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August 20, 2010

Ms. Kate Stanley
Chair, Legislative Federal Economic Stimulus Program
Oversight Commission
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 206
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Ms. Stanley:

This letter is in response to your inquiry of July 13, 2010, addressed to my counterpart, Dr. Loyal Mehrhoff, in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Dr. Mehrhoff is now scheduled to be out of town on August 24 when he was scheduled to appear before your commission to discuss the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) projects here in Hawai'i. He has asked me to take his place, since most of the projects are being implemented on National Wildlife Refuges within the State.

I am enclosing our response to your questionnaire with apologies for being a couple of days late. Due to other commitments and staffing shortages, we were unable to meet your August 17 deadline. Please note we are not in a position to identify exactly how many jobs each of these projects may create, or how many jobs may be maintained due to the funding. We have also included projects funded at Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge; we assume they would be of interest even though the Refuge is not part of the State of Hawai'i.

I am also enclosing some fact sheets that I would like to distribute to your commission members. These perhaps provide more information than that requested in the questionnaire. As you requested, I will bring copies to the meeting.

I will also bring a short PowerPoint presentation; I assume the appropriate equipment will be available. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 808.792.9540.

Sincerely,

Barry W. Stieglitz
Project Leader

Enclosures

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Projects
for the
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Region 1
Hawaiian and Pacific Islands National Wildlife Refuge Complex**

a. Project Summary

Facility Name: Hakalau Forest NWR

Contact: Jim Kraus, Project Leader

Phone #: 808-443-2300

Address: 60 Nowelo St, Suite 100, Hilo, HI 96720

Congressional District: 2

Project Title: Replace 4,400 square foot Pua 'Ākala barn with storage / maintenance building.

Project # 2008863301

Project Description: Remove and replace 4,400 square foot barn built in 1930, which did not meet building code. The building was close to collapsing and metal components were heavily corroded. Deterioration of the barn was so great, major repairs were not economically feasible.

Need: The Pua 'Ākala barn is used to store equipment, supplies, and tools necessary to manage and restore habitat for eight endangered forest birds and nine endangered plants. The barn is built in a location central to management activities to enhance operation efficiency.

Project Complete: Yes

Dated Completed: April 2010

Total Cost: \$611,745

b. Appropriations

Funding Source: ARRA

c. Matching Funds:

NA

d. Additional Requirements:

All funding requirements associated with ARRA were followed.

e. Funds Appropriated:

Total Project Cost / \$611,745 / Allocated 2009 / Expended 2010.

f. Project Criteria

Part of the NWR System Deferred Maintenance Plan. Each year backlogged projects are reviewed, prioritized at multiple levels, and funded according to the availability of funds. Many construction projects would not have been possible without ARRA.

g. Coordination

These funds were managed through the FWS.

h. Selection Criteria

5-Year Deferred Maintenance Plan (see f.)

i. Public Input

All projects are required to have NEPA coverage. This process may or may not require public input and is required under ARRA. An environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact was developed in 1994 for construction of the Hakalau Forest NWR administrative site. The documentation was reviewed under an environmental action statement and deemed still applicable for this project.

j. Award Process

This project was awarded through a competitive open market process.

k. Measures employed

The FWS division of Contracting and General Services provides Contracting Officers, Contracting Officer Representative, and Construction Oversight on all projects in accordance with the FAR.

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2. Identify and Verify Risks
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6. Monitor Corrective Actions and Document Lessons Learned.

Additional information on this topic can be found in the July 2010 Service ARRA Monitoring and Oversight Plan.

l. Status:

Project complete

m. Economic Impact to the State

Information posted on "<https://www.federalreporting.gov/>"

2. NA

3. NA

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Projects
for the
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Region 1
Hawaiian and Pacific Islands National Wildlife Refuge Complex**

a. Project Summary

Facility Name: Laysan Island, Hawaiian Islands NWR

Contact: Don Palawski, Deputy Project Leader

Phone #: 808-792-9540

Address: 300 Ala Moana Blvd, Honolulu, HI 96850

Congressional District: 2

Project Title: Replace photovoltaic system at Laysan Island

Project # 03127064

Project Description: Replace corroded photovoltaic electrical system at Laysan Island, as recommended in 2/15/07 comprehensive condition assessment. The current system has been repaired many times and is unreliable.

Need: This PV system provides primary and backup power to the field camp for general household electrical needs, communications, computers, and weather warning systems.

Project Complete: No

Dated to be Completed: September 2010

Total Cost: \$124,000

b. Appropriations

Funding Source: ARRA

c. Matching Funds:

NA

d. Additional Requirements:

All funding requirements associated with ARRA were followed.

e. Funds Appropriated:

Total Project Cost / \$124,000 / Allocated 2009 / Ordered and Scheduled for Completion 2010.

f. Project Criteria

Part of the NWR System Deferred Maintenance Plan. Each year backlogged projects are reviewed, prioritized at multiple levels and funded according to the availability of funds. Many construction projects would not have been possible without ARRA.

g. Coordination

These funds were managed through the FWS.

h. Selection Criteria

5-Year Deferred Maintenance Plan (see f.)

i. Public Input

All projects are required to have NEPA coverage. This project may or may not be required to have public input in accordance to ARRA regulations. As a replacement of existing systems, this project is covered by a categorical exclusion.

j. Award Process

This project was competed among current IDIQ contractors.

k. Measures employed

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l. Status:

Transportation of equipment and laborers are scheduled for September 2010.

m. Economic Impact to the State

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2. NA

3. NA

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Contact: Don Palawski, Deputy Project Leader

Phone #: 808-792-9540

Address: 300 Ala Moana, Blvd, Honolulu, HI 96850

Congressional District: 2

Project Title: Replace multi-use and housing units at Laysan Island

Project # 03127076

Project Description: Replace four 8 x 10 housing units and one 12x16 multi-use unit at the permanent Laysan Island field camp as recommended in the 2/15/07 comprehensive condition assessment. The multi-use unit is used for a communications center, office, and kitchen, which are critical for field camp operations. These structures consist of wood/plaster platforms, underground anchored systems, and permanent metal framed fabric structures. These structures show significant deterioration and have become unsafe to personnel and wildlife.

Need: The present system poses a safety risk to personnel and wildlife. Crews must use these shelters during severe weather conditions and during daily operations. Their replacement is essential to employee safety and continued operations protecting endangered and threatened species and various other wildlife, indigenous to the Hawaiian Islands.

Project Complete: No

Dated to be completed: September 2010

Total Cost: \$211,000

b. Appropriations

Funding Source: ARRA

c. Matching Funds:

NA

d. Additional Requirements:

All funding requirements associated with ARRA were followed.

e. Funds Appropriated:

Total Project Cost / \$211,000/ Allocated 2009 / Ordered and Scheduled for Completion 2010.

f. Project Criteria

Part of the NWR System Deferred Maintenance Plan. Each year backlogged projects are reviewed, prioritized at multiple levels and funded according to the availability of funds. Many construction projects would not have been possible without ARRA.

g. Coordination

These funds were managed through the FWS.

h. Selection Criteria

5-Year Deferred Maintenance Plan (see f.)

i. Public Input

All projects are required to have NEPA coverage. This project may or may not have been required to have public input in accordance to ARRA regulations. As the replacement of existing facilities, this project is covered by a categorical exclusion.

j. Award Process

This project was competed among current IDIQ contractors.

k. Measures employed

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l. Status:

Transportation of equipment and laborers are scheduled for September 2010.

m. Economic Impact to the State

Information posted on “<https://www.federalreporting.gov/>”

2. NA

3. NA

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Projects
for the
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Region 1
Hawaiian and Pacific Islands National Wildlife Refuge Complex**

a. Project Summary

Facility Name: Keālia Pond NWR

Contact: Glynnis Nakai, Project Leader

Phone #: 808-875-1582

Address: P.O. Box 1042, Kihei, HI. 96753

Congressional District: 2

Project Title: Construct and energy efficient headquarters / administrative / visitor building at Keālia Pond NWR.

Project # 2007719498

Project Description: Design and construct a base of operations for staff and volunteers, and an orientation point for visitors by constructing an energy efficient headquarters / administrative / visitor building. To gain cost efficiencies, the new building design will use one of the Service's standard suite of floor plans. The energy efficient 7,500 square foot building will include offices, an exhibit hall, and a multipurpose room.

Need: In November 2006, a fire destroyed the modular office at Keālia Pond NWR. The Refuge staff currently works from two trailers and three retrofitted metal shipping containers.

Construction for this facility will enhance refuge operations, increase energy efficiency, significantly expand opportunities to connect people with nature and benefit the local community through construction contracts and increased tourism.

Project Complete: No

Dated to be completed: June 2011

Total Cost: \$7.2 M

b. Appropriations

Funding Source: ARRA

c. Matching Funds:

NA

d. Additional Requirements:

All funding requirements associated with ARRA were followed.

e. Funds Appropriated:

Total Project Cost / \$7.2M / Allocated 2009 / Expended 2011.

f. Project Criteria

Project was prioritized regionally and nationally through a comprehensive needs program. This large construction project would not have been possible without ARRA. An Environmental Assessment was made available for a 30-day public review period. A Finding of No Significant Impact was approved on March 11, 2010.

g. Coordination

These funds were managed through the FWS.

h. Selection Criteria

This project was competed nationally with eight other regions based on needs and efficiency.

i. Public Input

All projects are required to have NEPA coverage. This project may or may not have been required to have public input in accordance to ARRA regulations.

j. Award Process

This project was awarded through a competitive open market process.

k. Measures employed

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l. Status:

Project underway; completion estimated June 2011

m. Economic Impact to the State

Information posted on "<https://www.federalreporting.gov/>"

2. NA

3. NA

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Projects
for the
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Region 1
Hawaiian and Pacific Islands National Wildlife Refuge Complex**

a. Project Summary

Facility Name: Midway Atoll NWR

Contact: John Klavitter, Deputy Project Leader

Phone #: 808-674-8237

Address: 300 Ala Moana Blvd, Honolulu, HI 96850

Congressional District: NA

Project Title: Rehabilitate Barracks BOQ C electrical systems and entrance, remove vinyl asbestos tile.

Project # 05139754

Project Description: Rehabilitate the electrical system in Barracks BOQ C, as recommended in the 10/2004 comprehensive condition assessment. Built in 1958, this dormitory is in poor condition and in need of major repairs.

Need: Project is scored 50% critical health and safety deferred maintenance because the condition of the roof and electrical systems and the presence of asbestos are serious safety hazards. This facility provides quarters for volunteers and contract workers visiting this remote location. Costs associated with remote locations such as transportation of materials and laborers is extremely higher than most field stations.

Project Complete: No

Dated to be Completed: 2011

Total Cost: \$1.6M

b. Appropriations

Funding Source: ARRA

c. Matching Funds:

NA

d. Additional Requirements:

All funding requirements associated with ARRA were followed.

e. Funds Appropriated:

Total Project Cost / \$1.6M / Allocated 2009 / Expended 2011.

f. Project Criteria

Part of the NWR System Deferred Maintenance Plan. Each year backlogged projects are reviewed, prioritized at multiple levels and funded according to the availability of funds. Many construction projects would not have been possible without ARRA.

g. Coordination

These funds were managed through the FWS.

h. Selection Criteria

5-Year Deferred Maintenance Plan (see f.)

i. Public Input

All projects are required to have NEPA coverage. This process may or may not require public input and is required under ARRA. As a repair project, this project is covered by a categorical exclusion.

j. Award Process

This project was awarded through a competitive open market process.

k. Measures employed

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l. Status:

Project complete

m. Economic Impact to the State

Information posted on "<https://www.federalreporting.gov/>"

2. NA

3. NA

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Projects
for the
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Region 1
Hawaiian and Pacific Islands National Wildlife Refuge Complex**

b. Project Summary

Facility Name: Midway Atoll NWR

Contact: John Klavitter, Deputy Project Leader

Phone #: 808-674-8237

Address: 300 Ala Moana Blvd, Honolulu, HI 96850

Congressional District: NA

Project Title: Tier 2 & 3 Energy Efficiency Projects, Midway Atoll NWR

Project # 2009922861

Project Description: Complete Tier 2 & 3 energy efficiency projects at Midway Atoll NWR. Project will replace all HVAC systems with Energy Star systems and replace all inefficient boilers with Energy Star boilers.

Need: This green energy project will make significant improvements to Midway's overall energy efficiency through the replacement of inefficient building features and improvements to building mechanical systems including; heating ventilation, and air conditioning systems. Energy efficiency will also be improved through the eventual abandonment of the residential units on Midway with the highest per person energy cost.

Project Complete: No

Dated to be Completed: 2011

Total Cost: \$400K

b. Appropriations

Funding Source: ARRA

c. Matching Funds:

NA

d. Additional Requirements:

All funding requirements associated with ARRA were followed.

e. Funds Appropriated:

Total Project Cost / \$400K / Allocated 2009 / Expended 2011.

f. Project Criteria

Part of the NWR System Deferred Maintenance Plan. Each year backlogged projects are reviewed, prioritized at multiple levels and funded according to the availability of funds. Many construction projects would not have been possible without ARRA.

g. Coordination

These funds were managed through the FWS.

h. Selection Criteria

5-Year Deferred Maintenance Plan (see f.)

i. Public Input

All projects are required to have NEPA coverage. This process may or may not have required public input but does fall within the guidance of ARRA. As a repair project of existing facilities, this project was covered by a categorical exclusion.

j. Award Process

This project was awarded through an “Over and Above” contract modification to the existing Chugach Industries Inc. Midway Atoll Base Operations and Support Services Contract No. 101815C417.

k. Measures employed

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l. Status:

Project is scheduled to be completed before 5/30/2011

m. Economic Impact to the State

Information posted on “<https://www.federalreporting.gov/>”

2. NA

3. NA

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Projects
for the
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Region 1
Hawaiian and Pacific Islands National Wildlife Refuge Complex**

Project Summary

Facility Name: Regionwide / 27 Refuges / Midway Atoll NWR & Tern Island, Hawaiian Islands NWR

Contact: Don Palawski, Deputy Project Leader

Phone #: 808-792-9540

Address: 300 Ala Moana Blvd, Honolulu, HI 96850

Congressional District: 2

Project Title: Tier 1 Energy Efficiency Projects Regionwide

Project #: 2009922859

Project Description: Replace all incandescent lights with compact fluorescent or LED bulbs, replace all incandescent exit lights with LED exit lights, replace all T-12 lights and ballasts with t-8 lights and ballasts, insulate ceilings, insulate walls wrap water heaters with insulation blankets, caulk seal and weatherstrip all leaks, wrap and insulate pipes, replace all single pane windows with low e windows, and replace exterior doors with more efficient ones. Each project is dependent on funding availability and energy audit needs.

Need: Improve energy efficiency to bring station into compliance with the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, and Executive Order 13423. On existing facilities, these mandate an energy reduction of 30% by 2015 from the 2003 baseline.

Project Complete: No

Dated to be Completed: 2010

Total Cost: Regionwide \$ 4M

Midway Atoll NWR \$1.9M

Hawaiian Islands NWR \$ 9,000

b. Appropriations

Funding Source: ARRA

c. Matching Funds:

NA

d. Additional Requirements:

All funding requirements associated with ARRA were followed.

e. Funds Appropriated:

Total Project Cost / Midway \$ 1.9M / Hawaiian Islands \$9,000 / Allocated 2009 / Ordered and Scheduled for Completion 2010.

f. Project Criteria

Part of the NWR System Deferred Maintenance Plan. Each year backlogged projects are reviewed, prioritized at multiple levels and funded according to the availability of funds. Many construction projects would not have been possible without ARRA.

g. Coordination

These funds were managed through the FWS.

h. Selection Criteria

5-Year Deferred Maintenance Plan (see f.) & Energy Efficiency mandates.

j. Public Input

All projects are required to have NEPA coverage. This project may or may not have been required to have public input in accordance to ARRA regulations. As repair projects on existing facilities, these projects were covered by a categorical exclusion.

j. Award Process

This project was awarded through a local competitive open market process.

k. Measures employed

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l. Status:

Transportation of equipment and laborers are scheduled for September 2010.

m. Economic Impact to the State

Information posted on "<https://www.federalreporting.gov/>"

2. NA

3. NA

Briefing for the Hawaii Legislative Federal Economic Stimulus Program Oversight Commission – August 2010

Coastal Program ARRA projects

Project 1: Lehua Island Native Habitat Restoration

Agreement #: 12200-R-J003.

1. For each group/category or program/project for which ARRA funds have been obtained, please provide the following information:

a. A brief summary of the program/project, including goals:

The goal of this project is to produce a large quantity of native plant seeds for use in the restoration of Lehua Island. The seeds are being produced at Makauwahi Cave Reserve, Kaua'i in a native forest restoration project. This project will create six new jobs, including employment and job training in ecological restoration for Native Hawaiians of Ni'ihau, the island adjacent to Lehua. The work produced high-quality weed-free, insect-free seeds of approximately 70 native species chosen from the Lehua fossil evidence, historical records, and occurrences on adjacent islands including Nihoa and Ni'ihau. Seeds were produced from more than 5,000 native plants already established and maturing at Makauwahi Cave Reserve under support from USFWS and NRCS.

b. Whether funds were appropriated for expenditure by a federal agency, were awarded as a formula/block grant to a State or county agency, or were awarded on a competitive grant basis: *appropriated for expenditure on a competitive grant basis.*

c. Whether matching funds are required. NA

d. If there are additional requirements to receive funds, what are they; NA

e. The amount of funds involved and the state/federal fiscal year within which the funds must be expended. *\$100,000 FY2011*

f. What criteria were used to identify the program/project as a priority and how does the program/project meet them; *Criteria for identification of priority projects are based on local geographic and ecological factors including: benefits to Federal Trust species, proximity to National Wildlife Refuges, ability to link and augment other important habitats, and benefits to globally or nationally imperiled habitat and species. This project meets these criteria by producing a large quantity of native plant seeds needed for the restoration of Lehua Island as outlined in part A.*

g. Efforts undertaken to coordinate application for funds and administration of the program/project, including expenditure of funds, with other federal, state, and county agencies; NA

h. The criteria used to select activities for the program/projects;

Coastal Program field staff develop project selection criteria based on local geographic and ecological factors including: benefits to Federal Trust species, proximity to National Wildlife

Refuges, ability to link and augment other important habitats, and benefits to globally or nationally imperiled habitat and species. Thus, field staff maintain a portfolio of potential projects that meet Service goals developed for each geographic focus area identified in the Regional Strategic Plans. Because decisions are made at the field level, project portfolios are dynamic and always changing as new cooperator contacts occur and new projects are added or projects are removed for a variety of reasons including funding becoming available through other sources. At any point in time there are many more projects identified than there is funding available to complete them.

As viable projects are identified, they are planned and developed continually with the cooperator until ready for implementation. Based on available funding, cooperative agreements are developed with cooperators to jointly implement the projects. The projects recommended by field staff to the Regional offices for the ARRA funding come from the field staff's working portfolio of potential projects and were selected because the projects could be implemented quickly, providing needed jobs at the local level, and assist in meeting the habitat goals outlined for geographic focus areas.

i. Efforts made to provide public notice and seek public comment/input or, if public comment/input was not sought, why: NA

The Coastal Program is a voluntary, direct assistance, habitat restoration and enhancement program. All potential habitat restoration projects are identified through an open and fair process as potential cooperators respond to program specific Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance and annual Grants.gov announcements, and /or make direct contact with field staff who are continually involved in outreach to the communities in which they serve. There is no fixed deadline for requesting assistance in developing a project and requests from potential cooperators are received throughout the entire fiscal year.

Requests for financial assistance for the Coastal Program are accepted on a continual basis. The request for proposals for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) and the annual announcement for financial assistance were announced via the federal grants website <http://www.grants.gov>.

j. Efforts made during the bidding/award process to ensure that it was transparent and that the funds were awarded based on merit and in a prompt, fair and reasonable manner; NA

k. Measures employed to: 1) reduce duplication of efforts, 2) ensure that funds were used for authorized purposes, and 3) prevent cost overruns, fraud, waste, error, and abuse;

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- 4. Assess Internal Controls*

5. *Document Results and Implement Corrective Actions*

6. *Monitor Corrective Actions and Document Lessons Learned.*

Additional information on this topic can be found in the July 2010 Service ARRA Monitoring and Oversight Plan.

l. Current status of the program/projects, including percentage of awarded funds that have been obtained, percentage of awarded funds encumbered and/or expended, and what parts of program/project have been completed; and

Large quantities of native plant seeds needed for the restoration of 290-acre Lehua Islet, Ni`ihau, have been produced at Makauwahi Cave Reserve, Kaua`i in a 15 acre native forest restoration project. Four new part-time and two full-time jobs, offering much-needed employment and job training opportunities in ecological restoration for natives of Ni`ihau were created. Ninety six percent of the funds have been expended.

m. Actual or anticipated economic impact to the State of the program/projects, including the number of jobs saved/created and the long-term public benefits of program/projects.

Coastal ecosystems comprise less than 10 percent of the nation's land area, but support far greater proportions of our living resources. Specifically, coastal areas support a much higher percentage of the nation's threatened and endangered species, fishery resources, migratory songbirds, and migrating and wintering waterfowl.

It is estimated that 73 percent of our Nation's land is privately owned and that the majority of our fish and wildlife resources occur on those lands. Because the habitat needs of all trust species cannot be met solely on public lands, public funds are also expended on private lands through cooperative conservation programs.

