

This Funding Announcement is not a request for applications. This announcement is to provide public notice of the National Park Service (NPS), intention to fund the following project activities **without** competition.

ABSTRACT	
Funding Announcement	P13AS00056
Project Title	Accuracy Assessment of Vegetation Map at Lake Mead National Recreation Area
Recipient	Colorado State University
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$267,084.00
Cost Share	No/\$0.00
Anticipated Length of Agreement	3 Years 4 months
Anticipated Period of Performance	May 2013 through September 2016
Award Instrument	Cooperative Agreement
Statutory Authority	16 U.S.C. §1a-2(j) and 16 U.S.C. 5933
CFDA # and Title	15.945 Cooperative Research and Training Programs – Resources of the National Park System
Single Source Justification Criteria Cited	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.
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OVERVIEW

Through a Task Agreement against the Rocky Mountain Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units (CESU) Cooperative Agreement, the National Park Service (NPS) and Colorado State University will continue in a cooperative effort to work on the Accuracy Assessment of Vegetation Map at Lake Mead National Recreation Area project with the University's Colorado Natural Heritage Program.

STATEMENT OF JOINT OBJECTIVES/PROJECT MANAGEMENT PLAN

The overall goal of the project is to continue the work with the University of Colorado's Colorado

Natural Heritage Program to complete an accuracy assessment of vegetation map at Lake Mead National Recreation Area (NRA) as part of the baseline inventories completed under the National Park Service Inventory and Monitoring Program.

RECIPIENT INVOLVEMENT

Colorado State University (CSU) agrees to:

- Participate in project start-up, planning, and progress meetings.
- Prepare field key to map classes.
- Complete field data collection.
- Be responsible for all post-field season processing of field data and related products.
- Analyze accuracy assessment data.
- Prepare progress and final reports, and participate in project close-out meeting.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE INVOLVEMENT

National Park Service (NPS) agrees to:

- Coordinate field work logistics such as required safety protocols and issuance of dispatch telephones for the field work in Lake Mead NRA.
- Review program guidance and requirements with CSU.
- Provide the NPS Plots Database for entering field data.
- Be the point of contact for questions that arise during the project.
- Review draft documents and provide timely feedback for incorporation into final product delivery.
- Help train field crew personnel with accuracy assessment procedures, if needed.
- Assist with data management.
- Facilitate the delivery of the final map for accuracy assessment by the Recipient.
- Regularly communicate with the Principal Investigator on the planned work schedule and project goals.

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.

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

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The National Park Service (NPS) has utilized Colorado State University on similar mapping inventory projects. Colorado State University has a strong series of academic programs related to both natural and cultural resources. In addition, Colorado State University is located within several miles of the NPS Natural Resource Stewardship and Science (NRSS) offices.