



**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	P16AS00263
Project Title	National Park Service- Student experience in national trails GIS development activities
Recipient	University of New Mexico
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$25,383
Cost Share	<i>None Required</i>
Anticipated Length of Agreement	Through 9/30/17
Anticipated Period of Performance	Through 9/30/17
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 University of New Mexico (UNM) will collaborate with the National Park Service (NPS) to provide student(s) to work part-time in support of the National Trails Intermountain Region (NTIR) office GIS activities. Activities will include support for the nine national historic trails (Oregon, Mormon Pioneer, Santa Fe, Trail of Tears, California, Pony Express, El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, Old Spanish, and El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trails), Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program, and trail studies associated with the office. The student(s) shall work part-time for regular semesters and up to full-time for the summer term.

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 with Prepare planning documents and reports to assist the activities of the UNM in compiling and managing the NTIR Database, provide technical assistance, historical research materials, and trail documentation to the UNM and collaborate with the UNM in database project planning, design, management, development and implementation.

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 (P14AC00921) allowing UNM 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 UNM was selected based on accredited Geography & Environmental Studies program with a MS program and concentration in Geographic Information Science. This is a continuation of the Master Agreement.