infrastructure projects under the award must include related requirements all subawards, including all contracts and purchase orders for infrastructure work or products under this program. For the full text term applicable to infrastructure and related waiver request standards and procedures, see the Service's General Award Terms and Conditions.

F3. Reporting

Financial Reports

All recipients must use the [SF-425, Federal Financial Report](#) form for financial reporting. At a minimum, all recipients must submit a **final** financial report. Final reports are due no later than 120 calendar days after the award period of performance end date or termination date. For awards with periods of performance longer than 12 months, recipients are required to submit **interim** financial reports on the frequency established in the Notice of Award. The only exception to the interim financial reporting requirement is if the recipient is required to use the SF 270/271 to request payment and requests payment at least once annually through the entire award period of performance. We will describe all financial reporting requirements in the Notice of Award.

Non-Construction Performance Reports

Performance reports must contain a comparison of actual accomplishments with the established goals and objectives of the award; a description of reasons why established goals was not met, if appropriate; and any other pertinent information relevant to the project results. **Final** reports are due no later than 120 calendar days after the award period of performance end date or termination date. For awards with periods of performance longer than 12 months, recipients are required to submit **interim performance** reports on the frequency established in the Notice of Award.

Construction Performance Reports

For construction awards, onsite technical inspections and certified percentage of completion data may be relied on to monitor progress for construction. Additional performance reports for construction activities may be required only when considered necessary. However, awards that include both construction and non-construction activities require performance reporting for the non-construction activities. See [2 CFR§200.329](#) for more information. The USFWS will describe all performance reporting requirements in the Notice of Award.

Significant Development Reports

Events may occur between the scheduled performance reporting dates which have significant impact upon the supported activity. In such cases, recipients are required to notify the Bureau in writing as soon as the recipient becomes aware of any problems, delays, or adverse conditions that will materially impair the ability to meet the objective of the Federal award. This disclosure must include a statement of any corrective action(s) taken or contemplated, and any assistance needed to resolve the situation. The recipient should also notify the Service in writing of any favorable developments that enable meeting time schedules and objectives sooner or at less cost than anticipated or producing more or different beneficial results than originally planned.

Real Property Reports

Recipients and subrecipients are required to submit status reports on the status of real property acquired under the award in which the Federal government retains an interest. The required frequency of these reports will depend on the anticipated length of the Federal interest period. The Bureau will include recipient-specific real property reporting requirements, including the required standard form or data elements, reporting frequency, and report due dates, in the Notice of Award when applicable.

Conflict of Interest Disclosures

Per 2 CFR §1402.112, non-Federal entities and their employees must take appropriate steps to avoid conflicts of interest in their responsibilities under or with respect to Federal financial assistance agreements. In the procurement of supplies, equipment, construction, and services by recipients and by subrecipients, the provisions in [2 CFR §200.318](#) apply. Non-Federal entities, including applicants for financial assistance awards, must disclose in writing any conflict of interest to the DOI awarding agency or pass-through entity in accordance with [2 CFR §200.112](#). Recipients must establish internal controls that include, at a minimum, procedures to identify, disclose, and mitigate or eliminate identified conflicts of interest. The recipient is responsible for notifying the Service Project Officer identified in their notice of award in writing of any conflicts of interest that may arise during the life of the award, including those that reported by subrecipients. The Service will examine each disclosure to determine whether a significant potential conflict exists and, if it does, work with the applicant or recipient to develop an appropriate resolution. Failure to resolve conflicts of interest in a manner that satisfies the government may be cause for termination of the award.

Other Mandatory Disclosures

The Non-Federal entity or applicant for a Federal award must disclose, in a timely manner, in writing to the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the Federal award. Non-Federal entities that receive a Federal award including the terms and conditions outlined in 2 CFR 200, Appendix XII—Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters are required to report certain civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings to SAM. Failure to make required disclosures can result in any of the remedies for noncompliance described in 2 CFR §200.339, including suspension or debarment.

Reporting Matters Related to Recipient Integrity and Performance

If the total value of your currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from all Federal awarding agencies exceeds \$10,000,000 for any period of time during the period of performance of this Federal award, then you as the recipient during that period of

time must maintain the currency of information reported to the [System for Award Management](#) that is made available in the designated integrity and performance system (currently the [Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System](#)) about civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings in accordance with [Appendix XII to 2 CFR 200](#).

G. Federal Awarding Agency Contact(s)

G1. Program Technical Contact

For **programmatic technical assistance**, contact:

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G2. Program Administration

For **program administration assistance**, contact:

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G3. Application System Technical Support

For Grants.gov technical registration and submission, downloading forms and application packages, contact:

Grants.gov Customer Support

Numeric Input Field: 1-800-518-4726

Support@grants.gov

For GrantSolutions technical registration, submission, and other assistance contact:

GrantSolutions Customer Support

1-866-577-0771

Help@grantsolutions.gov

H. Other Information

Payments

Domestic recipients are required to register in and receive payment through the U.S. Treasury's Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP), unless approved for a waiver by the Service program. Foreign recipients receiving funds to a final destination bank outside the U.S. are required to receive payment through the U.S. Treasury's International Treasury Services (ITS) System. Foreign recipients receiving funds to a final destination bank in the U.S. are required to enter and maintain current banking details in their SAM.gov entity profile and receive payment through the Automated Clearing House network by electronic funds transfer (EFT). The Bureau will include recipient-specific instructions on how to request payment, including identification of any additional information required and where to submit payment requests, as applicable, in all Notices of Award.

Appropriate Fish and Wildlife Service contacts for WNS are available at www.whitenosesyndrome.org/contacts

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Jonathan Reichard, WNS National Assistant Coordinator; Phone: 413-253-8258,
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Richard Geboy, Midwest WNS Coordinator (IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, MO, OH, WI); Phone: 812-334-4261 x210, Richard_Geboy@fws.gov

Pete Pattavina, Southeast WNS Coordinator (AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, PR, SC, TN, VI); Phone: 706-208-7511, Pete_Pattavina@fws.gov

Laurel Hill, Mountain-Prairie WNS Coordinator [acting] (CO, KS, MT, NE, ND, SD, UT, WY); Phone:, Laurel_Hill@fws.gov

Jennifer Smith-Castro, Southwest WNS Coordinator (AZ, NM, OK, TX); Phone: 281-212-1509, Jennifer_Smith-Castro@fws.gov

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PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT:

OMB Control Number: 1018-0100

Per the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA; 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) collects information in accordance with program authorizing

legislation to conduct a review and select projects for funding and, if awarded, to evaluate performance. Your response is required to obtain or retain a benefit. We may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Privacy Act Statement: This information collection is authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5701 et seq. The information provided will be used to administer all Service financial assistance programs and activities including to: (1) determine eligibility under the authorizing legislation and applicable program regulations; (2) determine allowability of major cost items under the Cost Principles at 2 CFR 200; (3) select those projects that will provide the highest return on the Federal investment; and (4) assist in compliance with laws, as applicable, such as the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, and the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970. This information may be shared in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 and the routine uses listed in INTERIOR/DOI-89, Grants and Cooperative Agreements: FBMS - 73 FR 43775 (July 28, 2008). Furnishing this information is voluntary; however, failure to provide all requested information may prevent the Service from awarding funds.

Estimated Burden Statement: We estimate that it will take you on average about 40 hours to complete an initial application, about 3 hours to revise the terms of an award, and about 8 hours per report to prepare and submit financial and performance reports, including time to maintain records and gather information. Actual times for these activities will vary depending on program-specific requirements. Direct comments regarding the burden estimates or any other aspect of the specific forms to the Service Information Clearance Officer, USFWS, U.S. Department of the Interior, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: PRB (JAO/3W), Falls Church, VA 22041-3803, or by email to Info_Coll@fws.gov.