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	P20AS00043
Project Title	Archives Cataloging and Preservation for Alaska Park Units
Recipient	Great Basin Institute
Anticipated Federal Funding	$205,000
Non-Federal Cost Share	$0.00
Total Anticipated Award Amount	$205,000
Award Instrument	☑ Task Agreement ☐ Cooperative Agreement ☐ Grant Agreement
Anticipated Period of Performance	April 1, 2020 - September 30, 2024
Legal Authority	54 U.S.C. §101702(a)
CFDA # and Title	15.946 Cultural Resources Management
Single Source Justification Criteria	
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Section 1. Project Summary

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

A. Project Goals – The goal of this Agreement is to provide opportunities for a student or entry-level professional to work side-by-side with NPS professional staff to obtain experience in complex archives issues and projects. This project will provide the background experience by which emerging professionals may make long-term career goals and decisions. Selected individuals will have an opportunity to learn and participate in park operational areas including but not limited to natural and cultural resource management. Research associates (RA) will be provided work assignments and developmental opportunities, specific to the project to which they are assigned.

B. Project Objectives – To accomplish these goals, participants will have an opportunity to learn and participate in park operational

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC PURPOSE

This project assists in the creation, promotion, facilitation and improvement of the public's understanding of natural and cultural resource significance by making records from the National Park Service Alaska Region (Region 11) accessible to the public. This project organizes and describes archival records of multiple park units and makes the collection descriptions available to the public, thereby connecting the public to valuable information about the parks, Alaska history, science, and cultural and natural resources. This project also provides opportunities for emerging professionals to learn about natural and cultural resource stewardship in the National Park Service by exposing them to the service's mission, values, and resources. The individuals participating in the project will gain professional training, education, and experience, through project work and interaction with NPS resource managers.

STATEMENT OF WORK SUMMARY

The individuals selected under this Agreement will provide archival support for the Alaska Regional Office and the following park units: Alagnak Wild River, Aniakchak National Monument and Preserve, Bering Land Bridge National Preserve, Cape Krusenstern National Monument, Katmai National Park and Preserve, Kenai Fjords National Park, Kobuk Valley National Park, Lake Clark National Park and Preserve, and Noatak National Preserve. Collections processed will include, but are not limited to, resource management records. Tasks will include arrangement, physical processing, rehousing, and cataloging of approximately 420 linear feet of archival materials including paper records and audiovisual formats such photographic prints, negatives, slides, audiocassettes, and digital media. Specifically, the research associates will work closely with the Regional Archivist to identify records for appropriate disposal, prepare and organize permanent records for retention, and arrange, describe, and rehouse permanent records for addition to park archives. For each park unit, research associates will produce a finding aid and catalog record for the records that are processed.

In year 1, one intern is planned to participate for 88 weeks, 3520 hours. This agreement has the above-mentioned reoccurring requirements and anticipates the assistance of multiple interns over the duration of this agreement. Each year funding is subject to the availability of funding.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

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

a. Create an on-going, effective and efficient partnership between the recipient Great Basin Institute and the Alaska Regional Office.
b. Enable program participants to interact with Federal agency personnel and to experience hands-on natural and cultural resource management.
c. Coordinate all recruitment, selection and human resource management for a minimum of one research associate who will gain skills in resource management.
d. Jointly provide logistical assistance with the NPS.

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:

a. Provide office space, including access to telephone, computer and typical office equipment for research associates selected under this Task Agreement.
b. Provide task specific and safety training to the research associates.
c. Provide an experienced mentor and project manager, Sara Piasecki, Archivist, who can assist the research associates in developing skills and obtaining knowledge.
d. Provide opportunities to learn and participate in other park operational areas.
e. Collaborate with the Great Basin Institute to manage and monitor this project.
f. Provide projects that facilitate the research associates' understanding of natural and cultural resources.

☐ 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.

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.
- ☐ 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: