

**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.

Recipient:	Point Reyes Bird Observatory dba Point Blue Conservation Science
Project Title:	Protect, Conserve and Monitor the Farallon Islands' Ecosystem
Award Amount:	\$173,855.00
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Single Source Justification (as per 505 DM 2.14) - select the applicable justification(s):

<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 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 checked="" 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 award is anticipated to be a single-source determination because of the significant cost-sharing, long-term stewardship and inherent knowledge of the Farallon National Wildlife Refuge provided by Point Blue Conservation Science (Point Blue). Point Blue has been studying wildlife populations and staffing a small research station on Southeast Farallon Island (SEFI) since 1968. When SEFI was added to the Farallon NWR in 1969, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) recognized a public benefit to have Point Blue continue their presence on the island. Maintaining a human presence on the island deters trespassers and minimizes wildlife disturbance. Point Blue can educate a broader segment of the public about the Farallon NWR than the Service can on their own. Their connections with other agencies and non-profit organizations allows them to cultivate additional partnerships that benefit the mission of the Service and the National Wildlife Refuge System in addition to helping fulfill the purposes for which the Refuge was established. Also, Point Blue provides a 2:1 match on in-kind services.