

RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West

U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Reclamation

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

This Funding Announcement is not a request for applications. This announcement is to provide public notice of the Bureau of Reclamation's intention to fund the following project activities without full and open competition.

ABSTRACT	
Funding Announcement	R12SS40031
Project Title	Propagation of Rio Grande Silvery Minnow
Recipient	City of Albuquerque, Biopark
Principal Investigator / Program Manager	Rebecca Houtman/ Holly Casman
Anticipated Federal Amount	\$139,566
Cost Share	None
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$139,566
New Award or Continuation?	New
Anticipated Period of Performance	1 Year
Award Instrument	Grant
Statutory Authority	P.L. 110-161 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 SEC. 205 (c)
CFDA # and Title	15.537
Single Source Justification Criteria Cited	The Biopark possesses Unique Qualifications to perform this work. They have the facility, trained individuals, and federal permits in place to collect wild silvery minnow eggs and captivity breed and raise the endangered Rio Grande silvery minnow (silvery minnow) as prescribed by the Endangered Species Act. The Bureau of Reclamation is responsible for – and assists in – the recovery of the silvery minnow in accordance with the 2003 Biological Opinion (BiOp). Reasonable and Prudent Alternative Y of the BiOp identifies captive propagation activities. The Biopark facilities and staff have been continuously permitted by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, a pre-eminent agency in the care of endangered species, in captive propagation of threatened and endangered species including the silvery minnow.
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OVERVIEW

The City of Albuquerque Biopark will be responsible for collection of wild Rio Grande silvery minnow eggs from the Middle Rio Grande, captive propagation of broodstock and production of Rio Grande silvery minnow for augmentation of the silvery minnow population in the Middle Rio Grande and Big Bend area. This project is in support of the Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program and silvery minnow propagation group which is working towards recovery of Rio Grande silvery minnow.

RECIPIENT INVOLVEMENT

The funding will be in cooperation with Department of Game and Fish and the City of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority. Reclamation will provide funding to the City of Albuquerque Biopark to provide labor for one full time aquarist and three part time technicians as well as funding to construct one new holding pond. Specific items include labor and equipment for collection of wild silvery minnow eggs, captive spawning of silvery minnow broodstock, and rearing of these fish for augmentation.

RECLAMATION INVOLVEMENT

Substantial involvement is not anticipated for this agreement.

SINGLE-SOURCE JUSTIFICATION

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR SINGLE SOURCE POLICY REQUIREMENTS
Department of the Interior Policy (505 DM 2) requires a written justification which explains why competition is not practicable for each single-source award. The justification must address one or more of the following criteria as well as discussion of the program legislative history, unique capabilities of the proposed recipient, and cost-sharing contribution offered by the proposed recipient, as applicable.
In order for an assistance award to be made without competition, the award must satisfy one or more of the following criteria: (1) Unsolicited Proposal – The proposed award is the result of an unsolicited assistance application which represents a unique or innovative idea, method, or approach which is not the subject of a current or planned contract or assistance award, but which is deemed advantageous to the program objectives; (2) Continuation – The activity to be funded is necessary to the satisfactory completion of, or is a continuation of an activity presently being funded, and for which competition would have a significant adverse effect on the continuity or completion of the activity;

- (3) Legislative intent – The language in the applicable authorizing legislation or legislative history clearly indicates Congress’ intent to restrict the award to a particular recipient of purpose;
- (4) Unique Qualifications – The applicant is uniquely qualified to perform the activity based upon a variety of demonstrable factors such as location, property ownership, voluntary support capacity, cost-sharing ability if applicable, technical expertise, or other such unique qualifications;
- (5) Emergencies – Program/award where there is insufficient time available (due to a compelling and unusual urgency, or substantial danger to health or safety) for adequate competitive procedures to be followed.

Reclamation did not solicit full and open competition for this award based the following criteria:

(4) UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS

Single Source Justification Description:

The Biopark possesses Unique Qualifications to perform this work. They have the facility, trained individuals, and federal permits in place to collect wild silvery minnow eggs and raise and breed silvery minnow. The Biopark has also shown to be successful at rearing and breeding these endangered fish for the past decade. Recovery and preservation of the endangered silvery minnow through captive propagation within the Middle Rio Grande is a major component of the 2003 Biological Opinion cited in the Act.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

Statute or Public Law No.	P.L. 110-161 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008
Sections of the Public Law or Statute that Authorize Financial Assistance: Record verbatim the section(s) of the Statute or Public Law that provide Reclamation with authority to award a financial assistance agreement. In addition, provide a statement that directly relates the activities to be funded to the referenced authority.	
Sec. 205 (c): “In compliance with applicable Federal and State laws, the Secretary (acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation), in collaboration with the Executive Committee, <u>may enter into any grants, contracts, cooperative agreements, interagency agreements, or other agreements that the Secretary determines to be necessary to comply with the 2003 Biological Opinion</u> described in section 205(b) of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2005 (Public Law 108-447; 118 Stat. 2949) as amended by section 121(b) of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109-103; 119 Stat. 2256) or in furtherance of the objectives set forth in the collaborative program long-term plan.” Recovery and preservation of the endangered silvery minnow through captive propagation within the Middle Rio Grande is a major component of the 2003 Biological Opinion cited in the Act.	