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	P20AS00076
Project Title	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area
Recipient	State of California, Delta Protection Commission
Anticipated Federal Funding	$1,050,000 (subject to the availability of funding, initially $154,291)
Non-Federal Cost Share	$1,050,000 (subject to the availability of funding, initially $154,291)
Total Anticipated Award Amount	$2,100,000 (subject to the availability of funding)
Award Instrument	☐ Task Agreement ☑ Cooperative Agreement ☐ Grant Agreement
Anticipated Period of Performance	10/01/2019 -- 09/30/2024
Legal Authority	54 USC §101702(a); PL 116-9, Title VI, Section 6001, Subsection (a
CFDA # and Title	15.939 - Heritage Partnership
Single Source Justification Criteria	Legislative Intent
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Section 1. Project Summary

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is the Heart of California on many levels – geographically, historically, and even physically as the central distribution point for California's lifeblood: water. The Delta is an oasis of rural beauty surrounded by high density urban populations, dotted with small towns that tell the stories of the opening of the West – the Gold Rush, immigration, riverboat travel.

The goals of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area are to preserve and rehabilitate the irreplaceable natural, historical, cultural, recreational, and agricultural resources of the Delta for the use and enjoyment of current and future generations; to elevate awareness of Delta heritage, to promote visitation to these resources, and to foster economic development.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC PURPOSE

In authorizing the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Are, Public Law 116-9, the John D. Dingell, Jr., Conservation, Management and Recreation Act, Title VI, Section 6001, Subsection (a) established the public purpose to include:

1) carrying out programs and projects that recognize, protect, and enhance important resource values in the National Heritage Area;
2) establishing and maintaining interpretive exhibits and programs in the National Heritage Area;
3) developing recreational and educational opportunities in the National Heritage Area;
4) increasing public awareness of, and appreciation for, natural, historical, scenic, and cultural resources of the National Heritage Area;
5) protecting and restoring historic sites and buildings in the National Heritage Area that are consistent with National Heritage Area themes;
6) ensuring that clear, consistent, and appropriate signs identifying points of public access and sites of interest are posted throughout the National Heritage Area; and
7) promoting a wide range of partnerships among the Federal Government, State, Tribal, and local governments, organizations, and

STATEMENT OF WORK SUMMARY

1. Develop and implement the National Heritage Area Management Plan in accordance with the terms of the Agreement and the authorizing legislation and in accordance with an approved workplan and budget;

2. Consider the interests of diverse units of government, businesses, organizations, and individuals in the National Heritage Area in the preparation and implementation of the Management Plan;

3. Develop a comprehensive network of partners within the heritage area to support development and implementation of the Management Plan.

4. Dedicate staff of Recipient to carry out the tasks outlined in the annual work plan and budget, and in general to undertake activities necessary to achieve the purpose, goals, and objectives of the NHA as described in this Agreement;

5. Comply with all applicable state and federal laws, including, but not limited to, National Environmental Policy Act and the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106).

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

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

1. Carry out the Statement of Work in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement; adhere to Federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and codes, as applicable;

2. Work directly with the National Park Service to legally address fiscal requirements;

3. Work within the legal framework and federal mandate to implement an approved National Management Plan by working with public agencies, organizations, tribes, businesses and individuals within the NHA in collaboration with NPS; seek non-federal matching funds for this Agreement, and assure that all federal funds and match are expended toward implementing the goals of the Management Plan;

4. Assure communication and interpretation of the region's nationally important story, and conservation and preservation of the natural, cultural and historic resources that contribute to this story through development and implementation of the

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 the Agreement, including review and approval of financial status and performance reports, payment requests, and tasks identified below. Additional monitoring activities may include site visits, conference calls, and other on-site and off-site monitoring activities.

2. Upon request of the NHA Coordinating Entity and subject to availability of NPS personnel, NPS may also provide technical assistance in support of the objectives of this Agreement, including:

(i) Provide technical assistance to the NHA Area to develop and implement the Management Plan;

(ii) Interpret NEPA requirements, including Section 106 of the NHPA;

(iii) Address funding and other administrative issues;

☐ 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

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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.

In March 2019, Congress passed the John D. Dingell, Jr., Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act, (P.L. 116-9) designating the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area and naming the Delta Protection Commission as the Coordinating Entity. P.L. 116-9 directs the Secretary of Interior to provide technical and financial assistance for the purpose of developing and implementing a National Heritage Area Management Plan according to the requirements of the authorization, and in compliance with National Park Service goals, policies and practices related to the system of National Heritage Areas.

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.
- [x] 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: