



United States Department of Interior
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



Office of Law Enforcement
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In Reply Refer To:
FWS/OLE INV 2016401512

Memorandum

To: Assistant Director, Office of Law Enforcement
From: Stephen Clark - Special Agent in Charge, Region 4
Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

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

Name of recipient: CPI 515
Address: Maintained in CPI-515 file
Occupation: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Employer: [REDACTED]
INV Number and Title: 2016401512 - Operation Muddy Waters
Amount of Reward: \$2,000.00
Prior Compensation: 1,500.00
Statute: LAC
Reward Account: Law Enforcement Reward Account

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Request for Payment of Reward for CPI 515 (continued)

Justification

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

Par 2.7 How do we request payment of a reward?

B. (1): Recipient:

CPI-515

Occupation/Employer:

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

B. (2): [REDACTED]

B. (3): CPI ID Number:

CPI-515

B. (4): Investigation number and title:

INV: 2016401512 – OPERATION MUDDY WATERS

B. (5): Amount of reward requested:

\$2,000.00

B. (6): Previous reward history:

This individual has not received any previous reward money from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

B. (7): Authority for issuing the reward:

The Lacey Act Amendments of 1981(16 U.S.C. 3375(d)) – Law Enforcement Reward Account

B. (8): Justification:

B. (8)(a): OPERATION MUDDY WATERS (OMW) was a Class II investigation targeting the poaching and trafficking of North American species of paddlefish and sturgeon for their roe which was destined for international markets. The operation targeted the most egregious commercial roe harvesters who's poaching was causing the most significant threat to the resource. CPI-515 contacted the USFWS through the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) regarding two (2) Illinois commercial roe harvesters who were harvesting significant amounts of paddlefish and sturgeon roe from the Ohio River. Special Agent (SA) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) met with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

[REDACTED] . CPI-515 was also able to provide the hidden (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

B. (8)(c and d): The area this illegal activity was occurring was remote and difficult to conduct surveillance. CPI-515 provided local knowledge and information only a resident of the community could provide. CPI-515 provided the dates and times [REDACTED] were fishing and if they were both together and fishing separately. CPI-515 provided descriptions of vehicles and commercial fishing vessels along with locations of nets set in the Ohio River. CPI-515's knowledge and reputation in the commercial fishing community allowed for CPI-515 to gain valuable and timely information regarding illegal activities. CPI-515 provided information along with photographs of [REDACTED] illegal roe harvests. CPI-515 provided this information to SA [REDACTED] and this information was used to obtain search warrants for cell phones and contributed to additional felony indictments. CPI-515's information contributed to [REDACTED] being found guilty of eight (8) felony counts of the Lacey Act. [REDACTED] was sentenced to twelve (12) months and one (1) day in the Bureau of Prisons (BOP), two (2) years of supervised probation after release from BOP custody and ordered to pay \$10,000 in restitution to the KDFWR. CPI-515's information also contributed to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] was sentenced to two (2) years in the Veterans Treatment Court Program (VTCP). (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] will be charged for the four (4) felony counts of the Lacey Act.

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B. (e): Given CPI-515's position, connections and expertise, this investigation would not have been successfully developed and prosecuted without his assistance.

B. (f): There was a direct correlation between the successful prosecution(s) and information CPI-514 provided.

B. (g): There is no known safety risk to CPI-515 at this time, but if CPI-515's involvement is known there is potential for a safety risk to CPI-515.

B. (h): (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) illegal fishing operations caused significant damage to both sturgeon and paddlefish populations in the Mississippi River

and the Ohio River. A noticeable decline in shovelnose sturgeon populations was observed by other commercial roe harvesters attempting to legally harvest sturgeon roe during the time (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). The following year after [redacted] and [redacted] were apprehended commercial roe harvesters reported a noticeable increase in their shovelnose sturgeon and paddlefish harvest. [redacted] and [redacted] both (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) with much of the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and with illegal equipment and were extremely detrimental to the survival of the paddlefish and sturgeon populations in the Mississippi River and the Ohio River.

B. (8)(i): During the OMW investigation, SA [redacted] was always able to contact CPI-515. CPI-515 would contact SA [redacted] at odd hours of the night and sometimes multiple times throughout the day and night to provide active intelligence of illegal commercial fishing operations of [redacted] and [redacted] along with other commercial roe harvesters. Without CPI-515's cooperation the apprehension of [redacted] and [redacted] would have taken longer and required an extensive amount of additional investigative hours. The requested reward amount is appropriate given the following factors:

- CPI-515's involvement and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has encompassed several years and is well known amongst the commercial fishing community.
- CPI-515 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) in the United States and discuss the roe industry and determine who is buying large amounts of roe.
- CPI-515 has and continues to provide SA [redacted] with intelligence of who is (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and who is working together.
- CPI-515 provided current and accurate information concerning [redacted] and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) during the investigation, between 2018 and 2020.

B. (j): To keep CPI-515's existence and identity from being known a check made out to SA [redacted] is requested as outlined in 2.9(B)(2).

Concurrence: [redacted] - 08/11/2022
Special Agent in Charge, Investigations Unit

Approved: [redacted] - 08/11/2022
Assistant Director - Office of Law Enforcement

Processed: [redacted] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) - 08/16/2022
Budget Officer

**Request for Payment of Reward
INV Case 2016401512 (Operation Muddy Waters)**

Show Instructions for this Module

To: Assistant Director, Office of Law Enforcement
 From: Special Agent-in-Charge
 Subject: Request for Payment of Reward
 In accordance with 450 FW 2. I request approval for payment of a reward.

* Note - All fields are required

Name of recipient: CPI-514 (Deactivated)
 Address: Maintained in CPI-514 file.
 Occupation: None
 Employer: None
 INV Number and Title: 2016401512 - Operation Muddy Waters
 Amount of Reward: 2000.00
 Prior Compensation: 100
 Outcome of Furnished Info: Criminal conviction
 Statute: LAC
 Reward Account: Law Enforcement Reward Account

Justification

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

Par 2.7 How do we request payment of a reward?

B. (1): Recipient:

Notes to Reviewer
 * To be entered/edited by OLE INV-HQ only

Notes by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Submitted to SAC INV on 07/08/2022

This justification meets the standards of 450 FW 2. The recipient will need to remain anonymous.

Submittal/Approval Status:
 FWS/OLE submittal/approval steps - SA to RAC to Regional SAC to SAC-Inv to AD (final approval) to Budget Officer for final processing.

Submittal/Approval Step	Status	Action Date
Agent	Submitted by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Submittal Date 04/13/2022
RAC Approval	Submitted to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	

		Approval Date 04/19/2022
SAC Approval	Submitted to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Approval Date 04/19/2022
SAC-Inv Concurrence	Submitted to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Concurrence Date 08/11/2022
AD Approval	Submitted to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Approval Date 08/11/2022
Budget Officer Processing	Forwarded to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Process Date 08/12/2022

[Click Here to Export this Reward Request to PDF](#)

[Click here to upload a copy of the final request package](#)

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DOI EFT Waiver Request Form v7

The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 requires that all payments be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT) after January 1, 1999 (Modified March 2012). Waivers to this requirement may be granted under the conditions described below. Please mark the condition which applies and complete the information requested at the bottom.

Instructions:

Mark the condition which applies and complete all information fields at the bottom. Incomplete forms will be returned to the requestor for completion. Please type directly onto this PDF document, save the document, and submit the document through the GRC EFT and IPP Waiver Request Process. Hand-written, copied, and scanned documents cannot be digitally signed, and therefore, not accepted.

EFT Waivers Certified by Individuals

As described below, individuals may request a waiver based on the following: (Agencies are not required to notify sole proprietors of their options with respect to waivers.)

- Condition 1a Where an individual is receiving a Federal payment by check prior to May 1, 2011. In such cases, the individual may continue to receive those payments by check through February 28, 2013; **(NO LONGER VALID)**
- Condition 1b Where an individual files a claim for a Federal payment prior to May 1, 2011, and requests payment by check at the time he or she files the claim. In such cases, the individual may receive those payments by check through February 28, 2013; **(NO LONGER VALID)**
- Condition 1c Where an individual was born prior to May 1, 1921, and is receiving payment by check on March 1, 2013; **(NO LONGER VALID)**
- Condition 1d Where an individual receives a type of payment that is not eligible for deposit to a Direct Express® card account. In such cases, those payments are not required to be made by electronic funds transfer, unless and until such payments become eligible for deposit to a Direct Express® Card account; **(IF SELECTED, A TREASURY WAIVER IS REQUIRED)**
- Condition 1e Where an individual is ineligible for a Direct Express® card because of suspension or cancellation of the individual's card by the Financial Agent; **(IF SELECTED, A TREASURY WAIVER IS REQUIRED)**
- Condition 1f Where an individual has filed a waiver request with Treasury certifying that payment by electronic funds transfer would impose a hardship because of the individual's inability to manage an account at a financial institution or a Direct Express® card account due to a mental impairment, and Treasury has not rejected the request; or **(IF SELECTED, A TREASURY WAIVER IS REQUIRED)**
- Condition 1g Where an individual has filed a waiver request with Treasury certifying that payment by electronic funds transfer would impose a hardship because of the individual's inability to manage an account at a financial institution or a Direct Express® card account due to the individual living in a remote geographic location lacking the infrastructure to support electronic financial transactions, and Treasury has not rejected the request. **(IF SELECTED, A TREASURY WAIVER IS REQUIRED)**

EFT Waiver Requests Involving Foreign Countries, Military Operations, or Public Safety

- Condition 2 Where the political, financial, or communications infrastructure in a foreign country does not support payment by EFT or does not support access to the internet for electronic invoice submittal. **IMPORTANT: If this condition is selected, this will result in an EFT waiver for the individual vendor record, expiring 2-years from approval date.**
- Condition 3 Where a military operation is designated by the Secretary of Defense in which uniformed services undertake military actions against an enemy, or a call or order to, or retention on, active duty of members of the uniformed services is made during a war or national emergency declared by the President or Congress. **IMPORTANT: If this condition is selected, this will result in an EFT waiver for the individual vendor record, expiring 2-years from approval date.**
- Condition 4 Where a threat may be posed to national security, the life or physical safety of any individual may be endangered, or a law enforcement action may be compromised. **IMPORTANT: If this condition is selected, this will result in an EFT waiver for the individual vendor record, expiring 2-years from approval date.**

EFT Waiver Requests Involving Non-Recurring Payments or Public Expedience

- Condition 5 Where the agency does not expect to make more than one payment to the same recipient within a 1-year period on a regular, recurring basis and remittance data explaining the purpose of the payment is not readily available from the recipient's financial institution receiving the payment by EFT (i.e., the payment is non-recurring, and the cost for making the payment by EFT exceeds the cost of making the payment by check). **IMPORTANT: If this condition is selected, this will result in an EFT waiver for the individual vendor record, expiring at the end of the Purchase Order**

(PO) Period of Performance (POP) noted in the award detail section or, if no PO will be created, at the end of the payment period; not exceed 1-year after approval date.

EFT Waiver Requests involving Natural Disasters and Compelling Urgency

Condition 6 Where the payment is to a recipient within an area designated by the President or an authorized agency administrator as a disaster area (this waiver is limited to payments made within 120 days after the disaster is declared). **IMPORTANT: If this condition is selected, this will result in an EFT waiver for the individual vendor record, expiring at the end of the PO POP noted in the award detail section or, if no PO will be created, at the end of the payment period.**

Condition 7 Where DOI's need for goods and services is of such an unusual and compelling urgency that the Government would be seriously injured unless payment is made by a method other than EFT or where there is only one source for goods or services and the Government would be seriously injured unless payment is made by a method other than EFT. **IMPORTANT: If this condition is selected, this will result in an EFT waiver for the individual vendor record, expiring at the end of the PO POP noted in the award detail section or, if no PO will be created, at the end of the payment period.**

Requestor must complete all fields in this section:

Explanation of Waiver Request (Explain how the condition marked was met)

In accordance with 450 FW 2, section 2.7B, I request approval for payment of a reward. This is a payment request from the Law Enforcement account (4900).

Vendor Detail - Required for all EFT Waiver Requests

Vendor Name (As shown in FBMS) (Required): SAC [REDACTED]

Vendor Address (Required): [REDACTED]

FOREIGN VENDORS – The vendor CANNOT take WIRE. (If vendor CAN take wire, waiver is not needed) (Required)

DUNS (Enter N/A if DUNS does not exist): N/A Vendor Number (Required): 71429168

New/Current/In-Progress Award Detail – Required for all EFT Waiver Requests

PO will/has will/has not be awarded. (Required)

Award # (If awarded): N/A Award Contracting Officer (If awarded): N/A

Award/Payment Total Dollar Value (Required): \$2,000.00 Award Type (If awarded): Payment of Information

Award Description (Required): Law Enforcement Reward Account (Lacey Act) Subactivity 4900

Award Period of Performance or Payment Dates (Required): Ending 9/30/2022

Requestor Information – All fields REQUIRED for all EFT Waiver Requests

Bureau: FWS Title: Program Analyst Name: [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Phone Number: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]@fws.gov Date: 8/17/2022

To be completed by BIO Office: Waiver Processed Date: [REDACTED] Waiver Expiration Date: [REDACTED]

Title: [REDACTED] Name: [REDACTED] Signature: [REDACTED]

To be completed by the DOI PFM/PAM office:

Action: Approved Rejected Waiver Processed Date: [REDACTED] Waiver Expiration Date: [REDACTED]

Title: [REDACTED] Name: [REDACTED] Signature: [REDACTED]

