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HANFORD NATURAL RESOURCES TRUSTEE COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 09-04
NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS (NGO)
NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION (NFWF)

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Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council
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Whereas the Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council (HNRTC) needs to acquire contractor services to support the natural resource damage assessment (NRDA) process at Hanford, including preparation of an injury assessment plan (Phase II contract), design/implementation of injury assessment studies, and hiring of support staff such as a project coordinator, and

Whereas the HNRTC desires efficiency and flexibility in soliciting proposals and in funding and managing contracts, and recognizes the challenges sometimes faced by U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) in providing such services , and

Whereas the HNRTC desires a contract manager who is accustomed to and comfortable working with multiple trustees, and

Whereas several non-government organizations (NGOs) have been established to accept and manage funds, and to manage contracts for multi-government entities, such as natural resource trustee councils, and

Whereas some of these NGOs also can receive and manage funds from multiple agencies and organizations that could be used to support Hanford-related injury assessment and/or restoration activities, and have the potential to leverage funds from outside groups to expand the scope of Hanford restoration projects, and

Whereas an NGO can provide a variety of ancillary services for the Council, such as organizing/staffing expert technical workshops, organizing /staffing peer reviews, organizing a standing advisory/oversight board to review Council plans and activities, identifying and contracting for individual technical experts and reviewers, and

Whereas the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)

- is a Congressionally chartered foundation, established to administer monies to “further the conservation and management of fish, wildlife, plants, and other natural resources of the United States”
- has partnership agreements with fourteen federal agencies, including the Department of Defense, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Atmospheric and Oceanic Administration
- has more than 20 years experience working with federal agencies and has managed more than \$500 million, and

Whereas the USDOE has already held discussions with the NFWF regarding their ability to work with USDOE and the HNRTC to support injury assessment activities for the Hanford Site, and NFWF has expressed specific interest in serving as a third party fiscal agent and contract manager to support the HNRTC for the Hanford NRDA, now,

Now therefore be it resolved that the HNRTC requests the U.S. Department of Energy to continue discussion with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, with the goal of expeditiously developing a funding instrument (e.g., cooperative agreement) with them, for the purpose of engaging the NFWF to administer funds and contracts on behalf of the HNRTC in support of the Hanford NRDA.

Support

Object

Abstain

Support with separate comment/opinion (stated below)

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