

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

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

ABSTRACT	
Funding Announcement	09SF350254
Project Title	El Monte Valley Groundwater Recharge, Mining, and Reclamation Project Preconstruction Activities
Recipient	Helix Water District
Principle Investigator (if applicable)	N/A
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$1,062,500
Cost Share	Shall not exceed 25 percent of the total cost of the project.
New Award or Continuation?	New Award
Anticipated Length of Agreement	Two years
Anticipated Period of Performance	April 1 st , 2009 to June 30 th , 2011
Award Instrument	Cooperative Agreement
Statutory Authority	Title XVI, P.L. 102-575
CFDA Number	15.504
Single Source Justification Criteria Cited	Justification Criterion (3) (Legislative Intent) of the Department of Interior Single Source Policy Requirements
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OVERVIEW

The Bureau of Reclamation, Lower Colorado Region, Southern California Area Office (Reclamation), intends to award a cooperative agreement with the Helix Water District.

The Helix Water District (District) is implementing a groundwater recharge and recovery project using recycled water. This agreement will cover the required preconstruction activities, including preliminary designs, cost estimates, and environmental compliance for the project. The project is located in the El Monte Valley, San Diego County, California.

RECIPIENT INVOLVEMENT

In support of this Agreement, the District shall comply with the General Provisions, and perform the following tasks:

- (a) Contribute at least 75 percent of the funds to complete the activities identified in this Agreement. These funds may be obtained from any non-Federal source.
- (b) Collaborate with Reclamation in causing to be completed the activities identified in this Agreement.
- (c) Create and obtain Reclamation approval of a work plan to which the District agrees to adhere and includes an outline of the portion of the project covered by this Agreement and target dates for the achievement of Project goals.
- (d) Consult with and seek input from Reclamation on maintaining the project within the work plan and project goals as stated in this Agreement, and seek Reclamation concurrence for any significant deviation from such work plan and project goals.
- (e) Collaborate with Reclamation on technical and administrative aspects of the project through periodic scheduled meetings with Reclamation personnel or periodic written updates.
- (f) Provide Reclamation with its reasoning, in writing, when the District chooses not to implement Reclamation's written advice or comments on any technical aspect of fulfilling the requirements of this Agreement.

RECLAMATION INVOLVEMENT:

In support of this Agreement, Reclamation shall perform the following tasks:

- (a) Provide financial contribution not to exceed the available funding, or 25 percent of the total project costs for the activities identified in this Agreement, whichever is less.
- (b) Shall work with the District as necessary to ensure that the District adheres to the specified work plan and meets specified project goals as set forth in this Agreement.
- (c) Shall not continue to advance funds nor award subsequent cooperative agreements to the District for work on the Project unless the District is in full compliance with the requirements of the work plan and project goals that are included in this Agreement and has obtained Reclamation concurrence for any deviations therefrom.
- (d) Shall provide scientific or administrative advice on the development of the project. Such advice will take into consideration factors such as: (1) the scientific complexities of the project; (2) the District's progress in meeting project goals; and (3) the District's ability to meet the proposed time schedule.

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:

(3) LEGISLATIVE INTENT

The project and all activities directly support the Congressional statute and intent, as the proposed cooperative agreement will provide for Federal funding and participation in preconstruction activities necessary for implementation of a groundwater recharge and recovery project using recycled water.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

Financial assistance authority for this agreement is contained in Section 1612 of the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act of 1992 (P.L. 102-575, Title XVI):

SEC. 1612. SAN DIEGO AREA WATER RECLAMATION PROGRAM

(a) The Secretary, in cooperation with the City of San Diego, California, or its successor agency in the management of the San Diego Area Wastewater Management District, shall participate in the planning, design, and construction of demonstration and permanent facilities to reclaim and reuse water in the San Diego metropolitan service area.

(b) The Federal share of the costs of the facilities authorized by subsection (a) of this section shall not exceed 25 per centum of the total. The Secretary shall not provide funds for the operation or maintenance of the project.

CFDA: 15.504 Water Reclamation and Reuse Program