State of Wyoming Program Management

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Category
_ X _ Ongoing Project
_ _ _ Ongoing - Revised Project
_ _ _ Requested New Project
_ _ _ Unsolicited Proposal

Expected Funding Source:
_ X _ Annual Funds
_ _ _ Capital Funds
_ _ _ Other (Explain)

I. Title of Proposal: State of Wyoming Program Management

II. Relationship to Recovery Implementation Program Recovery Action Plan: General Recovery Program Support, VII. Provide Program Planning and Support (Program Management)

III. Study Background/Rationale and Hypotheses: This scope of work describes in-kind services to be credited as a part of Wyoming's annual Program contribution. The expenditures incurred in completing the activities described below will directly reduce Wyoming's "cash" contribution. The sum of Wyoming’s in-kind and cash contributions will total $34,100 in Fiscal Year 2001. As a cooperative undertaking among three States, three Federal agencies and several private entities, the importance of effective and ongoing communication and effective collaboration within the Recovery Implementation Program can not be over-emphasized. Effective Program management is essential to planning and carrying out the Recovery Implementation Program Recovery Action Plan (RIPRAP) actions and to accomplishing the Program's dual objectives. Wyoming’s active participation on the Biology Committee and technical committees is essential to meeting our obligations to and assisting our partners in the Recovery Program.

IV. Study Goals, Objectives and End Product:

A. Goals: Provide timely and effective coordination, planning and execution of the Recovery Implementation Program’s projects and its RIPRAP activities. Make timely and informed decisions needed for Program implementation. Cooperatively work with the other participating entities in meeting the Program's objective of recovering the endangered fishes while meeting water supply requirements in the Upper Basin.

B. Objectives: 1) provide staff assistance to the Implementation, Management and Biology Committees and to the Service and Program
staff in implementing the Recovery Implementation Program; 2) provide appropriate participation by the State of Wyoming on technical committees and subcommittees; and 3) provide management and coordination between Wyoming and other participating entities; and 4) provide necessary in-state coordination among agencies and with the public.

C. End Products: Coordinated Recovery Program activities which reflect the State of Wyoming's input. Administrative review, assessment and oversight of results and work products of ongoing and finished program activities.

V. Study Area: Entire geographical area within which the Upper Colorado Recovery Program applies (the Upper Colorado River Basin excluding the San Juan River Basin).

VI. Study Methods/Approach: Not applicable to this scope-of-work.

VII. Task Description and Schedule (FY-2001):

1) Coordinate the State of Wyoming's participation in and policy positions on Recovery Implementation Program (RIP) activities. Advise Wyoming's Implementation Committee and Management Committee members and coordinate with other affected state agencies and the public.

2) Represent the State of Wyoming at Biology Committee, Water Acquisition Committee, Information and Education Committee and subcommittee meetings. Attend public, annual researchers and ad-hoc group meetings and participate in other activities as needed.

3) Participate in the development of the Program's annual budget and work plan for the Implementation Committee.

4) Review, edit and comment on all proposals, scopes-of-work, annual reports, project reports, planning documents and administrative records prepared by RIP participants, contractors or other involved personnel as appropriate.

5) Participate in developing appropriate refinements of the Recovery Implementation Program Recovery Action Plan (RIPRAP).

6) Coordinate with federal agency personnel in transferring funds for RIP-sanctioned work.

7) Assist in carrying out RIP activities and initiatives as requested in whatever manner practicable.

Schedule: Program management duties and responsibilities will be ongoing and continuous throughout Fiscal Year 2001. The completion dates for activities will be dependent upon dates and deadlines set by the Program's Implementation, Management, Biology and technical committees and other timing and program implementation factors.

VIII. FY-2001 Work

- Description of Work: Accomplish tasks described above.

- Deliverables (due date): RIP research/scope-of-work proposals (due
7/1/2001); RIP annual report (12/10/2001); all other deliverables, review comments, etc. by or on the date requested.

- Complete other tasks consistent with mutually agreed-upon deadlines and timetables.

FY-2001 Budget

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Future Fiscal Years' Work: Future year's work tasks and costs will be approximately the same (with adjustments to account for inflation) as those projected for FY-2001.

IX. Budget Summary

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X. Reviewers: Not applicable.

XI. References: None.

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1. This estimate is based on 4 overnight Biology Committee meetings per year and estimated airline, hotel and out-of-state and one-day round-trip expenses to attend Biology Committee meetings in Denver, Colorado and elsewhere.

2. Includes office supplies, computer supplies, telephone and postage expenses.

3. Based on an assumed 2.6 percent increase over the previous year's total funding needs.

4. Based on an assumed 2.5 percent increase over the previous year's total funding needs.