The project will contribute to the recovery of trust resources and build upon a non-regulatory, voluntary, citizen and community based stewardship efforts for fish and wildlife conservation. Four new part-time and two full-time jobs, offering much-needed employment and job training opportunities in ecological restoration for natives of Ni`ihau were created. The work has produced and continues to produce high-quality weed-free, insect-free seeds of 40 native species to date and several more in the near future.

2. For other programs/projects, if ARRA funds, such as competitive grants, were available for the program/project but were not sought or were denied, please briefly describe why the funds were not sought or why they were denied. *NA*

3. Please describe:

a. Any legal/operational barriers/constraints encountered in the award, receipt, encumbrance, or expenditure of funds, including procurement, late/delayed federal guidance and reporting requirements. *NA*

b. The effect of those barriers/constraints; and *NA*

c. If and how they were mitigated. *NA*

Project 2: Moomomi (formerly Mokia) Coastal Strand Restoration on Molokai

Agreement #: 12200-R-J002

1. For each group/category or program/project for which ARRA funds have been obtained, please provide the following information:

a. A brief summary of the program/project, including goals:

The goal of this project is to restore 20 acres of coastal plant habitat on the island's north shore at Moomomi Preserve, managed by The Nature Conservancy. Two workers were hired to remove invasive kiawe in coastal dunes at Mo'omomi. The project involves the removal of invasive Kiawe (*Prosopis pallida*) and ancillary weeds within the coastal dune ecosystem to encourage regeneration of existing native species. Clearing of this and other invasive species in the area will result in improved habitat for the remnant coastal strand vegetation and nesting wedge-tailed shearwaters (*Puffinus pacificus*).

b. Whether funds were appropriated for expenditure by a federal agency, were awarded as a formula/block grant to a State or county agency, or were awarded on a competitive grant basis: *appropriated for expenditure on a competitive grant basis.*

c. Whether matching funds are required. *NA*

d. If there are additional requirements to receive funds, what are they; *NA*

e. The amount of funds involved and the stat/federal fiscal year within which the funds must be expended. *\$50,000 FY2011*

f. What criteria were used to identify the program/project as a priority and how does the program/project meet them; *Criteria for identification of priority projects are based on local geographic and ecological factors including: benefits to Federal Trust species, proximity to National Wildlife Refuges, ability to link and augment other important habitats, and benefits to globally or nationally imperiled habitat and species. This project meets these criteria because of significant potential benefits to trust species that includes the restoration of 20 acres of coastal plant habitat on the island's north shore at Moomomi Preserve.*

g. Efforts undertaken to coordinate application for funds and administration of the program/project, including expenditure of funds, with other federal, state, and county agencies; *NA*

h. The criteria used to select activities for the program/projects;

Coastal Program field staff develop project selection criteria based on local geographic and ecological factors including: benefits to Federal Trust species, proximity to National Wildlife Refuges, ability to link and augment other important habitats, and benefits to globally or nationally imperiled habitat and species. Thus, field staff maintain a portfolio of potential projects that meet Service goals developed for each geographic focus area identified in the Regional Strategic Plans. Because decisions are made at the field level, project portfolios are dynamic and always changing as new cooperator contacts occur and new projects are added or projects are removed for a variety of reasons including funding becoming available through other sources. At any point in time there are many more projects identified than there is funding available to complete them.

As viable projects are identified, they are planned and developed continually with the cooperator until ready for implementation. Based on available funding, cooperative agreements are developed with cooperators to jointly implement the projects. The projects recommended by field staff to the Regional offices for the ARRA funding come from the field staff's working portfolio of potential projects and were selected because the projects could be implemented quickly, providing needed jobs at the local level, and assist in meeting the habitat goals outlined for geographic focus areas.

i. Efforts made to provide public notice and seek public comment/input or, if public comment/input was not sought, why:

The Coastal Program is a voluntary, direct assistance, habitat restoration and enhancement program. All potential habitat restoration projects are identified through an open and fair process as potential cooperators respond to program specific Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance and annual Grants.gov announcements, and /or make direct contact with field staff who are continually involved in outreach to the communities in which they serve. There is no fixed deadline for requesting assistance in developing a project and requests from potential cooperators are received throughout the entire fiscal year.

Requests for financial assistance for the Coastal Program are accepted on a continual basis. The request for proposals for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) and the annual announcement for financial assistance were announced via the federal grants website <http://www.grants.gov>.

j. Efforts made during the bidding/award process to ensure that it was transparent and that the funds were awarded based on merit and in a prompt, fair and reasonable manner; See section i.

k. Measures employed to: 1) reduce duplication of efforts, 2) ensure that funds were used for authorized purposes, and 3) prevent cost overruns, fraud, waste, error, and abuse;

The Service has established Internal Control/Accountability Teams (ICATS) in each Region. The Regional ICATs review Regional ARRA contracts, transactions, and project files to ensure that the key ARRA controls are operating as intended, and that the Service is fulfilling ARRA's accountability and transparency requirements. The Washington Office and the Regional Internal Control/Accountability Oversight Teams work together to address the risk management and internal control requirement described in the DOI memorandum, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Risk Management Plan, dated April 7, 2009, by following the six-step Internal Control Program cycles:

- 1. Verify Internal Control Components*
- 2. Identify and Verify Risks*
- 3. Document Key Processes and Controls*
- 4. Assess Internal Controls*
- 5. Document Results and Implement Corrective Actions*
- 6. Monitor Corrective Actions and Document Lessons Learned.*

Additional information on this topic can be found in the July 2010 Service ARRA Monitoring and Oversight Plan.

l. Current status of the program/projects, including percentage of awarded funds that have been obtained, percentage of awarded funds encumbered and/or expended, and what parts of program/project have been completed;

Approximately 10 acres of coastal strand habitat have been restored. This includes removal of kiawe and herbaceous weeds. Project is ahead of schedule. Invasive kiawe has been cleared on over 10 acres of coastal strand habitat in Moomomi Preserve on Molokai. More than 50% of funds have been expended.

m. Actual or anticipated economic impact to the State of the program/projects, including the number of jobs saved/created and the long-term public benefits of program/projects.

Coastal ecosystems comprise less than 10 percent of the nation's land area, but support far greater proportions of our living resources. Specifically, coastal areas support a much higher percentage of the nation's threatened and endangered species, fishery resources, migratory songbirds, and migrating and wintering waterfowl.

It is estimated that 73 percent of our Nation's land is privately owned and that the majority of our fish and wildlife resources occur on those lands. Because the habitat needs of all trust species cannot be met solely on public lands, public funds are also expended on private lands through cooperative conservation programs.

The project will contribute to the recovery of trust resources and build upon a non-regulatory, voluntary, citizen and community based stewardship efforts for fish and wildlife conservation. In addition, two new full-time jobs were created.

2. For other programs/projects, if ARRA funds, such as competitive grants, were available for the program/project but were not sought or were denied, please briefly describe why the funds were not sought or why they were denied. NA

3. Please describe:

a. Any legal/operational barriers/constraints encountered in the award, receipt, encumbrance, or expenditure of funds, including procurement, late/delayed federal guidance and reporting requirements. *NA*

b. The effect of those barriers/constraints; and *NA*

c. If and how they were mitigated. *NA*

Project 3: Cattle and Predator Control Fencing Around Nuu Wetland on Maui

Agreement #: 12200-R-J001

1. For each group/category or program/project for which ARRA funds have been obtained, please provide the following information:

a. A brief summary of the program/project, including goals:

The goal of this project is to replace the dilapidated fence surrounding the Nuu Refuge wetland with a stronger, sturdier fence to prevent ungulates from degrading habitat within the wetland known at Nu'u Pond. Replacement with this new fence, combined with our work to remove invasive species from the pond area and reintroduce native plants, will result in improved habitat for the endangered species on the Nu'u Refuge. Seven jobs will be supported with this project: six individuals to construct the fence and one individual to initiate native outplantings and predator control work following completion of the fence.

b. Whether funds were appropriated for expenditure by a federal agency, were awarded as a formula/block grant to a State or county agency, or were awarded on a competitive grant basis: *appropriated for expenditure on a competitive grant basis.*

c. Whether matching funds are required. *NA*

d. If there are additional requirements to receive funds, what are they; *NA*

e. The amount of funds involved and the stat/federal fiscal year within which the funds must be expended. *\$70,000 FY2011*

f. What criteria were used to identify the program/project as a priority and how does the program/project meet them; *Criteria for identification of priority projects are based on local geographic and ecological factors including: benefits to Federal Trust species, proximity to National Wildlife Refuges, ability to link and augment other important habitats, and benefits to globally or nationally imperiled habitat and species. This project meets these criteria because of significant potential benefits to trust species.*

g. Efforts undertaken to coordinate application for funds and administration of the program/project, including expenditure of funds, with other federal, state, and county agencies; *NA*

h. The criteria used to select activities for the program/projects;

