



**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	P16AS00249
Project Title	National Park Service- A Vegetation Map for White Sands NM
Recipient	\$128,074
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$128,074
Cost Share	<i>None Required</i>
Anticipated Length of Agreement	Through December 31, 2017
Anticipated Period of Performance	Through December 31, 2017
Award Instrument	Cooperative Agreement (task award)
Statutory Authority	<i>54 U.S.C. §100703, Cooperative Study Units</i>
CFDA # and Title	<i>15.945, Cooperative Research & Training Programs</i>
Point of Contact	Kelly Adams, Grants Management Specialist

OVERVIEW, RECIPIENT AND NPS SUBSTANTIAL INVOLVEMENT

The University of New Mexico (UNM) will collaborate with the National Park Service (NPS) to complete a vegetation mapping inventory project for White Sands NM; part of the NPS Inventory and Monitoring Division's baseline vegetation inventory program.

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 selecting plot locations, assist in obtaining permits, assist in data collection and provide written sampling methodology, field sheets and initial plot location.

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 (H1200090005) allowing UNM 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 is a continuation of the Master agreement and adding funds to the existing agreement P14AC000284.