



NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

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

ABSTRACT	
Funding Announcement	
Project Title	Marsh Bird Monitoring in Coastal and Freshwaters Habitats in Florida
Recipient	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Principle Investigator (if applicable)	James Rodgers, James.Rodgers@MyFWC.com , (352) 955-2081
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$50,000
Cost Share	Yes
New Award or Continuation?	New Award
Anticipated Length of Agreement	21 months
Anticipated Period of Performance	February 2010 through September 2010
Award Instrument	Cooperative Agreement
Statutory Authority	Cooperative Research and Training Act
CFDA # and Title	15.655: Migratory Bird Monitoring, Assessment and Conservation
Single Source Justification Criteria Cited	Per 505DM 2 Manual - Justification Criterion: Unique Qualifications: The applicant is uniquely qualified to perform the activity based upon a variety of demonstrable factors such as location, voluntary and staff support capacity, technical expertise and other unique qualifications.
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OVERVIEW

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service's (FWS) Division of Migratory Bird Management intends to award a cooperative agreement with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FFWCC) to survey birds in salt and freshwater marshes throughout the state of Florida.

The anticipated length of the project is a 21 month period. The FWS will consider continued funding for an additional year for the project upon (a) the recipient showing progress satisfactory to the FWS toward program goals and the determination by the FWS that continuation of the program would be in the best interest of the Government or (b) the availability of funds. The total project period for this award will not exceed 12 months.

RECIPIENT INVOLVEMENT

The FFWCC will conduct bird surveys in salt and freshwater marshes throughout the state of Florida. Survey locations will be determined by FWS and will be based on the continental marsh bird survey design. FFWCC will survey chosen locations following standard methods used elsewhere in the U.S. in conjunction with the continental marsh bird monitoring program. At the end of the field season, FFWCC will enter field data into the national database housed at Patuxent National Wildlife Refuge. FFWCC has trained wildlife biologists throughout the state that will assist with this survey. FFWCC also has the necessary equipment (e.g., vehicles, boats) that may be used in this survey. FFWCC will use state personnel, volunteers, and existing equipment to assist with the monitoring program which will result in cost sharing.

FWS INVOLVEMENT

Substantial involvement on the part of FWS is anticipated for the successful completion of the objectives to be funded by this award. In particular, FWS staff will provide the survey design and count methodology for conducting surveys. FWS will also provide training as necessary and participate in data collection and analysis to model and estimate detection probability, occupancy, abundance, and density in the surveyed area and region.

BUDGET

Item	FWS Funds
Principal Investigator	\$0
Personnel (Surveyors)	\$28,200
Fringe benefit	\$2,157
Travel	\$1,250
Survey equipment, volunteer training, miscellaneous supplies, vehicles	\$11,871
Indirect costs (15% of Total)	\$6,522
Total	\$50,000