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	P19AS00562
Project Title	Digitize Historic Photos for Yosemite National Park Archives
Recipient	Student Conservation Association
Anticipated Federal Funding	$31,989.75
Non-Federal Cost Share	$10,663.25
Total Anticipated Award Amount	$42,653.00
Award Instrument	☑ Task Agreement ☐ Cooperative Agreement ☐ Grant Agreement
Anticipated Period of Performance	09/01/2019 -- 2/28/2020
Legal Authority	54 USC 101702(a)
CFDA # and Title	15.931 - Conservation Activities by Youth Service Organizations
Single Source Justification Criteria	
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Section 1. Project Summary

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Yosemite Archives is one of the most active archives in the National Park Service, receiving thousands of research request per year. The Yosemite Archives is also tasked with being the memory of the park and provides critical documentation for decision making. Such documentation is used by Yosemite museum designers, and natural and cultural resource professionals to develop site-specific plans for the restoration and stabilization of natural and cultural resources. The photo in the collection are original, one-of a kind-documentation on historic structures, landscapes, people, flora and fauna. In addition, activities have taken place over time to alter those resources. Furthermore, the primary data sources are used weekly by park staff to create educational and interpretive exhibits for public view in the Yosemite Museum and Visitor Center and other park staff use the archives to document historic structures. Scholarly researchers from around the world use the Yosemite archives, including the rich collection of photos to produce books and

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC PURPOSE

Through their participation in this project, the intern, will receive mentorship, training, and professional development throughout their experience at Yosemite National Park. Through leadership development, career exploration, and goal setting, youth participating in this program acquire the skills necessary in order to pursue future careers as teachers, leaders, and public land managers helping to protect natural areas. The project motivates its youth participants to become advocates of natural and cultural resource stewardship in their communities and beyond. The services provided by the intern will increase opportunities for public learning and understanding of the rich natural and cultural history of Yosemite allowing them to develop their own intellectual and emotional connections leading them to better take care of the park's resources.

STATEMENT OF WORK SUMMARY

There are 20,000 original photographs in the Yosemite Archives which we plan to make accessible to NPS education and interpretation staff, historians and other scholars doing research in Yosemite by digitizing the photographs and placing them on the web. This phase of the project will involve working with 6,500 prints circa 1920s-1960s. Interns will conduct research needed to assess which images are in the public domain, which are copyrighted, and which are orphaned works. All of the images in the public domain and the orphaned works will be digitized and made broadly available to the public on the web. The interns will catalog the metadata into a master spreadsheet. From that point in the process, the images and metadata will be uploaded to NPGallery. Interns will produce at least one blog post or social media post during their internships. The Yosemite Museum blog post can be found at: https://www.nps.gov/yose/blogs/insideourcollections.htm. SCA will recruit three individuals to intern in the Yosemite archives for sixteen weeks.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

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

Student Conservation Association will engage in the recruitment, selection, and training, as appropriate of three archives interns. The SCA interns will collectively digitize 6,500 historic negatives, research to verify images are in public domain, and perform data entry into software to create necessary metadata. SCA will ensure that all work activities are conducted in a safe manner and in accordance with accepted practice for such activities. Furthermore, SCA will provide transportation to and from the park and subsistence during the tour or duty. An SCA approved uniform includes patches and name tag will be provided to the interns. SCA will also provide program support, evaluation, and obtain and maintain all appointment and administrative records for interns under this agreement.

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:

Substantial involvement on the part of the National Park Service (NPS) is anticipated for the successful completion of the objectives to be funded by this award. In particular, NPS will provide general orientation to park operations and NPS mission, as well as resource education with an emphasis on interpretation, education, and public communication. Material and related supplies will be provided for SCA interns as needed. A NPS technical representative will also be on-site with the SCA interns to assist with training and oversight of the project. The NPS will provide the following experiences/training to the interns: training and methodologies of archival preservation, training and experience in digitizing analog negatives into high resolution scans, technical training on the computer, and technical training on how to conduct copyright research.

☐ 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

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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;

(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. A single source on the basis of continuation must demonstrate that competition would result in a substantial duplicate cost to the government that cannot be recovered through competition;

(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;

(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.

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.
- [x] Supporting DOI Infrastructure needs.
- [x] 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.
- [x] 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

- [x] 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

- [x] 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.
- [ ] 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: