

Attachment A
Award Instrument Determination (AID) Form

In accordance with 31 U.S.C. 6301, a Cooperative Agreement is an appropriate business instrument if both of the following conditions are met:

AID Condition 1: Determine if a principal purpose of the project is to “carry out a public purpose of support or stimulation”?

If the following statement applies to this project, simply check the box and go to AID Condition 2.

The research results will contribute to the body of knowledge that is necessary for our nation to ensure an adequate, safe water supply. To maximize this intended public purpose, the recipient will publish the research results so that it is broadly available to the public through publications or other appropriate technology transfer methods, consistent with the provisions of 35 USC Sec 200, 201, and 202.

A selected reference that validates the public purpose of water resources related research:

Confronting the Nation’s Water Problems – The Role of Research (National Research Council, 2004)

“Nothing is more fundamental to life than water. Not only is water a basic need, but adequate safe water underpins the nation’s health, economy, security, and ecology. The strategic challenge for the future is to ensure adequate quantity and quality of water to meet human and ecological needs in the face of growing competition among domestic, industrial-commercial, agricultural, and environmental uses. To address water resources problems likely to emerge in the next 10 to 15 years, decision makers at all levels of government will need to make informed choices among often conflicting and uncertain alternative actions. These choices are best made with the full benefit of research and analysis

If this statement does not apply to this project, describe the public purpose that will be provided by this project:

Note: If the principal purpose of the project is to acquire property or services for the direct benefit of the U.S. Government, then a cooperative agreement is not the appropriate instrument. Refer to 31 U.S.C 6310 and/or consult with your acquisition office for guidance in determining the appropriate instrument.

AID Condition 2: Determine if Reclamation will be substantially involved in the conduct of this project in order to demonstrate a “cooperative” relationship with the project recipient.

Describe Reclamation’s planned participation (including estimated cost) on this project that demonstrates Reclamation’s involvement.

Note: Reclamation involvement can include contributing staff that will be integrated into the overall project team, providing expert consultation, and/or providing data and information. See 505 DM2. Monitoring and approving work efforts by the recipient are responsibilities of the funding agency and are not examples of substantial involvement on the project.