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: Amigos de la Sevilleta

Project Title: Cooperative habitat restoration and enhancement to benefit Southwestern willow flycatcher and yellow-billed cuckoo

Program Contact: Renee L. Robichaud, 505-864-4021, renee_robichaud@fws.gov

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 Single Source Award is being awarded in accordance with Department of the Interior Policy 505 DM 2.14 B(4) Unique Qualifications: The recipient, Amigos, has a great deal of expertise in assisting Sevilleta NWR with habitat restoration and other projects. Amigos is headquartered in Socorro, New Mexico, and since 2007, has worked to help with education and wildlife/habitat restoration on the behalf of Sevilleta NWR.

Amigos has assisted throughout those years with organizing volunteers for tree planting and native seeding efforts, and procuring various materials and supplies to support tree planting, Gunnison's prairie dog restoration, and education and outreach efforts. Amigos is a local partner, familiar with the refuge, its staff, and local vendors. They have the resources and capacity to maintain flexibility and respond to project needs on short notice. Their proximity to the project sites, flexible availability, quality of work, and track record of support for the Service justifies a single source award to Amigos.

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.

Renee L Robichaud 9/12/19

Program Representative Sign and Date

Renee L. Robichaud

Printed Name of Program Representative

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.

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Authorized Signator Sign and Date

Michelle L. Willcox

Printed Name of Signator