

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Office of Subsistence Management**

Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program
Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 15.636 Alaska Subsistence
Management

Notice of Funding Availability and Application Instructions

I. Description of Funding Opportunity

The Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Subsistence Management, administers the Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program (Monitoring Program). The Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program (Monitoring Program) is seeking technically sound projects that gather information to manage and conserve subsistence fishery resources in Alaska. The program also is directed at supporting meaningful involvement in fisheries management by Alaska Native and rural organizations and promoting collaboration among Federal, State, Alaska Native and local organizations. The Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program encompasses awards made through Federal financial assistance under the authority of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, 16 USC 661 to 667 (d), and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), 16 USC 3101-3233. This Funding Opportunity, number **F13AS00043**, is the single designated biennial competition through which multiple awards will be made.

Only studies that gather, analyze, and report on information needed for subsistence fisheries management on Federal public lands in Alaska (National Wildlife Refuges, National Forests, National Parks and Preserves, National Conservation Areas, National Wild and Scenic River Systems, National Petroleum Reserves, and National Recreation Areas) will be considered.

Investigation Plans are to be submitted to the Office of Subsistence Management by **April 4, 2013, 5:00 PM Alaska time**.

II. Award Information

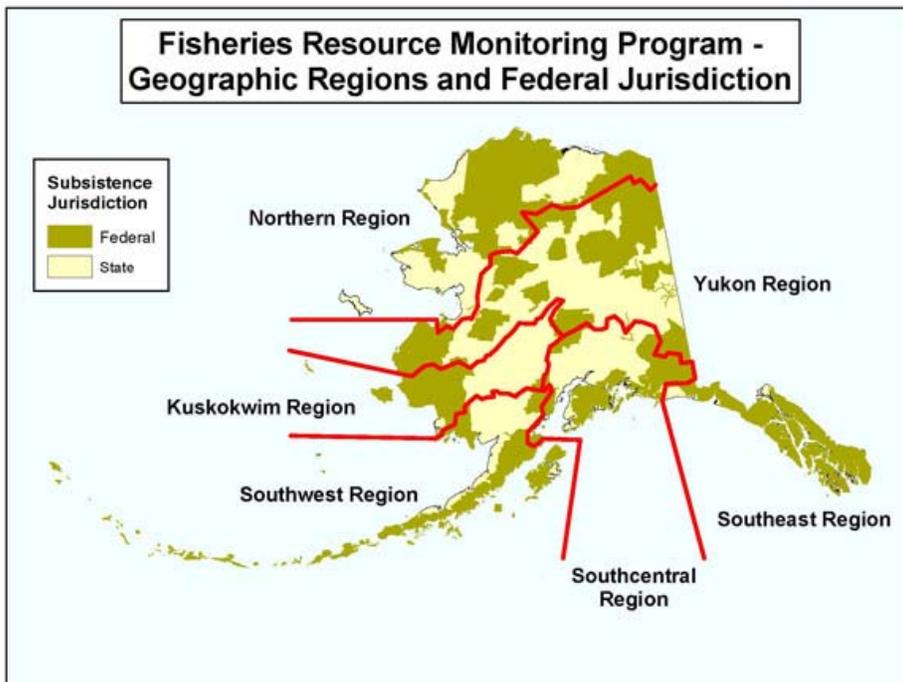
The Federal Subsistence Board (Board) has established guidelines for investigation plans to successfully compete for funding. Activities that fall outside the scope of the Monitoring Program and will not be considered include: habitat protection, mitigation, restoration, and enhancement; hatchery propagation, restoration, enhancement and supplementation; and contaminant assessment, evaluation, and monitoring. These important activities are most appropriately addressed by the responsible land management or regulatory agency, not the Monitoring Program. In addition, projects for which the primary objective is capacity building (e.g., science camps, technician training, intern programs), are not eligible for funding under the Monitoring Program. However, projects with capacity building as a secondary objective are encouraged, and partnerships/capacity building is one of the ranking criteria used to evaluate investigation plans.

The Monitoring Program provides over \$6.5 million annually in funding to support research on and monitoring of Federal subsistence fisheries in Alaska. The funding commitments to multiple year projects influence the amount of funding available for new projects. For 2014, we

anticipate that on the order of \$3.7 million will be available to fund new research and monitoring projects that provide information needed to manage subsistence fisheries for rural Alaskans on Federal lands, remaining funding is obligated to existing projects. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Forest Service may award multiple cooperative agreements for selected fisheries investigation projects. Continuation of funding for year two, three or four of multiple-year projects is contingent upon attainment of the study objectives and availability of future government funding. Historically, awards have ranged from \$3,000 to \$375,000 per year.

Although all investigation plans addressing Federal subsistence fisheries will be considered, the Office of Subsistence Management is targeting this Funding Opportunity towards specific priority issues and projects identified either by strategic planning efforts or by expert opinion from Regional Advisory Councils, fisheries managers, the Technical Review Committee, and Office of Subsistence Management staff. A list of priority information needs is included in the application package (see IV. Application and Submission below). Investigators wishing to address information needs other than those identified in the attached list must include a compelling rationale regarding strategic importance and application to Federal subsistence management.

Geographic Regions: Investigation plans should address one of six geographic regions. If the issue of concern covers more than one region, the proposal should be classified as multi-regional.



Data Types: Three broad categories of information will be considered: 1) harvest monitoring (HM), 2) stock status and trends (SST), and 3) customary knowledge and traditional ecological knowledge (CK/TEK). Harvest monitoring studies provide information on numbers and species

of fish harvested, locations of harvests, and gear types used. Methods used to gather information on subsistence harvest patterns include harvest calendars, mail-in questionnaires, household interviews, subsistence permit reports and telephone interviews.

Stock status and trends studies provide information on abundance and run timing; age, size and sex composition; migration, and geographic distribution; survival of juveniles or adults; stock production; genetic stock identification and mixed stock analyses. Methods used to gather information on stock status and trends include aerial and ground surveys, test fishing, towers, weirs, sonar, video, genetics, mark-recapture, and telemetry.

Customary knowledge and traditional ecological knowledge studies are studies of local knowledge directed at collecting and analyzing information on a variety of topics, including: fish ecology, species identification, local names, life history, taxonomy, seasonal movements, harvests, spawning and rearing areas, population trends, environmental observations, and traditional management systems. Methods used to document traditional ecological knowledge include ethnographic fieldwork, key informant interviews with local experts, place name mapping, and open-ended surveys.

III. Basic Eligibility Requirements

Eligible Applicants:

Individuals and organizations submitting investigation plans should have the necessary technical and administrative abilities and resources to ensure successful completion of studies. Entities submitting investigation plans may be independent investigators, Alaska Native organizations, government agencies, academic institutions, regional fishery organizations, or consulting firms.

Applicants and organizations that are included on the Federal Government's Excluded Parties Listing Systems (EPLS) cannot submit investigation plans. Inclusion on the EPLS listing system indicates debarment from doing business under Federal procurement and/or non-procurement (cooperative agreement) programs. See <http://www.epls.gov> for the most current listing of debarred organizations.

Monitoring Program funding is intended to provide new and improved information for management of subsistence fisheries on Federal public lands, and not duplicate existing programs. Thus, OSM highly discourages agencies shifting their existing projects to the Monitoring Program. Where long-term projects can no longer be funded by agencies, and the project provides direct information for Federal subsistence fisheries management, the policy is to allow a maximum request to the Monitoring Program of up to 50% of the project cost.

For ongoing projects in the Monitoring Program for which additional years of funding is being proposed, investigators should justify continuation, placing the proposed work in context with the ongoing work being accomplished.

Federal law (2 CFR Part 25, Central Contractor Registry and Data Universal Numbering System) mandates that all entities applying for Federal financial assistance must have a valid Dun & Bradstreet Data Universal Number System (DUNS) number and have a current registration in the Central Contractor Registry (CCR). The CCR functionality was consolidated into the System for

Award Management (SAM) in September 2012. Exemptions: The SAM registration requirement does not apply to individuals submitting an application on their own behalf and not on behalf of a company or other for-profit entity, State, local or Tribal government, academia or other type of organization.

