NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

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

OPPORTUNITY NUMBER	BOR-LC-20-N010
PROJECT TITLE	Colorado River Basin Containment via Southern Nevada WID Stations
RECIPIENT	Nevada Department of Wildlife
ANTICIPATED FEDERAL AMOUNT	$55,000.00
STATUTORY AUTHORITY	Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (FWCA) of 1934, Public Law (P.L.) 85-624, 16 United States Code (U.S.C.) 661, et.seq., as amended, and Section (a); as limited by the Secretary of the Interior delegation of authority at 255 DM 1.1B Department Manual (DM) 255 1.1.B states the following: Fish and Wildlife. The regional directors and the Director, Mission Support Organization, are delegated the authority pursuant to the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 USC 661-666c); Section 5 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 USC 1534); and Section 7(a) of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 [16 USC 742f(a)] to take the following actions, either directly or by providing financial assistance to non-Federal parties (255 DM 1.1.B.). Authority to award financial assistance agreements for projects associated with off-site locations [Paragraph 6.F.(2)(b)] is limited to the regional directors and Director, Mission Support Organization. The authority of the regional directors and Director, Mission Support Organization to award financial assistance agreements for all other projects authorized by this delegation can only be re-delegated to designated grants officers. (a) Conduct activities for the improvement of fish and wildlife habitat associated with water systems or water supplies affected by Reclamation projects, including but not limited to fish passage and screening facilities at any non-Federal water diversion or storage project within the region; (b) plan, design, construct, and monitor, including acquire lands or interest therein as needed, instream habitat improvements, including but not limited to fish passage screening facilities at off-site locations (as negotiated on privately owned lands and facilities not associated with a Reclamation project);

	(c) acquire or lease water or water rights from willing sellers or lessors; and (d) monitor and evaluate the effect of Reclamation actions on fish and wildlife resources including Endangered Species Act-listed species.
CFDA NUMBER	15.517
RECLAMATION POINT OF CONTACT	Jeff Anderson (jranderson@usbr.gov)
SUMMARY OF PROJECT ACTIVITIES	Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) will continue quagga mussel and other aquatic invasive species (AIS) containment efforts in the Colorado River Basin by providing free-of-charge watercraft inspection and decontamination stations that reduce the risk of AIS being transported and introduced into new waters via recreational watercraft. The following are the milestones/tasks/activities under this project: • Managing the containment and preventing the spread of the invasive quagga mussel; • Outreach materials will be created to be passed out at WID stations to help inform and educate the public and specifically boaters on preventing the spread of quagga mussels; and • Increase communications with watercraft individuals to increase awareness of preventative efforts and quagga mussel containment.
SELECTION JUSTIFICATION	*Reclamation did not solicit full and open competition for this award based on the following criteria:* The proposed recipient offers special qualifications regarding the unique nature of watercraft inspection and decontamination stations and operations.