Coastal Program field staff develop project selection criteria based on local geographic and ecological factors including: benefits to Federal Trust species, proximity to National Wildlife Refuges, ability to link and augment other important habitats, and benefits to globally or nationally imperiled habitat and species. Thus, field staff maintain a portfolio of potential projects that meet Service goals developed for each geographic focus area identified in the Regional Strategic Plans. Because decisions are made at the field level, project portfolios are dynamic and always changing as new cooperator contacts occur and new projects are added or projects are removed for a variety of reasons including funding becoming available through other sources. At any point in time there are many more projects identified than there is funding available to complete them.

As viable projects are identified, they are planned and developed continually with the cooperator until ready for implementation. Based on available funding, cooperative agreements are developed with cooperators to jointly implement the projects. The projects recommended by field staff to the Regional offices for the ARRA funding come from the field staff's working portfolio of potential projects and were selected because the projects could be implemented quickly, providing needed jobs at the local level, and assist in meeting the habitat goals outlined for geographic focus areas.

i. Efforts made to provide public notice and seek public comment/input or, if public comment/input was not sought, why:

The Coastal Program is a voluntary, direct assistance, habitat restoration and enhancement program. All potential habitat restoration projects are identified through an open and fair process as potential cooperators respond to program specific Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance and annual Grants.gov announcements, and /or make direct contact with field staff who are continually involved in outreach to the communities in which they serve. There is no fixed deadline for requesting assistance in developing a project and requests from potential cooperators are received throughout the entire fiscal year.

Requests for financial assistance for the Coastal Program are accepted on a continual basis. The request for proposals for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) and the annual announcement for financial assistance were announced via the federal grants website <http://www.grants.gov>.

j. Efforts made during the bidding/award process to ensure that it was transparent and that the funds were awarded based on merit and in a prompt, fair and reasonable manner; See section i.

k. Measures employed to: 1) reduce duplication of efforts, 2) ensure that funds were used for authorized purposes, and 3) prevent cost overruns, fraud, waste, error, and abuse;

The Service has established Internal Control/Accountability Teams (ICATS) in each Region. The Regional ICATs review Regional ARRA contracts, transactions, and project files to ensure that the key ARRA controls are operating as intended, and that the Service is fulfilling ARRA's accountability and transparency requirements. The Washington Office and the Regional Internal Control/Accountability Oversight Teams work together to address the risk management and internal control requirement described in the DOI memorandum, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Risk Management Plan, dated April 7, 2009, by following the six-step Internal Control Program cycles:

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- 4. Assess Internal Controls*
- 5. Document Results and Implement Corrective Actions*
- 6. Monitor Corrective Actions and Document Lessons Learned.*

Additional information on this topic can be found in the July 2010 Service ARRA Monitoring and Oversight Plan.

l. Current status of the program/projects, including percentage of awarded funds that have been obtained, percentage of awarded funds encumbered and/or expended, and what parts of program/project have been completed; and

Fence construction is completed and over 90% of funds have been spent.

m. Actual or anticipated economic impact to the State of the program/projects, including the number of jobs saved/created and the long-term public benefits of program/projects.

Coastal ecosystems comprise less than 10 percent of the nation's land area, but support far greater proportions of our living resources. Specifically, coastal areas support a much higher percentage of the nation's threatened and endangered species, fishery resources, migratory songbirds, and migrating and wintering waterfowl.

It is estimated that 73 percent of our Nation's land is privately owned and that the majority of our fish and wildlife resources occur on those lands. Because the habitat needs of all trust species cannot be met solely on public lands, public funds are also expended on private lands through cooperative conservation programs.

The project will contribute to the recovery of trust resources and build upon a non-regulatory, voluntary, citizen and community based stewardship efforts for fish and wildlife conservation. In addition, seven jobs were supported with this project.

2. For other programs/projects, if ARRA funds, such as competitive grants, were available for the program/project but were not sought or were denied, please briefly describe why the funds were not sought or why they were denied. *NA*

3. Please describe:

a. Any legal/operational barriers/constraints encountered in the award, receipt, encumbrance, or expenditure of funds, including procurement, late/delayed federal guidance and reporting requirements. *NA*

b. The effect of those barriers/constraints; and *NA*

c. If and how they were mitigated. *NA*