U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Intent (NOI) to Award to a Single Source without Competition

Instructions: Use this form to document the determination of a single source financial assistance award. Refer to the **Issuing a New Financial Assistance Award Guidance** found at https://inside.fws.gov/go/post/FAPO-NewAwards. Once completed, the program office must maintain the form in the official award file.

Recipient Name:	Student Conservation Association
Project Title:	Directorate Resource Assistant Fellows Program
Service Contact Name:	Jessie Cheek, (703) 358-2597

Single Source Determination - select all that apply:

	(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 the award will fund 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 already funded 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 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 – 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 FWS and the Student Conservation Association (SCA) have a national level financial assistance agreement in place to collaborate in the employment and training of students working on a variety of FWS programs. The program is authorized under the Public Lands Corps Act.

The SCA has worked with the FWS nationally for decades and built quality training, employment and support programs that are responsive and adaptable to support our mission and program objectives, in addition to the ability to contribute matching support. The SCA's staff is very experienced and fully knowledgeable of our programs across the country, thereby eliminating the need to issue multiple awards to build a consistent system that meets our objectives and the intent of the Directors Fellows Program.