

DETERMINATION FOR APPROPRIATE SELECTION OF AN AWARD INSTRUMENT-COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

Agreement No: F14AC00237

505 DM 2.8 E(1) Establishing procedures for determining proper selection of award instruments to be used for supporting bureau or office programs. These procedures may include official determinations that instruments to be used in making awards within a specific program are contracts, grant agreements, or cooperative agreements in keeping with 505 DM2.6...Written determinations regarding selection of award instruments must contain complete information on the nature of the relationship between the bureau or office and the recipient to justify the use of the instrument selected.

Choose one instrument for award and write your determination:

☒ 505 DM 2.6 C. Cooperative agreements will be used as legal instruments when the relationship between the bureau or office and a State, local government, or other recipient has as its principal purpose the transfer of a thing of value to State or local government or other recipient to carry out a public purpose of support or stimulation authorized by a law of the United States and substantial involvement is expected between the bureau or office and the State, local government, or other recipient when carrying out the activity contemplated in the agreement.

Written Determination:

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.

☐ 505 DM 2.6 A. Procurement contracts will be used as legal instruments reflecting a relationship between the bureau or office and a State, local government, or other awardee when the principal purpose of the instrument is to acquire (by purchase, lease, or barter) property or services for the direct benefit or use of the Federal Government.

Written Determination:

☐ 505 DM 2.6 B. Grant agreements will be used as legal instruments when the relationship between the bureau of office and a State, local government, or other recipient has as its principal purpose the transfer of a thing of value to the recipient in order to carry out a public purpose of support or stimulation authorized by a law of the United States and substantial involvement is not expected between the bureau or office and the State, local government, or other recipient when carrying out the activity contemplated in the agreement.

Written Determination:

I (signature) Anne Murphy on (date) 6/18/2014, Project Leader for this financial assistance award, ensure that this project is clearly defined and properly evaluated for technical merit and financial feasibility. I approve the applicability of funding sources and the determination and findings information. I certify that all required compliance documents associated with this grant or cooperative agreement have or are in the process of being met. This includes, but is not limited to, NEPA documents, historical preservation documents, Section 7 documents and other programmatic compliance documents as applicable to this grant or agreement.