



**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	P16AS00518
Project Title	National Park Service- Bird and butterfly community response to large-scale invasive plant removal and native plant reestablishment in desert riparian habitat along the Rio Grande River, Big Bend National Park, Texas
Recipient	Cal State Los Angeles University Auxiliary Services Inc.
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$50,000
Cost Share	\$4,100
Anticipated Length of Agreement	Through 2/28/19
Anticipated Period of Performance	Through 2/28/19
Award Instrument	Cooperative Agreement (task award)
Statutory Authority	54 U.S.C. §100703, <i>Cooperative Study Units</i>
CFDA # and Title	15.945, <i>Cooperative Research & Training Programs</i>
Point of Contact	Katie Gaertner, Grants Management Specialist

OVERVIEW, RECIPIENT AND NPS SUBSTANTIAL INVOLVEMENT

The Cal State Los Angeles University Auxiliary Services Inc. will collaborate with the National Park Service (NPS) to conduct field surveys for birds, and line transects for butterflies, during the spring migration and summer breeding seasons over two years, use targeted surveys to census the population of the threatened Yellow-billed cuckoo and use remotely-sensed broad-scale data, combined with NPS on-the-ground vegetation and geomorphology data to create multi-scale analyses of the effects of vegetation treatments and landscape context on the river's bird and butterfly communities.

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 provide support for project collaborative and outreach components, including facilitating CSULA coordination and collaboration with Mexican Protected Area staff and biologists; and meeting room space for an international project workshop and cooperate with CSULA in planning, developing, and making available research and educational opportunities which will benefit CSULA's goals of education and research while furthering the knowledge required for preservation and conservation of Big Bend National Park resources, consistent with the policies and goals of the NPS.

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 (P13AC00676) allowing Cal State Los Angeles University Auxiliary Services 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 research and/or education project. This modification is a continuation of previously awarded Task Agreement P16AC00582.