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## A. Program Description

**Authority:**
Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act—Cooperation of agencies (16 U.S.C. §661), Endangered Species Act—International cooperation (16 U.S.C. §1537)

**Assistance Listing Number:**
15.637

**Background, Purpose and Program Requirements:**
The Arctic Goose Joint Venture (AGJV) is a partnership-based program under the North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP) that provides and improves scientific information to support and promote effective management, monitoring, and conservation of northern-nesting geese. The USFWS, a partner in the AGJV, administers financial assistance awards (grants and cooperative agreements) on a competitive basis for projects and studies that advance the general scientific community's understanding of goose ecology and management and is seeking proposals from interested parties.

**AGJV Research Priorities**
The AGJV Strategic Plan (available at http://www.agjv.ca) identifies priority research focus areas and current information needs for all AGJV goose populations. Priorities for this funding opportunity were identified by the AGJV Technical Committee and Management Board. Priority consideration will be given to proposals addressing the following focus areas and species/populations.

*1) Evaluation and Improvement of Goose Monitoring Data*
Obtaining accurate and unbiased estimates of population abundance and demographic rates are a priority for all goose populations, and this information forms the foundation for sound management decisions. For many goose populations, banding and harvest data are used to estimate demographic rates and population size using Lincoln estimates as well as to evaluate the sustainability of hunting regulations through assessment of harvest rates. The AGJV continually strives to improve monitoring methods for northern-nesting geese and fill priority monitoring gaps. The COVID-19 pandemic created unprecedented disruptions to monitoring programs, and evaluations are needed to better understand the implications of missing monitoring data on population indices/estimates and harvest regulation decisions. Advances in analytical methods, such as use of Integrated Population Models, hierarchical models, and simulations, offer options to evaluate and improve estimates and understanding of goose demography across the annual life cycle, and more evaluations using such analytical approaches are needed in the context of harvest management and/or for designing optimal monitoring programs. For this focus area, projects that are large-scale and include multiple goose species are preferred. Specific priorities include:

- Coordinated, multi-species, multi-year, multi-partner banding effort in Alaska with identified locations, target species, and target annual banding goals for a 3–5 year period to explore modification/expansion of current banding efforts, evaluate efficacy of approaches, and optimize future goose banding operations in Alaska

- Evaluations of goose band reporting rates and factors affecting reporting rates, particularly for subsistence harvests in Alaska
- Evaluations of the biases and representativeness of Lincoln estimates, harvest estimates, and band-recovery data
- Evaluations of missing banding and monitoring data using, for example, Integrated Population Models/hierarchical models/simulations, particularly in the context of harvest management and/or for the design of optimal, long-term monitoring programs

*2) Research Priorities Related to Light Geese*

Improving our understanding about population and harvest dynamics of light geese (Ross's and snow geese), their impacts to habitats and other species, and hunter and public attitudes/perceptions of light geese remain a priority for the AGJV. Population dynamics, research needs, and management issues vary across North America, depending on the population. Specific priorities include:

- Evaluations of special measures/conservation order harvest estimates and/or studies to improve the accuracy and consistency of harvest data collection methods among States/Provinces
- Evaluations of the recent decline in abundance of midcontinent lesser snow geese and Ross's geese, particularly studies evaluating changes and drivers of annual productivity and emigration rates to other areas
- Evaluations of future growth trajectory and carrying capacity of Wrangel Island and Western Arctic Populations of lesser snow geese under different climatic or harvest regimes
- Evaluations of light goose impacts on other species and breeding/staging habitats, particularly across broad geographic scales or in the context of species' full annual life-cycle
- Social science studies to better understand hunter/public perceptions of light geese and their harvest regulations, specifically hunter attitudes and motivations regarding participation in special measures/conservation order seasons where they currently occur and/or attitudes of hunters/public in U.S. States of the Pacific Flyway regarding use of conservation order seasons

*3) Research on Priority Goose Populations and Specific Issues*

There are 7 species and 24 goose populations under the purview of the AGJV, all with specific research and management priorities. While the AGJV encourages projects that have broad and general implications, some goose populations are of particular conservation/management concern or have specific research questions that, if answered, would greatly improve our knowledge base. Specific species/populations and research priorities include:

- Atlantic Population Canada geese, particularly studies that evaluate factors limiting population growth such as those influencing annual productivity or population dynamics

- Emperor geese, particularly studies that improve demographic and harvest estimates and/or evaluate the biases of current harvest estimates
- Brant (Atlantic, Western High Arctic, and Black), particularly studies that 1) improve our understanding of demographic rates and habitat usage throughout the annual cycle, 2) reduce bias and improve precision of brant population indices, and 3) evaluate the effects of other goose species on brant demography
- Improvement of management indices for cackling and Canada goose populations in the Pacific Flyway, particularly 1) evaluating the delineations for minima cackling geese, Taverner's cackling geese, and lesser Canada geese and 2) investigating refinements to the Dusky Canada goose management index and survey components to reduce potential bias or improve efficiency

## B. Federal Award Information

### B1. Total Funding

**Estimated Total Funding**
$450,000

### B2. Expected Award Amount

**Maximum Award**
$150,000
**Minimum Award**
$5,000

### B3. Expected Award Funding and Anticipated Dates

**Expected Award Funding**

**Expected Award Date**
February 15, 2023
The AGJV expects to have up to $450,000 USD available to support projects. Individual awards may be up to $150,000 USD. The AGJV encourages modest funding requests. The AGJV is providing one-time funding to projects. Funding will be provided at the beginning of the project, with no commitment to provide future, additional funding. Expected award date is February 2023, with a period of performance up to 3 years after the award date.

### B4. Number of Awards

**Expected Number of Awards**
5

## B5. Type of Award

**Funding Instrument Type**
G - Grant
CA - Cooperative Agreement
Multiple awards may be issued in the form of Cooperative Agreements and Grants. USFWS agency personnel have different responsibilities for Cooperative Agreements versus Grants (additional information available at https://fawiki.fws.gov/display/WSFR/Substantial+Involvement). If a Cooperative Agreement award is made, then substantial involvement on the part of the USFWS is required for the successful completion of the activities to be funded. USFWS substantial involvement would need to be determined before the official award is executed.

# C. Eligibility Information

## C1. Eligible Applicants

**Eligible Applicants**
99 – Unrestricted (i.e. open to any type of entity above), subject to any clarification in the text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility"

**Additional Information on Eligibility**
All potential applicants are eligible. Applications are encouraged from nonprofit organizations, public and private educational organizations, federal, state, provincial, local, and tribal governments and organizations, foreign governments, and individual companies.

See announcement for specific application directions for Federal applicants.

U.S. non-profit, non-governmental organizations must provide a copy of their Section 501(c)(3) or (4) status determination letter received from the Internal Revenue Service.

## C2. Cost Sharing or Matching

**Cost Sharing / Matching Requirement**
No

**Percentage of Cost Sharing / Matching Requirement**
Matching funds are not required, but the amount of matching funds are considered when scoring proposals and need to be identified in the budget. At least a 1:1 match to AGJV funds is recommended, ideally from a non-federal source.

## C3. Other

Multi-year projects will need to demonstrate that the project components identified in the proposal for AGJV funds can either 1) be completed within the period of performance of these funds (i.e., within 3 years from the award date) or 2) that additional partner funding will allow for the completion of project components that span multiple years. Multi-year projects have special reporting requirements that must be addressed in both the proposal and in annual

summary reports. In the proposal, results that will be attained annually and at the conclusion of the project need to be clearly defined (e.g., sample sizes, progress of analyses, reports and publications).

If AGJV funding is requested as part of a large, multi-faceted study or program with multiple, diverse research objectives and projects, the proposal and budget should focus on the specific project(s) that seek AGJV funding. General proposals including non-AGJV research priorities may not be considered. The specific project(s) and outcomes from the use of AGJV funding need to be clearly identifiable.

**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

This funding opportunity contains everything needed to complete all documentation requirements. Additional details and information can be found on the AGJV website and requested from the program contacts identified below.

Non-federal applicants need to submit all required documents described below.

Federal applicants need to submit the 10-page Project Narrative (including the program specific AGJV budget) to the program contacts identified below.

**Program Website Link**
https://www.agjv.ca/

## 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 "

**SF 424B, Assurances for Non-Construction Programs**
Individuals applying for and receiving funds separate from a business or non-profit organization he/she may own or operate, and entities waived from the SAM.gov registration requirements by the funding bureau or office must submit the signed and dated SF-424B, Assurances for Non-Construction Programs form. All required application forms are available with this announcement on Grants.gov and in GrantSolutions. All other financial assistance applicants must complete the "Financial Assistance General Certifications and Representations" as part of their SAM.gov entity record.

**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**

The AGJV will receive proposals in three categories:
1. Informational - those requesting only technical review, advice on operations, or coordination with other related projects, and for inclusion in AGJV compendia.
2. Endorsement - those that are seeking endorsement as an AGJV project, but not specifically requesting AGJV funds.
3. Endorsement and Funding - those partially-funded or unfunded projects seeking endorsement by the AGJV and seeking AGJV funds (or seeking AGJV assistance in locating financial cooperators).

Project proposals should follow the format described below and be no more than 10 pages in length.

1. Cover Page: Project Title, Principal Investigator name(s) and affiliation, proposal category (i.e., Informational, Request for Endorsement Only [no funding], Request for Funding and Endorsement), key words, proposal date. Indicate the amount of funding requested.

2. Problem/Issue Statement: What is the problem or issue addressed by the proposed work, in relation to the AGJV research priorities? (see above and AGJV Strategic Plan at http://www.agjv.ca).

3. AGJV Goose Population(s) Targeted: The proposal must address one or more AGJV goose populations (see above and AGJV Strategic Plan at http://www.agjv.ca).

4. Justification: Explain why the study is needed and cite literature as appropriate. What is the pertinence of the proposal range-wide? What new information will be generated? How will your work contribute to the overall management or conservation of the population(s)? Maximum 1 page.

5. Objectives or Hypotheses: The proposal should have specific and concise objectives or hypotheses to be tested.
    a. If AGJV funding is requested for only a specific component of a larger study or program, describe how that specific element(s) relates to the larger effort, but do not write a proposal that encompasses the objectives and budget of a much larger program. The proposal and budget should focus on the project component(s) that seek AGJV funding.

6. Study Area: If appropriate, provide a description of the proposed study area boundaries, proposed camp locations, and staging locations.

7. Experimental Design: Planned methods including statistical treatments. This section is critical to determining scientific soundness. Describe all principal field and laboratory methods, specify sample sizes, and provide power analyses if applicable. Also note whether your agency or organization requires that your project be reviewed by your respective Animal Care and Use Committee (ACUC).

8. Anticipated Output: List products or data sets expected to be generated.

9. Management Implications: What is the significance of the work to management of the populations concerned? Be as specific as possible.

10. Literature Cited: As appropriate.

11. Personnel: Briefly describe the role and background of each staff position in the study (<1 paragraph) and include a list of recent publications of the principal investigator(s). Maximum 2 page.

12. Logistical Requirements: If applicable, state needs for camp facilities, aircraft support, or other special resources, including dates needed (for assessment of potential cooperative efforts and shared support).

13. Timing: Beginning, milestone, and completion dates of project activities.

14. Budget: Use the budget forms provided below. Include personnel, travel, equipment/capital, contractual, and indirect costs, total annual costs, and total project costs (for multi-year projects). List all funds currently secured for the project, funds applied for, and cooperators. Proposals submitted for *endorsement only* need to only provide the total anticipated costs by funding source, not a detailed breakdown.

The AGJV will not consider a proposed project that is partially funded and not likely to achieve project objectives, or engage in negotiating a reduced or increased funding request. The evaluation team will scrutinize budgets in detail and will recommend either funding the request as submitted or not funding the project. Therefore, give a complete and accurate assessment of the costs directly related to the proposed project.

15. Matching funds: The amount of matching funds are considered when scoring proposals and need to be identified in the budget. At least a 1:1 match to AGJV funds is recommended, ideally from a non-federal source. Include matching contributions ONLY if there is a high likelihood you will indeed receive them. If part of a larger study, include ONLY the costs directly relevant to the study element being considered for AGJV funding. Acceptable matching contributions include real purchases as well as in-kind costs (e.g., full time agency staff or tenured professor's salaries, student or technician salaries covered by other sources) provided they are reasonable and commensurate with the particular study element. For example, if the proposal is to add or augment an element to an existing study, you may pro-rate a portion of the total costs for, say, maintaining a field camp. Requests for salaries of principal investigators, students or technicians are acceptable provided they are reasonable and commensurate with the person's involvement in the particular study element. Indicate the actual time the person will spend on the project (e.g., 4 weeks @ $800/wk).

16. Letters of commitment: Attach any letters of commitment from funding cooperators, endorsements, or other documentation in support of the proposal.

Note: The entire proposal should be submitted as one file in MS Word format, not multiple files. The budget table should be incorporated into the proposal document, not submitted as a separate attachment.

Annual summary reports and contribution and expenditure reports are required annually for all projects endorsed by the AGJV. A form with the required information will be made available

from the AGJV Coordinator. The Coordinator will distribute the form prior to the annual fall AGJV meeting.

**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).

**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. 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 complete the following program specific AGJV budget in addition to applicable SF-424 Budget forms.

| **ANNUAL BUDGET (U.S. Dollars)** | | **Other (Non-AGJV) Funding Sources (*Indicate in-kind contributions in italics)* (*Add as many columns as needed)** | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ***Expense category with examples* (*add or delete rows/items as needed*)** | **AGJV** | | | | | | **TOTAL** |
| ***Status of funding* (i.e., secured, highly probable, requested)** | **Requested** | | | | | | |
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| ***Personnel*** | | | | | | | |

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| **PI salary (name: xx weeks @ $xxx/wk)** | | | | | | | | |
| **Field staff (xx weeks @ $xxx/wk)** | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| ***Travel/accommodations*** | | | | | | | | |
| **Commercial travel** | | | | | | | | |
| **Chartered aircraft (xx hrs @ $/hr)** | | | | | | | | |
| **Lodging (xx days @ $/day)** | | | | | | | | |
| **Freight** | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| ***Materials/equipment*** | | | | | | | | |
| **Transmitters and telemetry equipment** | | | | | | | | |
| **Surgical supplies** | | | | | | | | |
| **Camping gear** | | | | | | | | |
| **Fuel** | | | | | | | | |
| **Food** | | | | | | | | |
| **Boats/motors** | | | | | | | | |
| **Capture gear** | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| ***Contractual*** | | | | | | | | |
| **Veterinary services** | | | | | | | | |
| **ARGOS data acquisition and processing** | | | | | | | | |
| **Vehicle/vessel charter** | | | | | | | | |
| **Laboratory analyses** | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Indirect Cost/Overhead charge*** | | | | | | | | |
| **Is this indirect cost required by your agency/organization? Indicate yes or no; if yes, provide justification.** | | | | | | | | |
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| **TOTALS by funding source** | | | | | | | | |
| **RATIO of matching contributions to requested AGJV funds =** | | | | | | | | |
| **RATIO of <u>non-US-Federal</u> matching contributions to requested AGJV funds =** | | | | | | | | |

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| **FOR MULTI-YEAR PROJECTS (this should include in-kind costs noted in above table)** |

| Funding source | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **AGJV** | | | | |
| **Other** | | | | |
| **Other** | | | | |
| **Other** | | | | |
| **Other** | | | | |
| ***Annual totals*** | | | | |

**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) which replaced the Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number from Dun & Bradstreet in April 2022. 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**

09/30/2022

**Application Due Date Explanation**

Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM., ET, on the listed 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) rate we must charge the program's capped indirect cost rate to the same base identified in our approved indirect cost rate agreement, per 2 CFR §1402.414. 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.
- We are an organization that will charge all costs directly.

Awards will allow reimbursement of pre-Federal award costs. Awards to Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units (CESU) Network partners will qualify as CESU projects and therefore will be

subject to the CESU indirect cost rate cap (currently 17.5%).

## 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.

*Federal applicants:*
Federal applicants need to submit the 10-page Project Narrative (including the program specific AGJV budget) to the program contacts identified below.

*Non-federal applicants:*
For non-Federal entities, the Service requests applicants to apply electronically using GrantSolutions as described in the announcement. Additionally, non-federal applicants need to submit the 10-page Project Narrative (including the program specific AGJV budget) to the program contacts identified below.

**Program Contacts (email preferred; send to both individuals):**

Joshua Dooley
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Division of Migratory Bird Management
1211 SE Cardinal Court, Suite 100
Vancouver, WA 98683-9684
Phone: 360-604-2553
Fax: 360-604-2505
Email: joshua_dooley@fws.gov

Deanna Dixon
Canadian Wildlife Service / AGJV Coordination Office
9250 – 49 Street NW
Edmonton, Alberta T6B 1K5
Canada
Phone: 587-401-7096
Email: Deanna.Dixon@ec.gc.ca

Applicants sending materials to the program contacts via email should include an automatic notification of delivery receipt to confirm that they are received. We recognize that some applicants may not have access to email and in those cases we will accept proposals by fax or mail. Should you wish to submit a proposal via fax or mail, you must call the program contacts to inform them that you have submitted a proposal by fax or mail. Proposals submitted after the specified deadline will not be considered for evaluation. It is the responsibility of the recipient to ensure receipt of their proposal by the deadline. The Service bears no responsibility for misplaced or mishandled proposals when the recipient did not alert the contact to the incoming proposal and method of transmission prior to the submission deadline.

## E. Application Review Information

### E1. Criteria

It is important for applicants to review the evaluation criteria that will be used to score proposals received as well as the reasons for rejection or low scores (see below). Additionally, projects with proven methodology and a high likelihood of success will likely score higher than projects with untested methodology and high risk factors (e.g., unsecured funding, unproven technology, dependent on certain weather conditions, etc.).

| **Evaluation Worksheet for AGJV Proposals** |
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| Proposal #: |
| Proposal Title: |
| **CRITICAL CRITERIA**<br>Does the study address a population identified in the current Strategic Plan of the Arctic Goose Joint Venture? If not, the proposal will not be considered further. |

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| Does the study meet/address a current NOFO priority of the AGJV? If not, the proposal will still be evaluated but may not be considered for funding.<br><br>**Scoring Criteria: Range of 1 to 10 where 1 = weak - meets very few criteria in Evaluation Category; 5 = average - meets most criteria in Evaluation Category, but exceptional in few of them; 10 = strong - meets all criteria at consistently high level** | | |
| **EVALUATION CATEGORY** | Score for Category (1 - 10) | Relative Weight of Category |
| **Management/Conservation Considerations** | | 4 |
| Does this proposal address an AGJV focal area identified in the current Strategic Plan? How well is it addressed? | | |
| Does this proposal address priority Information Needs identified in the current Strategic Plan Matrix for AGJV populations? How well is it addressed? | | |
| Does the proposal address a population whose abundance is currently inconsistent with its objective, as defined in the NAWMP? | | |
| Does this study provide new insight for management? | | |
| Will the results be applicable to a single or several species? Is the knowledge relevant locally or range-wide? Studies of broad applicability will tend to be rated more highly than those of local interest. | | |
| For multi-year studies, is the need for multiple years well-justified, and is the project of such high priority that it warrants committing funds into the future? | | |
| **NOTE: Failure to achieve 5/10 means that the proposal does not continue in the ranking process and may be a candidate for resubmission with revisions** | | |
| **Methodology and Approach** | | 3 |
| Are objectives clear? | | |
| Are the objectives realistically achievable? | | |
| Is the general approach appropriate and presented / justified logically? | | |
| Are the methods appropriate? | | |
| Are sample sizes adequate? | | |
| Is the schedule realistic? | | |
| Is the study being conducted in an appropriate location? | | |
| Is the proposal adequately researched and is relevant literature cited? | | |

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| **NOTE: Failure to achieve 5/10 means that the proposal does not continue in the ranking process and may be a candidate for resubmission with revisions** | | |
| **Funding Considerations** | | 1.5 |
| Is the study cost efficient and realistic (i.e., is logistical infrastructure in place that will make efficient use of AGJV contributions?) | | |
| Is there a substantial match of funding (not *in-kind*) contributions? (i.e., are we maximizing the use of AGJV funds?) | | |
| Are the requested budgetary items appropriate? (This refers to consideration of all the things listed in the budget. For example, the reviewer could consider things like "why are they requesting salary for 12 months of a grad student, when the project will only occupy half of her time?") | | |
| What proportion of matching funds are secured?" | | |
| **Other Considerations** | | 1.5 |
| Does the study significantly complement other ongoing studies (i.e., is there an added value to the study?) | | |
| Does the study involve multiple partners (providing *in-kind* contributions)? | | |
| Is this a one-time opportunity (i.e., a unique chance to leverage AGJV funds)? | | |
| Do Principal Investigators have a proven track record of successful investigations (e.g., will results be communicated effectively and in a timely manner?)? | | |
| Is the proposal complete and does it conform to the required format (e.g., maximum length)? | | |
| | **OVERALL SCORE** | |

| **RECOMMENDATION** | |
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| Recommend Endorsement? Y/N | |
| Recommend to AGJV Management Board for Funding? Y/N | |
| Recommend revisions? Y/N | |
| If yes to revisions, please elaborate in comments. | |

## 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.

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.

Proposals will be given full review, evaluated, and scored by the AGJV Technical Committee. Evaluation scores will be used as a primary basis for ranking proposals, along with considerations for the most efficient use of AGJV funds. The AGJV Technical Committee will make an endorsement recommendation and priority funding designation, if required, to the AGJV Management Board. The AGJV Management Board will make final funding decisions.

### 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

Expected award date is February 2023.

## F. Federal Award Administration Information

### F1. Federal Award Notices

Following the AGJV proposal review and selection process, applicants will receive an AGJV selection letter, detailing the status of their proposal. For successful applicants, the AGJV selection letter will also detail future steps and timelines and when a final, signed notice of award may be expected. The AGJV selection letter is not an authorization to begin the project. The final, signed notice of award is the authorizing document to begin project performance.

Successful applicants will receive a final, signed notice of award through GrantSolutions or by e-mail. If e-mail notification is unsuccessful, the documents will be sent by courier mail (e.g., FedEx, DHL or UPS). 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 application submitted to, and as approved by, the Service. The notice of award document will include instructions specific to each recipient on how to request payment. If applicable, the instructions will detail any additional information/forms required and where to submit payment requests.

## 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.

As required by Section 70914 of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act), P.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 of the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States, unless subject to an approved waiver. The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards, including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this program.

The Service will communicate any other program- or project-specific special terms and conditions to recipients in their notices of award.

**Data Availability**
Per the Financial Assistance Interior Regulation (FAIR), 2 CFR §1402.315:

a. All data, methodology, factual inputs, models, analyses, technical information, reports, conclusions, valuation products or other scientific assessments in any medium or form, including textual, numerical, graphic, cartographic, narrative, or audiovisual, resulting from a financial assistance agreement is available for use by the Department of the Interior, including being available in a manner that is sufficient for independent verification.
b. The Federal Government has the right to:
    1. Obtain, reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the data, methodology, factual inputs, models, analyses, technical information, reports, conclusions, or other scientific assessments, produced under a Federal award; and
    2. Authorize others to receive, reproduce, publish, or otherwise use such data, methodology, factual inputs, models, analyses, technical information, reports, conclusions, or other scientific assessments, for Federal purposes, including to allow for meaningful third-party evaluation.

## 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 than120 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.

Annual summary reports and contribution and expenditure reports are required annually for all projects endorsed by the AGJV. A form with the required information will be made available from the AGJV Coordinator. The Coordinator will distribute the form prior to the annual fall AGJV meeting.

### 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:

First and Last Name:
Joshua Dooley

Telephone:
360-604-2553

Email:

joshua_dooley@fws.gov

## G2. Program Administration

For **program administration assistance**, contact:

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Joshua Dooley

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360-604-2553

Email:
joshua_dooley@fws.gov

## 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.

**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.