

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 a task agreement under a previously competed or single source justified master cooperative agreement.

ABSTRACT	
Funding Announcement Number	P17AS00710
Project Title	Statistical Support for Long-Term Monitoring in Five Intermountain Inventory and Monitoring Networks
Recipient	Conservation Science Partners, Dr. Brett Dickson
Anticipated Federal Funding	\$32,908
Anticipated Period of Performance	August 8, 2016 - December 31, 2019
Award Instrument	Task Agreement
Statutory Authority	54 U.S.C. §100703, Cooperative Study Units
CFDA # and Title	15.945 CESU
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BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

Cooperative Agreement Number P14AC00921 was entered into by and between the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, (NPS), and Conservation Science Partners (hereafter referred to as 'Recipient') for the purpose of providing research, technical assistance, and/or education, as described below. Unless otherwise specified herein, the terms and conditions as stated in the Cooperative Agreement will apply to this Task Agreement.

For performance under this task agreement, the regulations set forth in 2 CFR, Part 200, supersedes OMB Circulars A-21 (2 CFR 220), A-87 (2 CFR 225), A-110, and A-122 (2 CFR 230); Circulars A-89, A-102, and A-133; and the guidance in Circular A-50 on Single Audit Act follow-up. The recipient shall adhere to 2 CFR, Part 200 in its entirety in addition to any terms and conditions of the master agreement not superseded by 2 CFR 200, as well as the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement. In the event of a conflict between the original terms of the master agreement and 2 CFR, Part 200, relating to this task agreement, 2 CFR, Part 200 shall take precedence.

STATEMENT OF WORK

Project Description: National Park Service Inventory and Monitoring Networks are charged with implementing a long-term ecological monitoring program to assess status and trends in the condition of natural resources across NPS units. Each of these five Intermountain Region I&M networks has developed a monitoring protocol for upland vegetation and soils, although the sampling designs, monitoring methods, and specific objectives differ somewhat from network to network. This project will develop and conduct statistical analyses to examine long-term trends of complex survey designs in upland monitoring for 5 I&M networks. This will be done by conducting a comprehensive review of network protocols, spatial/temporal designs, sample datasets. After this review has been completed the project will select network specific statistical analyses. The results will be jointly written and published

in a report in the NPS Natural Resource Report Series or a peer-reviewed journal. This knowledge gained by 5-10 years of upland monitoring in National Park units across the west will provide Conservation Science Partners with new region wide information in protected areas that they can add to their research programs. By jointly researching, conducting analyses, writing and publishing findings the National Park Service and Conservation Science Partners will engage each other and the results will result in new knowledge and understanding upland ecosystems in protected areas.

The primary purpose of this study is not the acquisition of property or services for the direct benefit or use by the Federal Government, but rather to accomplish a public purpose of support or stimulation authorized the Legislative Authorities listed above.

This project fulfills a Public Purpose of support or economic stimulation through:

- Assisting in the promotion, facilitation, and improvement of people's understanding and appreciation of natural resources of National Parks.
- Engaging people, partners, and/or visitors in resource stewardship.
- Sharing the information, products and/or services identified or developed by this project through a variety of strategies to increase public awareness, knowledge and support for stewardship of the nation's resources.

RECIPIENT AGREES TO:

1. Be involved with NPS in jointly describing the goals, developing the scope and the activities to be accomplished.
2. Provide a comprehensive review of network protocols, spatial/temporal designs, sample datasets.
3. Take lead role in selecting and guiding network's statistical analyses.
4. Work with NPS on writing, submitting, and publishing results of analyses in a report in the NPS Natural Resource Report Series or a peer-reviewed journal

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AGREES TO:

1. NPS will be involved with the Recipient jointly describing the goals, developing the scope and the activities to be accomplished.
 2. NPS will provide a Project Manager to serve as liaison to the Recipient for the work under this agreement. This includes consulting and working specifically with the Cooperator's Principal Investigator.
 3. Each network provides example datasets and a developed list of statistical issues and questions to be resolved.
 4. Arrange logistics for two workshops.
 5. Work with CSP to conduct statistical analyses.
 6. Take lead role in writing, submitting, and publishing results of analyses in a report in the NPS Natural Resource Report Series or a peer-reviewed journal.
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1. CSP and NPS will jointly analyze upland data resulting in a publication for each of the five networks in either the NPS Natural Resources Report series or a peer-reviewed journal
 2. CSP and NPS will jointly analyze network specific statistical issues specific to a particular network that will result in either an NPS Natural Resources Report series or a peer-reviewed journal

