

TO APPROVE THE FUNDS AND BUDGET FOR THE FY21 WETLAND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE the funds and budget from the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the Wetland Program Development Project (WPDP).

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation (the "Nation") has been awarded a grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency for budget period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023, in the amount of \$266,667 to develop a tribal wetlands program to conserve and restore wetlands acreage and improve wetlands conditions. See Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, the federal budget for WPDP is \$200,000 with \$66,667 required match for a total budget of \$266,667; and

WHEREAS, funds will be used to develop a Tribal Wetlands Program Plan to guide management and restoration decisions for the tribes' wetlands within the reservation area of the Choctaw Nation.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval to accept Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$200,000) with a Sixty Six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Seven Dollars and 00/100 (\$66,667.00) tribal match for a total budget of Two Hundred Sixty Six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Seven Dollars and 00/100 (\$266,667.00) from the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the Wetland Program Development Project (WPDP) for budget period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as speaker of the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of twelve (12) seats. Eight (8) members must be present to constitute a quorum. I further certify that twelve (12) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on November 13, 2021. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 38 -22 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of twelve (12) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.

Ronald Perry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 11-19-21

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Exhibit A – FY21 WPDG Budget

Budget Line Items	EPA Funding	Cost Share	Task 1 Training and Networking	Task 2 Inventory and Program Development	Task 3 Lessons Learned	Task 4 Programmatic Conditions
<b>Personnel</b>						
Grant Coordinator (@50% FTE for 2 years)	\$0	\$51,282	\$10,256	\$20,513	\$15,385	\$5,128
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$51,282</b>	<b>\$10,256</b>	<b>\$20,513</b>	<b>\$15,385</b>	<b>\$5,128</b>
<b>Fringe Benefits</b>						
Estimated 30% of Salary and Wages	\$0	\$15,385	\$3,077	\$6,154	\$4,615	\$1,538
<b>TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$15,385</b>	<b>\$3,077</b>	<b>\$6,154</b>	<b>\$4,615</b>	<b>\$1,538</b>
<b>Travel</b>						
ITEC Summit in Tulsa, OK for two days x two years Grant Coordinator to attend for capacity building and to transfer results/lessons learned						
Per diem is \$55/day for 2.5 days x 2 years	\$274					
Hotel \$96/night for 2 days x 2 years	\$384					
<b>Total Trip</b>	<b>\$658</b>				<b>\$658</b>	
EPA Region 6 Tribal Summit in Dallas, TX for three days x two years Grant Coordinator to attend for capacity building and to transfer/lessons learned						
Per diem is \$66/night for 3.5 days x 2 years	\$462					
Hotel \$150/night for 3 days x 2 years	\$900					
Hotel parking is \$20/night for 3 days x 2 years	\$120					
<b>Total Trip</b>	<b>\$1,482</b>				<b>\$1,482</b>	
TLEF in Spokane, WA (anticipated location) for six days x two years Grant Coordinator to attend for capacity building and to transfer/lessons learned						
Airfare for Grant Coordinator \$800 (estimated) x 2 years	\$1,600					
Airport parking is \$20/night for 6 days x 2 years	\$240					
Rental Car is \$300 x 2 years	\$600					

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Budget Line Items	EPA Funding	Cost Share	Task 1 Training and Networking	Task 2 Inventory and Program Development	Task 3 Lessons Learned	Task 4 Programmatic Conditions
Per diem is \$61/night for 6.5 days x 2 years	\$793					
Hotel \$114/night for 6 days x 2 years	\$1,368					
Hotel parking is \$20/night for 6 days x 2 years	\$240					
<b>Total Trip</b>	<b>\$4,841</b>				<b>\$4,841</b>	
EPA Region 6 Quality Assurance Training in Dallas, TX for three days Grant Coordinator to attend for capacity building to develop Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) to ensure compliance with grant objectives						
Per diem is \$66/night for 3.5 days	\$462					
Hotel \$161/night for 3 days	\$483					
Hotel parking is \$20/night for 3 days	\$60					
<b>Total Trip</b>	<b>\$1,005</b>		<b>\$1,005</b>			
<b>TOTAL TRAVEL</b>	<b>\$7,986</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,005</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,982</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Equipment</b>						
Professional drone to verify and identify wetlands in remote areas	\$49,909			\$49,909		
Utility Terrain Vehicle to identify and verify wetlands in remote areas	\$21,999			\$21,999		
Flat bottom john boat with motor to verify and identify wetlands in remote areas	\$14,680			\$14,680		
<b>TOTAL EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$86,588</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$86,588</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Supplies</b>						
Field equipment/Personal Protective Equipment such as waders, snake gaiters, gloves, boots, muck boots	\$450					\$450
Office supplies including copy paper, pens, field notebooks	\$255					\$255
Supplies for drone including additional batteries, connectors, expansion module, case, tripod, replacement parts as in propellers	\$16,503			\$16,503		
Locking truck bed cover to prevent theft and vandalism when transporting drone	\$2,000			\$2,000		

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Trailer to transport UTV	\$2,250			\$2,250		
Field Tablet	\$2,000			\$2,000		
<b>TOTAL SUPPLIES</b>	<b>\$23,458</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$22,753</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$705</b>
<b>Contractual</b>						
Onsite Wetlands Delineation Training for Grant Coordinator and associated staff	\$9,600		\$9,600			
Software for drone to capture images	\$10,000			\$10,000		
<b>TOTAL CONTRACTUAL</b>	<b>\$19,600</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$9,600</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Two-year lease of four-wheel drive vehicle to pull UTV/trailer and boat to remote areas			\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500
<b>OTHER</b>	<b>\$18,000</b>					
Gas and maintenance of leased vehicle avg anticipated cost of \$200/month for 24 months	\$4,800		\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
Insurance for leased vehicle \$1,000/year for 2 years	\$2,000		\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Insurance for drone \$3,500/year for 2 years	\$7,000			\$7,000		
Webinar fees for hybrid wetlands courses for capacity building	\$7,496		\$7,496			
Remote pilot license from Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)	\$160			\$160		
Tribal Lands Forum registration fees	\$250					
Association of State Wetlands Managers fees	\$175		\$175			
Internet fees for field tablet \$70/month for 24 months	\$1,680			\$1,680		
<b>TOTAL OTHER</b>	<b>\$41,561</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$13,871</b>	<b>\$15,040</b>	<b>\$6,450</b>	<b>\$6,200</b>
Indirect Charges (Total cost minus Equipment, Contractual, and In-Kind)			\$14,876	\$37,793	\$13,432	\$6,905
Federal Negotiated Cost Rate = 28.5% x Indirect Charges	\$20,807					
<b>TOTAL INDIRECT</b>	<b>\$20,807</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,240</b>	<b>\$10,770</b>	<b>\$3,828</b>	<b>\$1,969</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDING</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$66,667</b>				
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	<b>\$266,667</b>		<b>\$42,049</b>	<b>\$171,818</b>	<b>\$37,260</b>	<b>\$15,540</b>

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**Agency:** US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

**CNO Department:** Environmental Protection

**Federal Award:** \$200,000

**CNO Match:** \$66,667

**Total Budget:** \$266,667

**Request by Project Director/SEO:** Melissa Robinson, Project Director; Tye Baker, Senior Director of Environmental Services; Daron Sharp, Executive Director of Risk Management; Brian Danker, Executive Director of Legal;