

IBC Payment Package Cover Sheet – All Payments Except FA, Reportable Utilities and Mixed Utilities

Fill in the information below to provide the Interior Business Center (IBC) with the appropriate data to process payments and reimbursements. Failure to provide complete and accurate data may result in delayed payment.

Section 1: Invoice Document Type

☒ Non-Referencing Payment: Vendor Invoice (Complete Section 2, 3 & 6. For foreign vendors, also complete Section 5)

☐ Non-Referencing Reimbursement: 1164s for employees, Form 3-2373 for volunteers (Complete Sections 2, 3 and 6)

☐ Referencing Payment (Complete Sections 2, 4 & 6. For foreign vendors, also complete Section 5)

Section 2: Invoice Basic Data

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| Invoice Date: (Date on invoice from vendor) | 6/13/2019 | Acceptance Date: (Date goods/services received) | 6/21/2019 |
| Invoice Received Date: | 6/21/2019 | Total Payment Amount: | \$ 25,000.00 |
| Reference Field: (Information goes to the recipient's bank) Vendor payment = invoice number Reimbursement = voucher number | (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) | Is this a Land Acquisition? | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| | | Alternate Banking: (if applicable) | ABA |
| | | | ACCT |
| Invoice / Reimbursement Period of Performance Start Date: | 2012 | Invoice / Reimbursement Period of Performance End Date: | 2014 |
| Text Field: (Optional) | (b)(7)(E) | | |

Section 3: Non-Referencing Payment Information

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| Vendor Code: | (b)(7)(E) | <input type="checkbox"/> Additional lines needed (see next page) | | |
| 10 | GL Account: | 6100. | 252U | 0 |
| | Cost Center: | (b)(7)(E) | Partial Fund: | XXX |
| | | | WBS or Work Order: | (b)(7)(E) |
| 20 | GL Account: | (b)(7)(E) | 0 | |
| | Cost Center: | | Partial Fund: | |
| | | | WBS or Work Order: | |

Section 4: Referencing Payment Information

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| Referencing Document Number: (Purchase Order or Miscellaneous Obligation) | | <input type="checkbox"/> Additional lines needed (see next page) |
| Referencing Line Number: | | Line Dollar Amount: \$ |
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Section 5: ITS Information (Only complete this section for payments to foreign vendors)

ITS Payment (only applicable for payments to foreign vendors paid via ITS). If "yes" is checked, complete the information in Section 5 (continued on next page below).

☐ Yes ☐ No

Section 6: FWS Payment Point of Contact Information

Goods/Services have been received and invoice is authorized to pay.

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|----------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Employee Name: | (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) | Region Number: | 9 |
| Email: | (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) @fws.gov | Phone Number: | (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) |
| Signature: | (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) | Cover Sheet Completion Date: | |
| Comments: | | | |



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In Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE

Memorandum

To: Assistant Director, Office of Law Enforcement

From: Special Agent in Charge, Region 3

Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

In accordance with 450 FW 2, I request approval for payment of a reward.

Name of Recipient: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Address: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Occupation: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Employer: Self-Employed

INV Number and Title: 2011306091, FISHING FOR FUNDS

Amount of Reward: \$25,000

Prior Compensation: \$17,300 – described within Justification (below)

Statute: (circle) AECA/AHA/ARPA/BGEPA/ESA/LAC/MMPA/MBTA/RTCA/WBCA/ OTHER

Reward Account: (circle one) Law Enforcement Reward Account or HQ Special Funds Account

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IN AMERICA

Justification:

Prior to 2011, United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Special Agents (SA) and Conservation Officers (CO) from multiple states obtained information from various sources that illegal commercial fishing and wholesaler activities were occurring in and around the Great Lakes Basin. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Due to the vast geographical area and the fact that the commercial fishing industry is historically difficult to infiltrate, it was challenging to effect deterrence utilizing overt law enforcement techniques.

During the fall of 2011, Resident Agent In Charge (RAC) [REDACTED] was able to make contact with [REDACTED] due to relationships forged with a local undercover drug team. [REDACTED] was not facing prosecution and motivated to work with RAC [REDACTED] because he wanted to make a difference. He had a past of being associated with illegal activity and wanted to make a change so that his family would think better of him. In addition, RAC [REDACTED] believed [REDACTED] thought it would be a challenge to be able to catch other individuals involved with illegal activity. RAC [REDACTED] vetted [REDACTED] and the information he was providing and found it to be true and accurate. After signing [REDACTED] up as a Cooperating Private Individual [REDACTED]

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After planning and discussion with USFWS management, RAC [REDACTED] proposed opening up [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Solely because of the [REDACTED] RAC [REDACTED] was able to rent a facility which was used in the past for commercial fish purposes. The only reason commercial fishermen trusted RAC [REDACTED] to purchase illegal fish was because the [REDACTED]

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Hundreds of Lacey Act felony and misdemeanor violations were documented during the investigation, and over 550 covert buys were conducted. As of April 2019, there have been 21 convictions in FISHING FOR FUNDS (14 Federal and 7 Tribal) for violations of the Lacey Act trafficking and false labeling provisions, and Tribal violations involving conspiracy, fraud, and aiding and abetting. Federal and Tribal charges combined to-date have netted a total of \$1,694,257 in restitution, \$15,000 in fines, 4 years and 4 months prison time, 3 years and 10 months of home confinement, and 37 years of probation. In addition, commercial fishermen were ordered to place real-time GPS units on their boats throughout the duration of their probation which will significantly deter illegal fishing activities over this time period. Wholesalers were also ordered to draft compliance plans with Michigan and Wisconsin which will also significantly assist the officers in ensuring the companies are acting within legal parameters. A few more wholesalers and commercial fishermen have pleaded guilty and will be sentenced within the next few months. Based upon plea agreements and restitution values clearly established in multiple federal courts, the sentencings will likely result in additional jail time, probation, \$40,000 in additional fines, and potentially over \$1,000,000 in additional restitution. Since these companies and individuals have been prosecuted, there has been a significant decrease in illegal activities among commercial fishermen and wholesalers in Michigan and Wisconsin.

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RAC (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

recommends the CPI receive

\$25,000

~~\$50,000~~ from the Law Enforcement Reward Account according to USFWS policies and procedures.

No special considerations exist for issuing the reward check. It may be sent in the CPI's name to the SAC-Region 3 as specified at 450 FW 2.9A and 450 FW 2.9C.

Concurrence:

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Acting [redacted] s Unit

6/13/19
Date

Approved:

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Assistant Director, Office of Law Enforcement

6/21/19
Date

Processed:

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Budget Officer

6/21/19
Date