

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	R12AS20024
Project Title	Purchase Decontamination Units for Lahontan and Rye Patch Reservoirs
Recipient	Nevada Division of State Parks
Principal Investigator/ Program Manager	Robert Mergell
Anticipated Federal Amount	\$118,000.00
Cost Share	None
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$118,000.00
New Award or Continuation?	New Award
Anticipated Period of Performance	Date of execution through July 31, 2013
Award Instrument	Grant Agreement
Statutory Authority	Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1934, Public Law 85-624, 16 U.S.C. 661 et seq., as amended
CFDA # and Title	15.517 Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act
Single Source Justification Criteria Cited	Justification Criterion: (4) Unique Qualifications of the Department of Interior Single Source Policy Requirements
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OVERVIEW

Both Lahontan and Rye Patch Reservoirs tested positive for Quagga mussel veligers in the spring of 2011. Both of these reservoirs are Reclamation projects, with Reclamation facilities, located within the Lahontan Basin Area Office (LBAO). These non-native invasive species have the potential to cause significant impacts to recreational use; operations and maintenance (O&M) of water storage, water delivery, and hydropower structures and systems; and the aquatic ecosystem. Experience with these mussels in the Great Lakes region has shown huge impacts to native fisheries and the associated wildlife species that depend upon them. The loss of fisheries has affected recreation, as does the presence of razor-sharp shells that wash up on beaches. At present, these “impaired” waters pose a threat to other waters in the west. Boater surveys indicate that boaters travel heavily between Lahontan Reservoir and Boca/Stampede Reservoirs (also LBAO facilities); and boaters also use Rye Patch Reservoir and then travel to Wildhorse Reservoir in northern Nevada, which is a tributary to the Columbia River. This has potentially devastating impacts to the Pacific Northwest. Reclamation and its partners must focus on proactive measures to prevent the spread of mussels and other aquatic invasive species (AIS), thereby reducing the need for more costly measures of eradication. Joint effort by many agencies and private entities can help prevent the spread of AIS to and from water bodies in northern Nevada, northern California, and elsewhere in the west. Prevention of an AIS infestation can maintain or improve fish and wildlife habitat associated with water systems or water supplies affected by Reclamation projects.

RECIPIENT INVOLVEMENT

Nevada State Parks (NSP) will purchase hot water decontamination units to clean boats that do not show up “clean, drained and dry”. NSP will also purchase a portable storage unit to secure the decontamination units to prevent vandalism and theft.

RECLAMATION INVOLVEMENT

No substantial involvement on the part of Reclamation is anticipated for the successful completion of the objectives to be funded by this award. Reclamation’s involvement will consist of standard federal stewardship responsibilities including monitoring project performance, technical assistance at the request of the recipient, etc. Reclamation’s involvement on the grant will be to provide technical assistance when requested and implement oversight of federal stewardship responsibilities, including monitoring of project performance and financial accountability and reporting in accordance with the terms of the grant agreement.

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 on the following criteria:

(4) Unique Qualifications

Single Source Justification Description:

Nevada State Parks is the managing partner for Lahontan State Recreation Area and Rye Patch State Recreation Area.

Reclamation currently provides funding for recreation management at these two locations under Agreement R10AC20076. Because NSP operates the entrance stations and makes contacts with boaters as they enter the park, this is the most efficient and logical place to locate the inspection and decontamination stations.

NSP staff will also have the legal authority to stop and detain boaters who may be transporting AIS on their boats or equipment. However, NSP rangers will only be able to act within their jurisdiction (i.e. on land managed by State Parks). Any inspection or decontamination stations not located on State Park lands would be out of their jurisdiction.

The storage unit would be located on site, and it would be unfeasible to have another entity responsible for the portable building.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1934, Public Law 85-624, 16 U.S.C. 661 et seq., as amended.
“The Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, is delegated so much of the authority of the Secretary under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, 16 U.S.C. 661 et seq., as is necessary to provide assistance, through grants or cooperative agreements, to public or private organizations for the improvement of fish and wildlife habitat associated with water systems or water supplies affected by Reclamation projects.”