A. DUNS Registration

Request a DUNS number online at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>. U.S.-based entities may also request a DUNS number by telephone by calling the Dun & Bradstreet Government Customer Response Center, Monday – Friday, 7 AM to 8 PM CST at the following numbers:

U.S. and U.S. Virgin Islands: 1-866-705-5711

Alaska and Puerto Rico: 1-800-234-3867 (Select Option 2, then Option 1)

For Hearing Impaired Customers Only call: 1-877-807-1679 (TTY Line)

Once assigned a DUNS number, entities are responsible for maintaining up-to-date information with Dun & Bradstreet.

B. Entity Registration in SAM

Register in SAM online at <http://www.sam.gov/>. Once registered in SAM, entities must renew and revalidate their SAM registration at least every 12 months from the date previously registered. Entities are strongly urged to revalidate their registration as often as needed to ensure that SAM is up to date and in synch with changes that may have been made to DUNS and IRS information. Foreign entities who wish to be paid to a bank account in the United States must enter and maintain valid and current banking information in SAM.

Entities that had an active record in CCR have an active record in SAM. Such entities do not need to do anything in SAM unless a change in business circumstances requires updates to your Entity record(s) or the Entity record is due to expire. SAM will send notifications to migrated Entity users via email 60, 30, and 15 days prior to expiration of the Entity record. To update or renew your Entity records(s) in SAM your Entity user(s) will need to create a SAM User Account and link their account(s) to your migrated Entity record(s). Entities migrated from CCR can find complete instructions on accessing their SAM Entity records online at <http://www.sam.gov/>.

C. Entity Registration in ASAP

Applicants that receive awards under cooperative agreements will need to be enrolled in the Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) system. Enrollment information can be found at http://www.fms.treas.gov/asap/pr_questions_enrollment.html. You may provide a “screen print” of your registration as part of your application package.

Applicants are to ensure they have the necessary processes and systems in place to comply with the reporting requirements under 2 CFR 170 should they receive funding through this announcement.

D. Excluded Entities

Applicant entities identified in the SAM.gov Exclusions database as ineligible, prohibited/restricted or excluded from receiving Federal contracts, certain subcontracts, and

certain Federal assistance and benefits will not be considered for Federal funding, as applicable to the funding being requested under this Federal program

E. Cost Sharing or Matching:

For new projects with broad overlap of Federal and State management authority, a substantial match in funding must be included in order to be considered for Monitoring Program funding. In any case, applicants are encouraged to document matching contributions. Investigation plans with substantial cost sharing may be ranked higher than similar investigation plans with no identified cost sharing.

IV. Application Requirements

Address to Request Application Materials

Applicants may request an application package from Kathy Orzechowski, Fisheries Division, Office of Subsistence Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1011 East Tudor Road, MS 121, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, phone: 907-786-3645, fax: 907-786-3612, email: fisheries_resource_monitoring@fws.gov. The application package may also be accessed on the web at <http://alaska.fws.gov/asm/fis.cfm?fissel=1>, under “Applying for Funding.”

Content and Form of Application

Application package: The application package contains six documents to assist in preparation of investigation plans.

1. **Guidelines for Preparing Investigation Plans** describes the schedule for the 2014 Monitoring Plan, and proposal format requirements, to include a project summary and narrative.
2. **Priority Information Needs** provides a list of the most important knowledge gaps for Federal subsistence fisheries management within each region. Although all investigation plans addressing Federal subsistence fisheries will be considered, investigators are encouraged to address one or more of these priority information needs. Investigators wishing to address information needs other than those identified in the attached list must include a compelling rationale regarding strategic importance and application to Federal subsistence management at this time.
3. **Guidelines for Establishing Project Objectives for Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program Investigations** provides guidance on developing scientifically and statistically sound investigation plans and investigation plans for biological and social science investigations. Investigators should be aware that the objectives provide the basis for development of funding documents and for evaluation of project performance, so careful attention to the specifics of the guidelines is recommended.
4. **Principles for the Conduct of Research in the Arctic** provides the basis for promoting mutual respect and communication between scientists and residents of rural communities. Investigators should adhere to these principles in developing and conducting studies.

5. **Guidelines for Use of Fish in Field Research** provides guidance for the ethical and scientific conduct of field investigations. This policy by the American Fisheries Society documents the appropriate use of fish in field research, including collecting, restraint and handling, marking, and disposition of fish following studies.
6. **Stock Status and Trends References** provides 20 useful references on stock status and trends research.

To be considered for funding under this funding opportunity, an application must contain:

- A. A completed, signed, and dated **Application for Federal Assistance** form **SF-424**. The SF-424 form is available online at <http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/FormLinks?family=15>.
- B. A completed **Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424A)** form. The budget forms are available online at <http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/FormLinks?family=15>.

When developing your budget, keep in mind the following:

- **Cost Principles:** Financial assistance awards and subawards are subject to OMB Circulars A-122, Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations (2 CFR Part 230), A-21, Cost Principles for Educational Institutions (2 CFR Part 220), and A-87, Cost Principles for States and Local Governments (2 CFR Part 225), as applicable to the recipient organization type. These OMB circulars are available online at <http://www.doi.gov/pam/financialassistance/resources/index.html>.
- **Federally Funded Equipment:** Applicants cannot attribute equipment paid for by the U.S. Federal Government under another award as matching or in-kind contributions. ***Do not include this type of equipment in your budget!*** Instead, provide a separate list of any equipment paid for by the U.S. Federal Government that will be used for the project, including the name of the Federal agency that paid for the equipment.
- **Indirect Costs:** An applicant without an established indirect cost rate agreement with a Federal agency may not charge indirect costs to Federal financial assistance awards and must charge all costs directly. Individuals submitting an application on their own behalf and not on behalf of a company or other for-profit entity, state, local or tribal government, academia or other type of organization must charge all costs directly.

If indirect costs are included on proposed budget, the applicant must submit copy of their most recently submitted/approved indirect cost rate agreement. Non-profit organizations that have received, or expect to receive, the greatest amount of Federal funding in direct awards from the Department of the Interior, should go to <http://www.aqd.nbc.gov/Services/ICS.aspx> for online guidance and tools for submitting an indirect cost rate agreement proposal to the Department of the Interior. Organizations may also contact the National Business Center directly at:

Indirect Cost Services
Acquisition Services Directorate, National Business Center
U.S. Department of the Interior
2180 Harvard Street, Suite 430
Sacramento, CA 95815
Phone: 916.566.7111 Fax: 916.566.7110
Email: ics@nbc.gov

All other types of applicants except individuals should contact the USFWS program point of contact identified in the Grants.gov funding opportunity with any questions on how to establish an indirect cost rate agreement with a Federal agency.

C. Assurances

Use the **Assurances for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424B)**. Include the appropriate signed and dated Assurances form available online at <http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/FormLinks?family=15>.

D. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Under Title 31 of the United States Code, Section 1352, applicants must complete and submit with their application the SF-LLL Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form (available online at <http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/forms/sample/SFLLL-V1.1.pdf>) when they have made payment or have agreed to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, cooperative agreement, or loan. Recipients may not use funds awarded under a Federal grant or cooperative agreement to conduct such lobbying activities.

E. Statement Regarding A-133 Single Audit Reporting: Following OMB Circular A-133 (http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/assets/a133/a133_revised_2007.pdf), domestic entities expending \$500,000 USD or more in Federal award funds in a year must submit an A-133 Single Audit report for that year through the Federal Audit Clearinghouse's Internet Data Entry System. State if your organization was/was not required to submit an A-133 Single Audit report last year (either your organization is a non-U.S. entity or a domestic entity that did not spend \$500,000 USD or more in Federal funds last year). If your organization was required to submit an A-133 Single Audit report last year, state if that report is available on the Federal Audit Clearinghouse Single Audit Database website (<http://harvester.census.gov/sac/>).

Application Checklist

- A complete, signed and dated SF 424-Application for Federal Assistance
- Project Summary and Narrative text and attachments
- A complete SF-424A Budget Information form
- If Federally funded equipment will be used for the project, a list of that equipment as described in section D above
- If indirect costs are included in proposed budget, a copy of the organization's current approved indirect cost rate agreement or proposal
- Signed and dated SF-424B Assurances form
- If applicable, completed SF-LLL form
- Statement regarding applicability of and compliance with OMB Circular A-133 Single Audit Reporting as described in section G above

Failure to provide complete information, as outlined above, may cause delays, postponement, or rejection of the application.

V. Submission Instructions

Applications may be mailed or electronically emailed to: Kathy Orzechowski, Fisheries Division, Office of Subsistence Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1011 East Tudor Road, MS 121, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, phone: 907-786-3645, fax: 907-786-3612, email: fisheries_resource_monitoring@fws.gov. The application package may also be accessed on the web at <http://alaska.fws.gov/asm/fis.cfml?fissel=1>, under "Applying for Funding."

Submission Dates and Times

Investigation Plans are to be received before April 4, 2013, 5:00 PM Alaska time

Intergovernmental Review

This funding opportunity is not subject to Executive Order (EO) 12372.

Funding Restrictions

Awards will not allow reimbursement of pre-award expenses.

Proposals may be submitted by mail, by email, electronically through Grants.gov, or as otherwise described in the Grants.gov funding opportunity. Please select **ONE** of the submission options.

To submit a proposal by mail:

Number all pages of your printed investigation plan. Mail one, single-sided, unbound copy (do not staple or otherwise permanently bind pages) of your complete investigation plan to the

USFWS program point of contact identified in the Grants.gov funding opportunity. A mailed investigation plan must be postmarked prior to April 4, 2013, 5:00pm Alaska time.

To submit a proposal by e-mail:

Format all of your documents to print on letter size (8 ½” x 11”) paper. Format all pages to display and print page numbers. Scanned documents should be scanned in letter format, as black and white images only. Where possible, save scanned documents in .pdf format. E-mail your investigation plan to the USFWS program point of contact identified in the Grants.gov funding opportunity.

To submit a proposal in Grants.gov:

Go to the Grants.gov Apply for Grants page (http://www07.grants.gov/applicants/apply_for_grants.jsp) for an overview of the process to apply for grant opportunities on Grants.gov. In order to apply for a grant, you/your organization must complete the Grants.gov registration process. Registration can take between three to five business days or as long as two weeks if all steps are not completed in a timely manner.

Important note on Grants.gov application attachment file names: Please do not assign application attachments file names longer than 20 characters, including spaces. Assigning file names longer than 20 characters will create issues in the automatic interface between Grants.gov and the USFWS’ new financial assistance management system.

VI. APPLICATION REVIEW

Criteria:

Each proposal is evaluated using the following four criteria are equally weighted:

- **Strategic Priorities-** Studies must be responsive to identified issues and information needs. All projects must have a direct linkage to Federal Public lands and/or waters to be eligible for funding under the Monitoring Program. To assist in evaluation of submittals for projects previously funded under the Monitoring Program, investigators must include a synthesis of project findings in their investigation plans. This synthesis should clearly and concisely document project performance, key findings, and uses of collected information for Federal subsistence management.
- **Federal linkage –** Study must have a direct association to a subsistence fishery within Federal Subsistence Management Program jurisdiction. That is, the subsistence fishery or stocks in question must occur in waters within or adjacent to Federal public lands (National Wildlife Refuges, National Forests, National Parks and Preserves, National Conservation Areas, National Wild and Scenic River Systems, National Petroleum Reserves, and National Recreation Areas).
- **Conservation Mandate –** Risk to the conservation of species and populations that support subsistence fisheries and risk to public lands purposes.
- **Allocation Priority –** Risk of failure to provide for subsistence uses.
- **Data Gaps –** Amount of information available to support subsistence management. A higher priority is given where a lack of information exists.

- Management Application - The application of proposed project data must be clearly explained and linked to current management strategies and needs.
 - Role of Resource – Importance of a species or a population to a subsistence harvest (e.g. number of subsistence users affected, quantity of subsistence harvest), and qualitative significance (e.g. cultural value, unique seasonal role).
 - Local Concern – Level of user concern over subsistence harvests (e.g., allocation, competing uses, changes in populations).
- Technical-Scientific Merit- Technical quality of the study design must meet accepted standards for information collection, compilation, analysis, and reporting. Studies must have clear objectives, appropriate sampling design, correct analytical procedures, and specified progress, annual and final reports.
- Investigator Ability and Resources- Investigators must show they are capable of successfully completing the proposed study by providing information on the ability (training, education, and experience) and resources (technical and administrative) they possess to conduct the work. Applicants that have received funding in the past will be evaluated and ranked on their past performance, including fulfillment of meeting deliverable deadlines as outlined in Section VI. Award Administration Information under “Reporting”. A record of failure to submit reports or delinquent submittal of reports will be taken into account when rating investigator ability and resources.
- Partnership-Capacity Building- Partnerships and capacity building are priorities of the Monitoring Program. ANILCA mandates that rural residents be afforded a meaningful role in the management of subsistence fisheries, and the Monitoring Program offers opportunities for partnerships and participation of local residents in monitoring and research. Investigators are requested to include a strategy for integrating local capacity development in their investigation plans. Investigators must not only inform communities and regional organizations in the area where work is to be conducted about their project plans, but must also consult and communicate with local communities to ensure that local knowledge is utilized and concerns are addressed. Letters of support from local organizations add to the strength of a proposal. Investigators and their organizations should demonstrate their ability to maintain effective local relationships and commitment to capacity building. This includes a plan to facilitate and develop partnerships so that investigators, communities, and regional organizations can pursue and achieve the most meaningful level of involvement.

Investigators are encouraged to develop the highest level of community and regional involvement that is practical. Investigators must demonstrate that capacity building has already reached the communication or partnership development stage during proposal development, and ideally, that a strategy to develop capacity building to higher levels will be provided in the investigation plan, recognizing, however, that in some situations higher level involvement may not be desired or feasible by the local organizations. Successful capacity building requires developing trust and dialogue among investigators, local communities, and regional organizations. Investigators need to be flexible in

modifying their work plan in response to local knowledge, issues, and concerns, and must also understand that capacity building should emphasize reciprocity.

Review and Selection Process:

Investigation plans will be reviewed and evaluated by Office of Subsistence Management and Forest Service staff, and then by the Technical Review Committee. This committee is comprised of representatives from each of five Federal agencies involved with subsistence management, and relevant experts from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Their function is to provide evaluation, technical oversight, and strategic direction to the Monitoring Program. Investigation plans will then be reviewed and evaluated by Office of Subsistence Management and Forest Service staff, and the Technical Review Committee. Based on the above criteria, funding recommendations will be made for each investigation plan. All investigation plans will be combined into the draft 2014 Fisheries Resource Monitoring Plan, which will be distributed for review and comment to Regional Advisory Councils, other organizations, agencies, and the general public during August-October 2013. Subsequently, the Federal Subsistence Board reviews the 2014 Monitoring Plan. Investigators will be notified in writing of the status of their project.

VII. Award Administration

Award Notices: Following review, applicants may be requested to revise the project scope and/or budget before a final award can be made. Successful applicants will receive written notice in the form of a Notice of Award letter. Notice of Award letters are typically sent to recipients by e-mail. If e-mail notification is unsuccessful, the documents will be sent by courier mail (FedEx, DHL, Airborne Express). Award recipients are not required to sign/return the Notice of Award letter. Acceptance of an award is defined as starting work, drawing down funds, or receiving the award via electronic means. Awards are based on the application submitted to, and as approved by, the USFWS. Applicants whose projects are not selected for funding will receive written notice, most often by e-mail, within 30 days of the final review decision.

Domestic Recipient Payments:

Prior to an award being issued to you/your organization, the USFWS program office will contact you/your organization to either enroll in the U.S. Treasury's Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) system or, if eligible, submit to the USFWS program a request to obtain approval from the Department of the Interior to be waived from using ASAP.

Domestic applicants subject to the SAM registration requirement (see Section III above) who receive a waiver from receiving funds through ASAP must enter and maintain current banking information in SAM. Domestic applicants exempt from the SAM registration requirement (see Section III above) who receive a waiver from receiving funds through ASAP will be required to submit their banking information directly to the USFWS program. However, ***do NOT submit any banking information to the USFWS until it is requested from you by the USFWS program!***

Recipients are responsible for ensuring any sensitive data being sent to the USFWS is protected during its transmission/delivery. The USFWS strongly recommends recipients use the most secure transmission/delivery method available. The USFWS recommends the following digital transmission methods: secure digital faxing; encrypted emails; emailing a password protected zipped/compressed file attachment in one email followed by the password in a second email; or emailing a zipped/compressed file attachment. The USFWS strongly encourages recipients sending sensitive data in paper copy to use a courier mail service. Recipients may also contact their USFWS Project Officer and provide any sensitive data over the telephone.

The Notice of Award document from the USFWS will include instructions specific to each recipient on how to request payment. If applicable, the instructions will detail any additional information/forms required and where to submit payment requests.

Foreign Recipient Payments:

Foreign recipients receiving funds to a bank outside of the United States will be paid electronically through U.S. Treasury's International Treasury Services (ITS) system.

Foreign recipients receiving funds electronically to a bank in the United States will be paid by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) through the Automated Clearing House network. Foreign recipients who wish to be paid to a bank account in the United States must enter and maintain current banking information in SAM (see Section III above).

The Notice of Award letter from the USFWS will include instructions specific to each recipient on how to request payment. If applicable, the instructions will detail any additional information/forms required and where to submit payment requests.

Standard Award Terms and Conditions:

Acceptance of a Federal Financial Assistance award from the Department of the Interior (DOI) carries with it the responsibility to be aware of and comply with the terms and conditions of award. The text of all standard award terms and conditions are available online at <http://www.doi.gov/pam/TermsandConditions.html>. Acceptance is defined as starting work, drawing down funds, or accepting the award via electronic means. Awards are based on the application submitted to, and as approved by DOI and are subject to the terms and conditions incorporated either directly or by reference in the following:

- Program legislation/regulation
- Special terms and conditions
- Code of Federal Regulations/Regulatory Requirements, as applicable:
 - 2 CFR Part 25 Central Contractor Registration and Data Universal Numbering System
 - 2 CFR Part 170 Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation
 - 2 CFR Part 1400 Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement)
 - 2 CFR Part 1401 Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Financial Assistance)

- 2 CFR Part 175 Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000
- 43 CFR 12(A) Administrative and Audit Requirements and Cost Principles for Assistance Programs
- 43 CFR 12(C) Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local
- 43 CFR 12(F) Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, other Non-Profit and Commercial Organizations
- 43 CFR 18 New Restrictions on Lobbying
- 305 DM 3, Integrity of Scientific and Scholarly Activities and 217 FW 7, Scientific Integrity and Scholarly Conduct. Grant and cooperative agreement recipients must ensure quality project results. Results must consist of unbiased assessments through proper management and enforcement of scientific integrity standards, which includes avoiding conflicts of interest as defined in USFWS policy 212 FW 7 (complete text available online at <http://www.fws.gov/policy/212fw7.html>).

Recipient Financial and Performance Reporting Requirements:

Interim financial reports and performance reports may be required. Interim reports will be required no more frequently than quarterly, and no less frequently than annually. A final financial report and a final performance report will be required and are due within 90 calendar days of the end date of the award. Performance reports must contain: 1) a comparison of actual accomplishments with the goals and objectives of the award as detailed in the approved scope of work; 2) a description of reasons why established goals were not met, if appropriate; and 3) any other pertinent information relevant to the project results. The USFWS will specify the performance reporting frequency applicable to the award in the Notice of Award document.

VIII. Other Information

The applicant is responsible for obtaining all Federal, State and local governmental permits and approvals for projects or activities to be funded under this announcement. Project approval may be suspended if applicable permits are not in place prior to award.

IX. Agency Contacts

For additional information please contact:

Kathy Orzechowski, Fisheries Division, Office of Subsistence Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1011 East Tudor Road, MS 121, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, 907-786-3645, fax 907-786-3612, fisheries_resource_monitoring@fws.gov.