

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	P17AS00195
Project Title	Resource Management Liaison
Recipient	California Department of Parks and Recreation
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$35,000.00
Cost Share	None
Anticipated Length of Agreement	1 Year
Anticipated Period of Performance	08/01/2017-07/31/2018
Award Instrument	Task Agreement under Cooperative Management Agreement
Statutory Authority	54 U.S.C. 101703 and 16 U.S.C. 471j(j)
CFDA # and Title	15.937 – Redwood National Park Cooperative Management with the State of California
Single Source Justification Criteria Cited	3- Legislative Intent
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OVERVIEW

Cooperative Management Agreement P12AC30861 was entered into by and between the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS), and the California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR) for the cooperative management of Redwood National and State Parks (RNSP).

The Redwood Coast Sector Environmental Specialist (RCS ES) works closely with Redwood National Park (RNP) staff and California State Park personnel to coordinate resource management projects and programs within the RNSP partnership while insuring that all state and Department regulations and policies related to resource management are followed. The RCS ES serves as the primary liaison with RNP staff to ensure that RNSP resource management programs and projects are coordinated in such a way as to take advantage of both agencies resources. The RCS ES will facilitate CEQA and NEPA review with Resource Management staff as appropriate for planning and environmental compliance within the RNSP partnership.

STATEMENT OF JOINT OBJECTIVES/PROJECT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Personnel from CDPR and NPS will collaborate on RNSP projects including the planning for trail development and development alternatives for Hiouchi Flat and Jed Smith Campground; planning for alternative routes to Highway 101 at Last Chance Grade; and development of bear and elk management plans and agreements (as needed). If time and resources allow, CDPR and NPS staff may engage in watershed restoration planning as well as coordination of general resource management programs and functions (e.g., research program coordination, cultural resource management, wildlife and resource condition monitoring, vegetation management, etc.).

RECIPIENT INVOLVEMENT

The recipient will participate in monthly meetings of the RMS Branch Chief Workgroup; biannual meetings of the RNSP Bear Panel group; and contribute to the annual work of the panel including annual reports and revisions of SOPs for bears, mountain lions, elk, and corvids. Recipient will facilitate the scheduling of fieldwork and the review of data and reports that pertain to RNSP wildlife resources, including annual reports on western snowy plover, spotted owl, beached carcass, and annual take reports to USFWS. Recipient will participate in complex planning efforts involving actions affecting federal and state lands in RNSP, including alternatives for emergency routes and bypass routes for Highway 101 at Last Chance Grade, Redwood Collaboration efforts, trail and other development at Hiouchi Flat and Jed Smith Campground, elk and bear management planning; and Jump Dance planning. For RNSP projects involving state/federal park lands, provide subject matter technical expertise and knowledge of state and CDPR regulations and policies in quarterly Project Review Team (PRT) meetings; Interagency Consultation Team (ICT) meetings for Section 7 consultations under the Endangered Species Act; and to relevant Interdisciplinary Teams (IDTs).

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE INVOLVEMENT

Substantial involvement on the part of the NPS is anticipated for successful completion of the project objectives to be funded by this award. In particular, the NPS will participate in monthly meetings of the RMS Branch Chief Workgroup; participate in biannual meetings of the RNSP Bear Panel group; and contribute to the annual work of the panel including annual reports and revisions of SOPs for bears, mountain lions, elk, and corvids. The NPS will facilitate the scheduling of fieldwork and the review of data and reports that pertain to RNSP wildlife resources, including annual reports on western snowy plover, spotted owl, beached carcass, and annual take reports to USFWS. The NPS will participate in complex planning efforts involving actions affecting federal and state lands in RNSP, including alternatives for emergency routes and bypass routes for Highway 101 at Last Chance Grade, Redwood Collaboration efforts, trail and other development at Hiouchi Flat and Jed Smith Campground, elk and bear management planning; and Jump Dance planning. For RNSP projects involving state/federal park lands, provide subject matter technical expertise and knowledge of federal and NPS regulations and policies in quarterly Project Review Team (PRT) meetings; Interagency Consultation Team (ICT) meetings for Section 7 consultations under the Endangered Species Act; and to relevant Interdisciplinary Teams (IDTs).

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.

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

(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. Specifically, 54 U.S.C. 101703 and 16 U.S.C. 471j(j) state:

54 U.S.C. 101703

(a) IN GENERAL.—To facilitate the administration of the System, the Secretary, under such terms and conditions as the Secretary considers advisable, may enter into an agreement with a State or local government agency to provide for the cooperative management of the Federal and

State or local park areas where a System unit is located adjacent to or near a State or local park area, and cooperative management between the Service and a State or local government agency of a portion of either the System unit or State or local park will allow for more effective and efficient management of the System unit and State or local park. The Secretary may not transfer administration responsibilities for any System unit under this paragraph.

16 U.S.C. 471j(j)

- (1) The Secretary of the Interior may enter into agreements with the State of California for the cooperative management of any of the following: Headwaters Forest, Redwood National Park, and proximate State lands. The purpose of such agreements is to acquire from and provide to the State of California goods and services to be used by the Secretary and the State of California in cooperative management of lands if the Secretary determines that appropriations for that purpose are available and an agreement is in the best interests of the United States; and*
- (2) an assignment arranged by the Secretary under section 3372 of title 5 of a Federal or State employee for work in any Federal or State of California lands, or an extension of such assignment, may be for any period of time determined by the Secretary or the State of California, as appropriate, to be mutually beneficial.*