

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.

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| Recipient: | University of Hawaii, Hilo |
| Project Title: | Cooperative Agreement with the University of Hawaii, Hilo |
| Award Amount: | \$142,486.00 |
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Single Source Justification (as per 505 DM 2.14) - select the applicable justification(s):

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| <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 checked="" 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 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 University of Hawai'i (UH), Hilo to support data management and GIS functions within the Pacific Islands Climate Change Cooperative (PICCC). The objective of the PICCC is to create new information and mechanisms of collaboration needed to adapt conservation actions to changing climate and other conditions. Management of field- and model-generated data from partner agencies and ongoing research projects, and creation of GIS products to inform management, is essential to that mission. This Cooperative Agreement is intended to replace an Interagency Agreement (12200AH026), which was established in 2010 with the USGS Pacific Basin Information Node (PBIN). Monies from that Interagency Agreement were managed by UH Hilo to support the data management and GIS functions for PICCC. Due to internal USGS reorganization, PBIN has been dissolved, and the Interagency Agreement is being terminated. This Single Source Award is being made in accordance with Department of the Interior Policy 505 DM 2.14 B(2), which provides for continuation when 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. Substantial involvement on the part of the USFWS is anticipated for the successful completion of the objectives to be funded. In particular, USFWS employees staffing PICCC will help select project staff, plan work, direct work activities, and closely monitor performance by the Cooperator. Therefore, in accordance with 505 DM 2.9 B the Service will be substantially involved.