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	NPS-20-REG1-0013
Project Title	Preservation, Rehabilitation, and Interpretation of the Old State Ho
Recipient	Revolutionary Spaces, Inc.
Anticipated Federal Funding	$0
Non-Federal Cost Share	$0
Total Anticipated Award Amount	$0
Award Instrument	☐ Task Agreement ☑ Cooperative Agreement ☐ Grant Agreement
Anticipated Period of Performance	Through June 30, 2025
Legal Authority	54 USC 101702(a); PL 93-431 Sec. 3(b); 54 USC 101701(b)
CFDA # and Title	15.946 Cultural Resource Management
Single Source Justification Criteria	legislative intent
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Section 1. Project Summary

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goal of this project is to promote the preservation, rehabilitation, and interpretation of the Old State House and the Old South Meeting House as part of Boston National Historical Park and the system of historic sites and landscapes that help tell of the sacrifices of our founding fathers during the American Revolution, the birth of democracy and what it means to be an American today. The objectives of the agreement are to: Preserve the historic integrity of the Old State House and the Old South Meeting House for the benefit of the American people as part of their national inheritance; Increase public awareness, knowledge and support for historic preservation and stewardship of the nation's cultural and historical heritage; Provide for critical maintenance and infrastructure needs that ensure long-term preservation of and public access to two historic sites that played defining roles in the nation's founding; Support planning and execution of special events to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution and founding of the nation;

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC PURPOSE

The project promotes greater public and private participation in historic preservation programs and activities. The project builds resource stewardship ethics in its participants

The information, products and/or services identified or developed by this project will be shared through a variety of strategies to increase public awareness, knowledge and support for historic preservation and stewardship of the nation's cultural and historical heritage.

The project motivates its youth participants to become involved in the natural, cultural and /or historical resource protection of their communities and beyond.

STATEMENT OF WORK SUMMARY

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Specified projects and initiatives pursuant to this Agreement will be individually authorized by separate NPS task agreements, with each project or activity having a separate statement of work and budget developed cooperatively between the NPS and Revolutionary Spaces, Inc. Examples of possible focus for subsequent ask agreements includes but are not limited to: 250th anniversary of the American Revolution events; Public access and programming for local community members and visitors at the two historic sites and; Historic preservation of the buildings and their grounds.

The Act of October 1, 1974 (88 Stat. 1184), the park's enabling legislation, declared it a national policy to preserve, protect and interpret for the benefit and inspiration of the people of the United States as a national historical park certain historic structures and properties of outstanding national significance located in Boston, Massachusetts. The Old State House and the Old South Meeting House are two of the outstanding historic sites mentioned in the Act.

Revolutionary Spaces, Inc., a private, 501 (c)(3) organization owns the Old South Meeting House, where the Boston Tea Party started; and operates the Old State House, where the Boston Massacre took place. The Old State House is owned by the City of Boston but the Bostonian Society, the predecessor organization to Revolutionary Spaces, has leased the building, in fee from the City since 1881.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

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

1. Work with NPS to identify and implement projects that advance the shared preservation, interpretation, public access and engagement goals of Boston National Historical Park and Revolutionary Spaces, Inc.
2. Adhere to the best principles of universal accessibility in the design and implementation of projects.
3. Adhere to Federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and codes, as applicable.
4. Work closely with NPS staff to ensure that projects are in compliance, as needed, with all federal regulations, policies and procedures and are consistent with NPS policies, standards, guidelines, and priorities.
5. Maintain regular communication with NPS staff to ensure that work is implemented effectively and that any issues are identified and readily addressed.

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:

1. Consult with the Recipient to identify and implement projects that advance the shared preservation, interpretation, public access and engagement goals of Boston National Historical Park and Revolutionary Spaces, Inc.
2. Provide financial assistance and technical assistance, subject to the availability of funds, to Recipient to carry out objectives set forth in Task Agreements subsequent to this Cooperative Agreement.
3. Authorize NPS employees to undertake activities to support the efforts of the partnership.
4. Work closely with Recipient staff to ensure that projects adhere to the best principles of universal accessibility in design and implementation.
5. Work closely with Recipient staff to ensure that projects are in compliance, as applicable, with all federal regulations, policies and procedures and are consistent with NPS policies, standards, guidelines, and priorities.
6. Maintain regular communication with Recipient staff to ensure that work is implemented effectively and that any issues are identified and readily addressed.

☐ 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

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
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.

Revolutionary Spaces, Inc. is a private nonprofit, 501 (c)(3) organization that owns and operates the Old South Meeting House. The Old State House is owned by the City of Boston but the Bostonian Society, now Revolutionary Spaces, Inc., has leased the building, in fee from the City since 1881 and is responsible for operation, maintenance and preservation of the building and grounds. Both of these buildings are named in the enabling legislation for Boston National Historical Park.

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.
- [x] 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: