NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

This announcement is not a request for applications.
This announcement is to provide public notice of the National Park Service's intention to award financial assistance for the following project activities. *Refer to Section 2. Grants.gov Posting Determination.*

ABSTRACT	
Grants.gov Opportunity Number	NPSNOINTIRP19AC00800
Project Title	Bernalillo Cty and City of ABQ NHT Development Concept Plan
Recipient	Bernalillo County
Anticipated Federal Funding	$90,200.00
Non-Federal Cost Share	$100,000.00
Total Anticipated Award Amount	$190,200.00
Award Instrument	☑ Task Agreement ☐ Cooperative Agreement ☐ Grant Agreement
Anticipated Period of Performance	August 1, 2019 through December 30, 2021
Legal Authority	54 USC 101702(a)
CFDA # and Title	15.935, National Trails Projects
Single Source Justification Criteria	
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Section 1. Project Summary

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

A. Project Goals – To provide a vision for the preservation and development of El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro (ELCA) National Historic Trail (NHT) for public use and enjoyment within Bernalillo County and the City of Albuquerque.

B. Project Objectives –

a. Collaboratively facilitate and record public input on NHT development through a series of public meetings
b. Utilizing public input, and in collaboration with NPS, Bernalillo County, the City of Albuquerque, and other partners, create a development concept strategy for the NHT.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC PURPOSE

The purpose of this project is to create a strategy for the long-term development of ELCA NHT sites and segments across Bernalillo County for public use and enjoyment.

Bernalillo County is located in central New Mexico, and stretches from the eastern Sandia Mountains, to the Rio Grande valley, to the volcano cliffs of the west mesa. The County consists of an area of 1,160 square miles and a population of 676,685 (2015 US Census Bureau estimate) and is the most populous county in the state. Albuquerque is the County seat and the state's largest metropolitan area. Trail resources and opportunities for ELCA NHT development are found all across Bernalillo County. Historic, modern, and recreational trails are a major asset, economic stimulant, and theme for the area, and are valued as a public benefit. When complete, the developed NHT will serve both as a recreational and educational resource for local residents and as an additional draw to the area for visitors interested in experiencing the area's unique history through outdoor activity.

STATEMENT OF WORK SUMMARY

Bernalillo County has partnered with the City of Albuquerque, NPS, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the University of New Mexico (UNM) to pursue this planning project. The core of the project will consist of a contract, administered by Bernalillo County, for architectural/engineering (A/E) services to conduct a limited number of public and tribal meetings and complete a Development Concept Strategy (DCS) for the NHT. The final product will identify opportunities for the preservation and visitor use development of the NHT within the project boundaries. This project incorporates four primary tasks: 1) Develop a request for proposal (RFP) and contract out design work to an A/E firm 2) Conduct a start-up meeting and initial site visit 3) Hold tribal and public meetings 4) Create, review, and finalize a DCS for the NHT within Bernalillo County.

For the first task, Bernalillo County together with the NPS and other project stakeholders will prepare and submit to qualified firms an RFP. The A/E chosen for the project shall provide all necessary professional services in the fields of planning and design, landscape architecture, historic preservation, engineering, and support services (i.e., administrative, fiscal, clerical) to complete a DCS for Bernalillo County. The plan may include preferred sites and segments to be developed for visitor use. The exact elements to be included will be determined by the A/E firm with assistance from Bernalillo County, the City of Albuquerque, NPS, and other project stakeholders.

For the second task, a project start-up and orientation meeting will be held with the A/E firm, Bernalillo County, the City of Albuquerque, UNM, NPS, and other project stakeholders. During this meeting the scope of work, schedule, process, and relevant NHT background

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

A. The recipient shall be responsible for the following items under this agreement:

1. The Recipient shall carry out the Statement of Work in accordance with the terms and conditions stated herein. The Recipient shall adhere to Federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and codes, as applicable.
2. Work cooperatively with the NPS while implementing the tasks related to this Agreement.
3. Designate a representative who shall act as a technical liaison with the NPS. Bernalillo County's liaison will support and promote the interests of the NHT and will provide assistance to the NPS that is within the scope of this Agreement.
4. Collaborate with the NPS to develop a project schedule with milestones, meeting dates, deliverables, and review periods.
5. Secure the services of an A/E firm to assist in completion of a DCS for Bernalillo County.
6. Communicate with NPS by e-mail, telephone, and site visits throughout the project.
7. Provide assistance as needed to the A/E contractor in their efforts to hold a series of public meetings throughout the projects timeline.
8. Work collaboratively with the NPS and other project stakeholders to review and finalize the DCS.

B. The NPS Responsibilities:

☑ A task agreement is proposed;

☐ A cooperative agreement is proposed;

therefore substantial involvement by NPS is anticipated during the period of performance of this agreement. In support of this agreement NPS will:

1. Monitor and provide Federal oversight of activities performed under this agreement. Monitoring and oversight includes review and approval of financial status and performance reports, payment request, and tasks identified below. Additional monitoring activities may include site visits, conference calls, and other on-site and off-site monitoring activities. At the Recipient's request, NPS may also provide additional technical assistance to the Recipient in support of the objectives of this agreement.

2. Substantial involvement by NPS is anticipated during the period of performance of this agreement. In support of this agreement NPS will be responsible for the following:

a. Assign a representative from the NPS staff to act as liaison for the entire project. The liaison will be responsible for monitoring and ensuring that each phase of the project is complete.
b. Assign a landscape architecture staff member who will be responsible for collaboration with Bernalillo County, and who will provide technical assistance in the design and review of the DCS.

☐ A grant agreement is proposed, therefore no substantial involvement on the part of the NPS is anticipated for the successful completion of the statement of work. It is anticipated that involvement will be limited to actions related to monitoring project performance and technical assistance at the request of the recipient.

Section 2. Grants.gov Posting Determination

☑ The National Park Service intends to award a task agreement under a previously competed or single source justified award.

☐ The National Park Service intends to award a single source justified cooperative agreement. *Refer to Section 3 Single Source Justification.*

☐ The National Park Service intends to award a single source justified grant agreement. *Refer to Section 3 Single Source Justification.*

Section 3. Single Source Justification

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
SINGLE SOURCE POLICY REQUIREMENTS

National Park Service Policy FAP&P 1443-2015-06 requires a written justification which explains why competition is not practicable. The justification must address one of the following criteria.

In order for an assistance award to be made without competition, the award must satisfy one or more of the following criteria:

(1) Unsolicited Proposal – The proposed award is the result of an unsolicited assistance application which represents a unique or innovative idea, method, or approach which is not the subject of a current or planned contract or assistance award, but which is deemed advantageous to the program objectives. The unsolicited proposal must demonstrate an innovative capability or concept not currently available to the government, and prepared without Government involvement. ;

(2) Continuation – The activity to be funded is necessary to the satisfactory completion of, or is a continuation of, an activity presently being funded, for which competition would have a significant adverse effect on the continuity or completion of the activity;

(3) Legislative intent – The language in the applicable authorizing legislation or legislative history clearly indicates Congress' intent to restrict the award to a particular recipient of purpose;

(4) Unique Qualifications – The applicant is uniquely qualified to perform the activity based upon a variety of demonstrable factors such as location, property ownership, voluntary support capacity, technical expertise, or other such unique qualifications. Successful past performance, familiarity with existing requirements, capabilities that can be obtained or matched by a competitor, or a positive reputation, are not considered to be unique qualifications.

(5) Emergencies – Program/award where there is insufficient time available (due to a compelling and unusual urgency, or substantial danger to health or safety) for adequate competitive procedures to be followed.

NPS did not solicit full and open competition for this award based the following criteria:

☑ Task Agreement issued under previously competed or single source master cooperative agreement per Section 2 above. Single Source Justification not applicable.

☐ Unsolicited Proposal ☐ Continuation ☐ Emergency

☐ Legislative Intent ☐ Unique Qualifications

Explanation of the proposed recipient's qualifications or the criteria of the proposed project which requires use of the single source criteria cited.

Section 4. Department of the Interior Secretary's Priorities

This award will support the following DOI Secretary priority(ies):

Other Key Initiatives:

- [ ] Employment of veterans.
- [ ] Supporting DOI Infrastructure needs.
- [ ] Creating jobs in the American economy.
- [x] Access to outdoor recreation opportunities.

Priority 1: Creating a conservation stewardship legacy second only to Teddy Roosevelt

- [ ] Utilize science to identify best practices to manage land and water resources and adapt to changes in the environment.
- [ ] Examine land use planning process and land use designations that govern public use and access.
- [ ] Revise and streamline the environmental and regulatory review process while maintaining environmental standards.
- [ ] Review DOI water storage, transportation, and distribution systems to identify opportunities to resolve conflicts and expand capacity.
- [ ] Foster relationships with conservation organizations advocating for balanced stewardship and use of public lands.
- [ ] Identify and implement initiatives to expand access to DOI lands for hunting and fishing.
- [ ] Shift the balance towards providing greater public access to public lands over restrictions to access.

Priority 2: Utilizing our natural resources

- [ ] Ensure American energy is available to meet our security and economic needs.
- [ ] Ensure access to mineral resources, especially the critical and rare earth minerals.
- [ ] Refocus timber programs to embrace the entire 'healthy forests' lifecycle.
- [ ] Manage competition for grazing resources.

Priority 3: Restoring trust with local communities

- [ ] Be a better neighbor with those closest to our resources by improving dialogue and relationships with persons and entities bordering our lands.
- [ ] Expand the lines of communication with Governors, state natural resource offices, Fish and Wildlife offices, water authorities, county commissioners, Tribes, and local communities.

Priority 4: Ensuring sovereignty means something

- [ ] Support tribal self-determination, self-governance, and sovereignty.
- [ ] Solidify mutual interests between the U.S. and the freely associated states and territories.

Priority 5: Generating additional revenues to support DOI & National interests

- [ ] Ensure that the public receives the full market value for the natural resources produced on Federal lands.
- [ ] Ensure that fees or costs levied for DOI services are reasonable and targeted to achieve cost recovery.
- [ ] Consider the impact of DOI decisions on economic development and job creation.

Priority 6: Protecting our people and the border

- [ ] Actively support efforts to secure our southern border.
- [ ] Ensure DOI law enforcement staffing addresses public safety risks anticipated on DOI land.
- [ ] Promote a "public service" demeanor within our law enforcement community.

Priority 7: Striking a regulatory balance

- [ ] Reduce the administrative and regulatory burden imposed on U.S. industry and the public.
- [ ] Ensure that Endangered Species Act decisions are based on strong science and thorough analysis.

Priority 8: Modernizing our infrastructure

- [ ] Support the White House Public/Private Partnership Initiative to modernize U.S. infrastructure.
- [ ] Remove impediments to infrastructure development and facilitate private sector efforts to construct infrastructure projects serving American needs.
- [ ] Prioritize DOI infrastructure needs to highlight:
    1. Construction of infrastructure;
    2. Cyclical maintenance;
    3. Deferred maintenance.

Priority 9: Reorganizing for the next 100 years

☐ Improve alignment and integration of the DOI organizational structure. Redistribute organizational resources (people and funding) to enhance mission achievement and improved public service.

☐ Improve organizational alignment with Executive Branch counterparts with major land management assets or influence.

Priority 10: Achieving our goals and leading our team forward

☐ Senior executives are expected to provide leadership in achieving goals of the President and the Secretary.

☐ The Management Team is expected to:

1. Ensure cost-effective operations and quality service to the public;
2. Facilitate organizational cooperation and conflict resolution;
3. Ensure the workplace environment is conducive to employee productivity and safety;
4. Hold individuals accountable for actions that violate DOI policies and requirements.

The proposed project does not support any of the DOI Secretary priorities, but the project is being funded for the following reasons: