



**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	P14AS00142
Project Title	Oral & Administrative Histories Boston National Historical Park
Recipient	Organization of American Historians
Principle Investigator / Program Manager	Aidan Smith
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$112,445.20
Cost Share	none
New Award or Continuation?	Continuation of Cooperative Agreement H2261100002
Anticipated Length of Agreement	From Date of Award until 6/30/2017
Anticipated Period of Performance	From Date of Award until 6/30/2017
Award Instrument	Cooperative Agreement
Statutory Authority	16 USC 1(g)
CFDA # and Title	15.946 Cultural Resource Management
Single Source Justification Criteria Cited	Continuation
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OVERVIEW

Boston National Historical Park (NHP), authorized by Congress in 1974, consists of a number of non-contiguous historic properties in Boston “associated with the American Revolution and the founding and growth of the United States” (Pub. Law 93-431). Only three of those properties are owned by the federal government; the remaining sites remain in municipal or private ownership under cooperative agreements between the National Park Service (NPS) and the site owners. Boston NHP was one of the first “partnership” parks, presenting a number of issues both in terms of working with multiple partners, each of which came to the partnership with their own goals, as well as changing the perception of the NPS hierarchy with respect to working closely with sites not owned by the federal government. The park concept was first developed in the late 1950s by the Boston National Historic Sites Commission, a body created by Congress to develop an approach to the question of historic preservation in Boston and the surrounding area

The purpose of this study is to document the establishment and management of the park (1950s to 2013) and to place it within the larger contexts of public park management and historic preservation inside and outside the National Park System. This study will serve an ongoing guide to park management about the history of park issues over time and how these have changed depending on the context of the time.

The public purpose and benefit of this project is to assist the park and its multiple constituencies to understand the historical contexts for many of the land management issues that continue to generate debate within these communities. In addition to the report, which will be made available online, this project includes a public workshop at the conclusion of the study to engage these multiple constituencies in conversations about this history and its ongoing relevance to the management of the park.

RECIPIENT INVOLVEMENT

- Produce an Administrative History for Boston National Historical Park that documents the events associated with the establishment and operation of the park as described in the attached scope of work;
- b) Engage an appropriate scholar to undertake the work and act as the liaison between the NPS and the scholar;
 - c) Ensure that the manuscript is prepared as a scholarly report meeting the standards of the historical profession and the NPS through project management , including coordination of agency and peer review comments and provision of editorial services ;
 - d) Produce the final publication quality manuscript in PDF format consistent with the NPS Graphic Identity Program guidelines for purposes of internet access, plus a digital copy in Microsoft Word. Produce one unbound and fifteen bound copies of the final Administrative History;
 - e) Participate in a one-day workshop with park staff and community stakeholders to share the results of the study so that the information can be incorporated, as appropriate, into public programming at the park.

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:

- Develop the research topics for the Administrative History;
- b) Work with the OAH in selecting the scholar(s) to conduct the research;
- c) Provide the scholar with access to park records, reports, and databases; familiarize the scholar with the park 's resources and facilities; and work with the scholar to select oral history interviewees ;
- d) Review the progress of the research to ensure relevance and quality;
- e) Distribute the report and make the research available to park managers and the general public for use in management and planning.
- f) Organize the one-day workshop with the OAH and scholar to present the findings of the report to park staff and stakeholders in the community.

The OAH and the NPS agree to work cooperatively on the project for the purpose of providing guidance to the scholars(s), monitoring work, providing input, and setting or adjusting priorities.

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 (P14AC00849) under Cooperative Agreement (H2261100002) in the amount of \$112,445.20 with a period of performance from date of award until 06/30/2017.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

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.