

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
Notice of Intent to Award to a Single Source without Competition (NOI)

Per 505 DM 2, Section 2.14, a single source award is a financial assistance award specifically directed to a known recipient that is statutorily designated or determined to be an appropriate partner based on demonstrable criteria, such as unique expertise or capacity. Decisions to award funds to a single source without engaging in competition must withstand scrutiny, should protect the public interest, and should comport with management priorities, objectives and statutory requirements. **Programs must use this NOI template to document justification for issuing funds in any amount to a single source without competition.** The completed NOI template must be included in the official award file maintained by the program office. When issuing funds of \$25,000 or more to a single source a Grants.gov funding opportunity posting, including a synopsis and a complete application package, is required. The completed NOI template must be scanned and uploaded as an attachment to the Grants.gov funding opportunity synopsis.

Recipient:	Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
Project Title:	Alcott Dam Feasibility Study and Engineering Design for Dam Removal
Award Amount:	\$141,683.00
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Single Source Justification (as per 505 DM 2.14) - select the applicable justification(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	(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;
<input type="checkbox"/>	(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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	(3) Legislative Intent - The language in the applicable authorizing legislation or legislative history clearly indicates Congress' intent to restrict award to a particular recipient or purpose.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	(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.

Explain below why competition for this award is not practicable. Include a discussion of the program legislative history, unique capabilities of the proposed recipient, and any cost-sharing contribution offered by the proposed recipient, as applicable. Be brief and specific:

THIS IS A NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT. THERE IS NO "FULL ANNOUNCEMENT" ASSOCIATED WITH THIS NOTICE. DESCRIPTION: This is a Notice of Intent to award a Cooperative Agreement between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) - Remediation Division (RD) to support a cooperative partnership. This project will enable the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) East Lansing Field Office (ELFO) to collaborate with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to develop the Feasibility Study (FS) and engineering design for the removal of Alcott Dam located at the former Bryant Mill Pond immediately south of Alcott Street Bridge in the City of Kalamazoo. The site which resides in the Kalamazoo River Area of Concern (AOC) is approximately three miles upstream from Portage Creek's confluence with the Kalamazoo River. Support for the FS would subsequently leverage resources necessary for the removal of the Alcott Street dam, and will contribute toward removal of the Loss of Fish and Wildlife Habitat, Degradation of Fish and Wildlife Populations, and Degradation of Benthos Beneficial Use Impairments (BUIs). This project is listed in the MDEQ's 2012 Stage 2 Remedial Action Plan for the Kalamazoo River AOC, as well as the 2009 Kalamazoo River Watershed Council's Kalamazoo River Restoration Plan for the Fish and Wildlife BUIs. As a critical Partner Contributor, the MDEQ's Mr. Mark DuCharme would serve as project manager. In this role, Mr. DuCharme will be responsible to assure compliance with the project budget, schedule, and USFWS and U.S. EPA reporting requirements. He has over 21 years of experience as a project manager and has led several projects with multi-million dollar budgets and completed those projects within allotted schedules and budgets, as well as, fulfilling all MDEQ reporting requirements and public involvement processes. One of the projects he recently completed is the restoration of a section of Portage Creek immediately downstream of the Alcott Street Dam, so he is very familiar with working in this area. Most of the tasks described in the Scope of Work will be performed by a private firm or firms under competitively bid contracts with MDEQ.