

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	R10AS20033
Project Title	Independent Science Review Services
Recipient	Delta Stewardship Council
Principle Investigator (if applicable)	
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$188,316.00
Cost Share	\$0.00
New Award or Continuation?	New award
Anticipated Length of Agreement	1 year
Anticipated Period of Performance	Date of execution thru December 31, 2010
Award Instrument	Cooperative Agreement
Statutory Authority	PL 108-361, Title I Calfed Bay-Delta Authorization Act, Section 103,(f)(4)
CFDA Number	15.533
Single Source Justification Criteria Cited	Department Manual 505 DM2 (4) Unique Qualifications
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OVERVIEW

On May 3, 2010, the secretaries of the Department of the Interior (DOI) and the Department of Commerce (DOC) described a joint initiative relating to the California Bay-Delta in a letter to members of the Federal Bay-Delta Leadership Committee. This joint initiative is an inter-agency plan to develop a single integrated biological opinion for the California Bay-Delta and related water operations of the Federal Central Valley Project and California's State Water Project (Integrated BDCP BiOp Strategy). This strategy stresses the importance of conducting independent scientific peer reviews at various milestones in the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) process.

The Delta Science Program is part of a newly created State of California agency, the Delta Stewardship Council (Council). The Council is charged with developing and overseeing implementation of a Delta plan to guide state and local actions in the Delta in a manner that furthers the co-equal goals of Delta restoration and water supply reliability.

The Delta Science Program reports to the Council. The mission of the Delta Science Program is to provide the best possible unbiased scientific information to inform water and environmental decision making in the Delta. This agreement will engage the Delta Science Program to help Reclamation fulfill its need for independent expert review of the science underlying the BDCP.

RECIPIENT INVOLVEMENT

1. Oversee overall project management.
2. Ensure that the project is carried out in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws.
3. Perform the services described in the Statement of Work.

RECLAMATION INVOLVEMENT

1. Collaborate and participate with the Recipient in the management of the project to ensure consistency with applicable Federal laws, executive orders, policy and guidance.
2. Ensure that the Recipient is in compliance with the reporting requirements and distribution provisions of this agreement
3. Review and approve all reports.

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:

(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.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

Program authority: Public Law 108-361, Title I--California Water Security and Environmental Enhancement, Section 103, Bay Delta Program, (f) (4)

Funding authority: 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriation Act, Public Law 111-85, dated October 28, 2009.