

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

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

ABSTRACT	
Funding Announcement	R12SS40002
Project Title	Hualapai Tribe Nonnative Fish Removal Work
Recipient	Hualapai Tribal Council 941 Hualapai Way Peach Springs, AZ 86434-0179
Principal Investigator / Program Manager	Hualapai Tribal Council 941 Hualapai Way Peach Springs, AZ 86434-0179 PO Box 179 Peach Springs, AZ 86434 Chairman Wilfred Whatoname, Sr. Contact: Kerry Christensen
Anticipated Federal Amount	\$55,000 per year
Cost Share	\$0.0
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$300,000.00 over Five Years
New Award or Continuation?	New Award
Anticipated Length of Agreement	5 years
Anticipated Period of Performance	Through September 30, 2015.
Award Instrument	Cooperative Agreement
Statutory Authority	85-624 Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1958, as amended. <u>Delegation</u> . The Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation is delegated 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.
CFDA # and Title	15.517 Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act
Single Source Justification Criteria Cited	(4) Unique Qualifications – The Hualapai Tribe is the only party responsible for this activity since it is their responsibility to participate in nonnative fish removal, to fulfill their obligations to limit and mitigate the impacts of nonnative fish control in the Grand Canyon.
Reclamation Point of Contact	Mark McKinstry, UC-735 (801) 524-3835

OVERVIEW

The Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program (GCDAMP) was established for the long-term preservation and management of the cultural and natural resources of the Grand Canyon in accord with the Grand Canyon Protection Act of 1992 (GCPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended (NHPA). As a component of the GCDAMP, the Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Colorado River Region (Reclamation) is in the process of conducting nonnative fish removal efforts below Lees Ferry, AZ in the Colorado River to reduce the threat of predation on humpback chub, an endangered species. Several Indian Tribes have expressed concern over the “taking of life” in this culturally-important area and to address that issue the Hualapai Tribe has agreed to take possession of the nonnative fish after they are captured and transport them to fishing ponds where they will be stocked for fishing.

Since 1994 the Hualapai Tribe has been a consulting signatory to the GCDAMP, ensuring that tribal values are represented at the various program functions and to ensure effective government-to-government consultation on federal undertakings that may affect resources important to the Tribe. Therefore it is within the Hualapai Tribe’s discretion to accept these fish and dispose of them as they deem prudent.

RECIPIENT INVOLVEMENT

The Hualapai tribe has been charged with taking possession of the nonnative fish collected between Lees Ferry and Badger Rapid in the Colorado River and putting them to beneficial use.

Specific Tasks

- 1) Coordinate with participants in nonnative fish removal being conducted below Lees Ferry.
- 2) Haul nonnative fish (trout) collected in the Colorado River below Lees Ferry to selected ponds on the Hualapai Indian Reservation.

RECLAMATION INVOLVEMENT

Substantial involvement on the part Reclamation is anticipated for the successful completion of the objectives to be funded by this award. In particular, Reclamation will be responsible for the following:

Facilitate coordination with cooperators on the trout-removal efforts.

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.

Single Source Justification Description:

Reclamation did not solicit full and open competition for this award based the following criteria:

Unique Qualifications— The Hualapai Tribe is unique since they are conducting ongoing work in this area and they already have a project on-line to do similar work in a nearby location. The Tribe also has unique qualifications and expertise with the fish species of this river basin.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

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