Rejection Explanation: [REDACTED]

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Referencing Payment: Vendor Invoice (Complete Section 2, 3 & 6. For foreign vendors, also complete Section 5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Referencing Reimbursement: 1164s for employees, Form 3-2373 for volunteers (Complete Sections 2, 3 and 6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Referencing Payment (Complete Sections 2, 4 & 6. For foreign vendors, also complete Section 5)
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Section 2: Invoice Basic Data

Invoice Date: (Date on invoice from vendor)	8/17/2022	Acceptance Date: (Date goods/services received)	8/17/2022
Invoice Received Date:	8/17/2022	Total Payment Amount:	\$ 2,000.00
Reference Field: (Information goes to the recipient's bank) Vendor payment = invoice number Reimbursement = voucher number	FF09L00000-2-0149	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:	2018	Invoice / Reimbursement Period of Performance End Date:	2020

Text Field: (Optional) FCPI52208FF09L0000020149AUG (CPI-515)

Section 3: Non-Referencing Payment Information

Vendor Code:	71429168	<input type="checkbox"/> Additional lines needed (see next page)	
10	GL Account: 6100. 252U 0	Line Dollar Amount:	\$ 2,000.00
	Cost Center: FF09L40000	Partial Fund: XXX	WBS or Work Order: FXLE49000900000
20	GL Account: 6100. 0	Line Dollar Amount:	\$
	Cost Center:	Partial Fund:	WBS or Work Order:

Section 4: Referencing Payment Information

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.

Employee Name:	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Region Number:	9
Email:	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Phone Number:	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Signature:	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Cover Sheet Completion Date:	
Comments:			

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

Section 3 (continued): Non-Referencing Payment Information

30	GL Account:	6100.		0	Line Dollar Amount:		\$
	Cost Center:				Partial Fund:		WBS or Work Order:
40	GL Account:	6100.		0	Line Dollar Amount:		\$
	Cost Center:				Partial Fund:		WBS or Work Order:
50	GL Account:	6100.		0	Line Dollar Amount:		\$
	Cost Center:				Partial Fund:		WBS or Work Order:
60	GL Account:	6100.		0	Line Dollar Amount:		\$
	Cost Center:				Partial Fund:		WBS or Work Order:
70	GL Account:	6100.		0	Line Dollar Amount:		\$
	Cost Center:				Partial Fund:		WBS or Work Order:

Section 4 (continued): Referencing Payment Information

Referencing Line Number:		Line Dollar Amount:	\$
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Section 5 (continued): ITS Information (only applicable for payments made to foreign vendors via ITS).

Section 5A: U.S. Correspondent Bank Information

U.S. Correspondent Bank (Intermedia Bank)		SWIFT	
Bank Location (city/state):		ABA Number	Transit Number

Section 5B: Recipient Bank Information

Recipient Bank:	
Branch code (if applicable):	SWIFT
Recipient Account Number:	
Recipient Name / Account Title:	
Bank Location (full Address for Canada (City, Province/State, Country):	
Recipient Financial Contact Name:	Email:

Section 5C: Agency Identifier

Treasury Account Symbol / Business Event Type Code (TAS/BETC):	
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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) - Special Agent in Charge, Region 4
Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

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

Name of recipient: CPI-514 (Deactivated)
Address: Maintained in CPI-514 file.
Occupation: None
Employer: None
INV Number and Title: 2016401512 - Operation Muddy Waters
Amount of Reward: \$2,000.00
Prior Compensation: 100.00
Statute: LAC
Reward Account: Law Enforcement Reward Account

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Request for Payment of Reward for CPI-514 (Deactivated) (continued)

Justification

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

Par 2.7 How do we request payment of a reward?

B. (1): Recipient:

CPI-514 (deactivated)

Occupation/Employer:

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

B. (2): The proposed recipient HAS NOT had a personal or business relationship with the requestor, a family member of the requestor, or with any other person or family members of a person involved in the investigation.

B. (3): CPI ID Number:

CPI-514 (deactivated)

B. (4): Investigation number and title:

INV: 2016401512 – OPERATION MUDDY WATERS

B. (5): Amount of reward requested:

\$2,000.00

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CPI-514's information also contributed to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) pleading guilty to four (4) felony counts of the Lacey Act. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was sentenced to two (2) years in the Veterans Treatment Court Program (VTCP). If (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) fails to complete the VTCP then (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) will be charged for the four (4) felony counts of the Lacey Act.

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Concurrence: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 08/11/2022
Special Agent in Charge, Investigations Unit

Approved: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 08/11/2022
Assistant Director - Office of Law Enforcement

Processed: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) r - 10/06/2022
Budget Officer