**PROJECT TITLE: Applying New Tools and Techniques against Invasive Carp**

**Project Manager Qualifications and Organization Description**

Project Manager: Brian Nerbonne

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Title: Regional Fisheries Manager

**Education**

B.S. in Natural Resources, University of Michigan

M.S. in Fisheries Science, University of Minnesota

**Experience**

Brian Nerbonne is a regional fisheries manager at the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), with 20 years of experience in fisheries management. His current responsibilities include fisheries management decisions on the lakes and rivers of central and southeast Minnesota, including fisheries regulations, surveys and monitoring, stocking, and habitat restoration. His regional annual budget is $1.2 million. Brian supervises eight area offices with the region, including offices responsible for the St. Croix, Mississippi, and Minnesota River from the Twin Cities south to the Iowa border. Brian has past grant administration experience as project manager for eight Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Fund appropriations and two US Fish and Wildlife Service grants, totaling over $27 million.

**Project Responsibilities**

The project manager will be responsible for providing overall project management and technical direction for the project, supervising staff, coordinating with project partners, contracting for professional services in support of the project, directing the development of project reports and any other deliverables, and preparing and submitting project work plans, updates and final reports.

**Organization Description**

The mission of DNR is to work with citizens to conserve and manage the state’s natural resources, to provide outdoor recreation opportunities, and to provide for the commercial uses of natural resources in a way that creates a sustainable quality of life. DNR is organized both by divisions based on portions of the agency’s mission, and regionally by dividing the state into four parts. DNR has extensive experience administering and coordinating projects funded by the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund.