



**National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior**

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

This Funding Announcement is not a request for applications. This announcement is to provide public notice of the National Park Service (NPS)'s intention to fund a Task Agreement against an existing Master Agreement.

ABSTRACT	
Funding Announcement	NPS-NOIP15AC01311
Project Title	National Park Service- Stream Ecological Integrity Monitoring at Grant-Kohrs Ranch Relative to Clark Fork Restoration and Remediation, 2015-2020
Recipient	Montana Tech of the University of Montana
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$80,500
Cost Share	<i>None Required</i>
Anticipated Length of Agreement	Through May 31, 2020
Anticipated Period of Performance	Through May 31, 2020
Award Instrument	Cooperative Agreement (task award)
Statutory Authority	<i>54 U.S.C. §100703, Cooperative Study Units</i>
CFDA # and Title	<i>15.945, Cooperative Research & Training Programs</i>
Point of Contact	Katie Gaertner, Grants Management Specialist

OVERVIEW, RECIPIENT AND NPS SUBSTANTIAL INVOLVEMENT

The Montana Tech (MT) will collaborate with the National Park Service (NPS) to select and train a part-time technician/student to conduct the monthly and event based sampling, maintain the continuous water quality monitoring sondes (i.e., water quality sampling equipment), and assist with monthly data management, analysis and annual reporting, conduct scheduled monthly sampling and maintenance, perform monthly data management and annual reporting, in agreement with the NPS Rocky Mountain I&M Network protocol, and submit all field records and final reports to GRKO Key Official for consideration in park archives. Reports shall be in both Microsoft Office and Adobe pdf format. Electronic data shall be submitted in the original format it is gathered including GPS and GIS data and digital photographs.

Substantial involvement on the part the National Park Service (NPS) is anticipated for the successful completion of the objectives to be funded by this award. NPS staff will assist to provide all material, equipment and supplies to conduct scheduled sampling and monitoring, assist with sampling and monitoring and when applicable, provide review and approval of work before advancing to next phase.

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

The cooperator is a member of an established Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (CESU) network, and was awarded a Cooperative Agreement (P14AC00749) allowing MT to participate in specific tasks, and can provide the necessary activities involved in this particular task while providing an effective outcome for the National Park Service and the research and/or education project. Three members of the Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (CESU) network were considered for this award and the MT was selected based on the PI's (Dr. Shaw) previous successful environmental studies, familiarity with the larger remediation project and proximity to Grand-Kohrs Ranch.