

DETERMINATION TO SOLICIT FROM A SINGLE SOURCESolicitation No.: *213 PS30407*

Project Name: The Pacific Institute professional services contract regarding the potential economic costs of a declining Salton Sea.

Pursuant to Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 13.106-1(b)(1), for purchases not exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold (SAT). Contracting Officers may solicit from only one source if the circumstances of the contract action deem only one source reasonably available (e.g., urgency, exclusive licensing agreements, brand name, or industrial mobilization).

Instruction: The information below in italics is for guidance only and should be removed from the final document.

1. Agency and Contracting Activity:

The Bureau of Reclamation, Lower Colorado Regional Office, Resource Management Office proposes to enter into a contract for environmental consulting services.

2. Name and Address of Single Source:

Pacific Institute

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3. Description of Supplies/Services and Estimated Cost:

The Pacific Institute will conduct and publish a report on the potential economic costs of a declining Salton Sea. The proposed work will generate a twenty-to-twenty-five page full-color report posted on the Pacific Institute website (at www.pacinst.org), available for download at no charge. The report will include fully sourced text with hyperlinked references, for sources available online.

Data collection is expected to take approximately six weeks, followed by approximately six weeks of analysis and an additional two months to write and revise a final draft. Pacific Institute will circulate a final draft of the paper to three external peer reviewers, including (paper or electronic) copy to Reclamation's COTR.

Reclamation's COTR will collect and compile Reclamation's comments and return them to the Pacific Institute no later than the end of a four-week review period. Pacific Institute will be provided six weeks to incorporate comments and revise the draft accordingly, lay out the report, and make final edits. From notification of funding, the study will generate a final report in approximately eight months.

4. **Description of Circumstances, including why only one source is reasonably available:**

The Pacific Institute is highly qualified to provide the described work. The Institute has unique knowledge about the development and evaluation of restoration/rehabilitation concepts for the Salton Sea. The Institute was the first to develop a concept that was reviewed by the Salton Sea Science Office, and participated in that review. The Institute also has a demonstrated ability to organize workshops on the Salton Sea, and has drafted, circulated, revised, and published proceedings from these previous workshops. The Institute brings a unique understanding of Salton Sea restoration concepts and evaluation, and has been intimately involved with Salton Sea issues for more than nine years.

5. **Determination of Fair and Reasonable Cost:**

The cost estimate provided by the Pacific Institute for Studies in Development, Environment, and Security (Institute) has been determined to be fair and reasonable based on pricing of similar schedules in GSA. My market research indicated the Institute's costs to be less than the competition offering similar services. The Institute is a nonprofit organization for the purpose of scientific and educational activities. The Institute has proposed to conduct and publish a study of the potential economic costs of a declining Salton Sea. The Institute conducted a similar study in 2006 and this previous study will serve as the foundation for updating the proposed study.

6. **Description of Market Research:**

I used GSA advantage to conduct my market research on July 25, 2013. My market research indicated the Institute's costs to be less than the competition offering similar services. The Institute conducted a similar study in 2006 and this previous study will serve as the foundation for updating the proposed study.