



**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	P16AS00212
Project Title	National Park Service- Reconstructing fire regimes and forest history in upland ecosystems at Zion NP
Recipient	<u>Rocky Mountain Tree-Ring Research, Inc.</u>
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$54,900
Cost Share	\$14,025
Anticipated Length of Agreement	Through December 31, 2018
Anticipated Period of Performance	Through December 31, 2018
Award Instrument	Cooperative Agreement (task award)
Statutory Authority	54 U.S.C. 101702(a), 16 U.S.C. 17k-2(e), 16 U.S.C. 4601-1(f)(1), 16 U.S.C. 1246(h)(1), 16 U.S.C. 1723(c), 54 U.S.C. 101701(b)
CFDA # and Title	15.944
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OVERVIEW, RECIPIENT AND NPS INVOLVEMENT

The Rocky Mountain Tree-Ring Research will collaborate with the National Park Service (NPS) to further the understanding of landscape-scale changes to historic fire and forest conditions in the Zion National Park (ZION) uplands.

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 providing supporting data, identify potential sites suitable for data collection, and review analysis methods and reports, providing input into the project to ensure that data are compatible with past efforts and will adequately address fire management needs at ZION, providing assistance for the collection of such samples as are necessary to support the project,

and analyzing the effects of this project to ensure National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance and propose necessary mitigations. This project will require a NPS research permit, a NEPA assessment, and a wilderness analysis due to removal of tree cores and cross sections during the field sampling.

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

The cooperator is engaged in a Master Cooperative Agreement (P1AC00845) allowing Rocky Mountain Tree-Ring Inc. 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 promotion of youth involvement. This is a continuation of that Master Agreement.