



**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's intention to fund the following project activities without full and open competition.

ABSTRACT	
Funding Announcement	P14AS00235
Project Title	C & O Canal's Civil War Project
Recipient	Organization of American Historians
Principle Investigator / Program Manager	Aidan Smith
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$60,230.00
Cost Share	None
New Award or Continuation?	Continuation under Cooperative Agreement H2370114000
Anticipated Length of Agreement	From date of Award until 12/31/2015
Anticipated Period of Performance	From date of Award until 12/31/2015
Award Instrument	Cooperative Agreement
Statutory Authority	16 USC 1(g); 16 USC 1a-2(j); 16 USC 5933
CFDA # and Title	15.945 Cooperative Research & Training Programs – Resources of NPS CESU's
Single Source Justification Criteria Cited	(2) Continuation
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OVERVIEW

Cooperative Agreement Number H2370114000 was entered into by and between the Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS), and the Organization of American Historians (OAH) for the purpose of preparing a Special History Study of the history of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal pertaining to the Civil War. Unless otherwise specified herein, the terms and conditions as stated in the Cooperative Agreement will apply to this Task Agreement.

This project will document the history of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal pertaining to the Civil War, and will result in a narrative history and a defined public education component in the form of a brochure, a presentation to park staff and/or the general public, and web-based content that conveys updated information on the significance, history, and historic characteristics of the park's Civil War-related resources.

RECIPIENT INVOLVEMENT

The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, running for 185 miles along the Potomac River between Georgetown and Cumberland, MD, separated Union Maryland from Confederate Virginia during the Civil War. Many military actions took place on and around the canal, and as a mode of transportation for both Union and Confederate Armies; the canal itself often became a target for both. The canal was strategically important particularly during the three Confederate excursions into Maryland in 1862, 1863, and 1864.

This project will produce a special history study of the canal's involvement in the Civil War. Phase 1 will include basic research by a qualified historian, using primary sources and other archival materials for the production of research notes. Phase 2 will be composition of a draft manuscript. Phase 3 will be the printing of a final report.

The report shall conform to the standards of the *Chicago Manual of Style* (latest edition), printed on standard (8 ½ x 11 inch) paper. Drafts shall be double-spaced; final report shall be single-spaced, and shall contain the following:

1. Front and back covers using standardized NPS report format
2. Title page
3. Table of Contents
4. Foreword
5. Acknowledgements
6. Executive Summary
7. Body of Report
8. Figures: Provide clearly reproduced images from scanned files of maps, panoramas, drawings, and photographs as necessary to graphically illustrate and explain the text, inserted into body of Report.
9. Endnotes
10. Bibliography
11. Appendices (if included)

*The dates for draft submissions and final report submission are included in the **Schedule of Reports and Products** section below.*

In addition to the manuscript and final printed report, the project will include a defined public education component in the form of a brochure, a presentation to park staff and/or the general public, and web-based content that conveys updated information on the significance, history, and historic characteristics of the park's Civil War-related resources.

All work accomplished will comply with all applicable federal, state and professional guidelines as set forth in but not limited to: 1906 Antiquities Act, the 1935 Historic Sites Act, 1966 Historic Preservation Act (as amended), the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Archaeology and Historic Preservation, Director's Order 28, Section 106 of the National Environmental Policy Act (as amended), Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act and (NAGPRA) any related legislation or guidelines as set forth in 36 (CFR).

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE INVOLVEMENT

Substantial involvement on the part the National Park Service is anticipated for the successful completion of the objectives to be funded by this award. In particular, the National Park Service will be responsible for the following:

- Provide the Principle Investigator (PI) access to park archives and publications concerning the history of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal during the Civil War.
- Provide the PI a preliminary bibliography and a list of suggested resources.
- Provide a tour of the park and specific sites associated with the Civil War.
- Assist with primary and secondary source research
- Schedule monthly conference calls with the PI and the OAH Administrative contact to check on the progress of the project.
- Assist in reviewing all materials provided by the PI in a timely manner.

SINGLE-SOURCE JUSTIFICATION

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR SINGLE SOURCE POLICY REQUIREMENTS
Department of the Interior Policy (505 DM 2) requires a written justification which explains why competition is not practicable for each single-source award. The justification must address one or more of the following criteria as well as discussion of the program legislative history, unique capabilities of the proposed recipient, and cost-sharing contribution offered by the proposed recipient, as applicable.
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;

- (2) Continuation – The activity to be funded is necessary to the satisfactory completion of, or is a continuation of an activity presently being funded, and 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, cost-sharing ability if applicable, technical expertise, or other such 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.

The National Park Service did not solicit full and open competition for this award based the following criteria:

(2) CONTINUATION

SINGLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION DESCRIPTION:

THIS IS A NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

This is a Task Agreement (P14AC01314) under Cooperative Agreement (H2370114000) in the amount of \$60,320.00 with a period of performance from date of award until 12/31/2015.

"This proposed project between **Organization of American Historians** and the NPS is authorized to go through the Rocky Mountains CESU at the negotiated overhead rate of 17.5% because it passes the test of substantial involvement by the NPS, public purpose and consistency with the mission of the CESU Network".

Also, on the SF 424 forms that the partner sponsored programs office fills out for each project, requires a CFDA number - 15.945, which is the number associated with the CFDA Title:

COOPERATIVE RESEARCH AND TRAINING PROGRAMS - RESOURCES OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (CESU).

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

- A. 16 U.S.C. §1g authorizes the NPS to enter into cooperative agreements that involve the transfer of NPS appropriated funds to state, local and tribal governments, other public entities, educational institutions, and private nonprofit organizations for the public purpose of carrying out National Park Service programs.

- B. 16 U.S.C. §1a-2(j) Cooperative research and training programs authorizes the NPS to enter into cooperative agreements with public or private educational institutions, states, and their political subdivisions, for the purpose of developing adequate, coordinated, cooperative research and training programs concerning the resources of the national park system. Pursuant to such agreements, the cooperator may accept from or make available to the NPS technical and support staff, financial assistance for mutually agreed upon research projects, supplies and equipment, facilities, and administrative services relating to cooperative research units as the Secretary deems appropriate (research projects subject to Federal Acquisition Regulation excluded).

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- C. 16 U.S.C. §5933 Cooperative agreements. The Secretary is authorized and directed to enter into cooperative agreements with colleges and universities, including but not limited to land grant schools, in partnership with other Federal and State agencies, to establish cooperative study units to conduct multi-disciplinary research and develop integrated information products on the resources of the National Park System, or the larger region of which parks are a part.