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-NOI-P20AC00470
Project Title	Collaborate with University of West Florida to Develop Mutually Be
Recipient	University of West Florida
Anticipated Federal Funding	$11,800.21
Non-Federal Cost Share	
Total Anticipated Award Amount	$52,800
Award Instrument	☑ Task Agreement ☐ Cooperative Agreement ☐ Grant Agreement
Anticipated Period of Performance	9/1/2020 through 9/1/2025
Legal Authority	54 U.S.C. § 101702(a); 54 U.S.C. § 100703
CFDA # and Title	15.945 Cooperative Research and Training Programs Resources of
Single Source Justification Criteria	
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Section 1. Project Summary

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

A. Project Goals – The goal of this task agreement is to enhance scientific research, understanding, preservation, and interpretation of archaeological resources at Gulf Islands National Seashore.

B. Project Objectives – This project will fund intern positions for students who will work closely with the NPS staff at GUIS to support the Cultural Resources Division's archaeology program, to conduct archaeological surveys to fulfill the requirements of Sections 106 and 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. Students participating in these internships will gain valuable field experience, as well as a deep understanding of cultural resource management within the federal government.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC PURPOSE

The student interns will gain hands-on experience in the proper monitoring and surveying techniques for archaeological resources, including the stabilization of eroding sites, selection of materials, cataloging and analyzing artifacts, and writing professional reports. The project will directly contribute to the public and interns', understanding of the cultural resources within GUIS, and will promote resource stewardship principles within the crews participating in the project. A secondary benefit to the public will be the enhanced ability of GUIS to interpret the long history of the park using the findings.

STATEMENT OF WORK SUMMARY

This project is entered into to provide funding for the placement of graduate and undergraduate students of University of West Florida (UWF), who provide their services through NPS internships and/or the Federal Work-Study program for stipends, training, and education experience in the area of archaeological research and study at GUIS.

Tasks for interns will be jointly developed at the beginning of each internship cycle. Tasks may include archaeological monitoring and surveys, cataloging and analyzing of resulting archaeological material, writing reports, collecting and curating GIS data.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

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

1. The Recipient shall adhere to Federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and codes, as applicable.

2. In consultation with GUIS Cultural Resource Program Manager, UWF will supply an experienced archaeologist (pursuant to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards [SOI] for Archaeology) to train and oversee graduate and undergraduate students providing field, laboratory, and analysis support for archaeological activities within GUIS. The SOI-qualified archaeologist and the GUIS Cultural Resource Program Manager will act as the Co-Principal Investigators on all NPS permits. Availability of archaeological support provided by UWF will be on a mutually-agreed-upon schedule.

3. In consultation with GUIS Cultural Resource Program Manager, perform Phase I archaeological survey and testing for inventory and compliance with Sections 106 and 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

4. In consultation with GUIS Cultural Resource Program Manager, conduct condition assessments on GUIS archaeological

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:

a. To provide general orientation to GUIS operations and the NPS mission.

b. Interview and review student resumes for referred student candidates.

c. In collaboration with the UWF provided SOI archaeologist, provide mentorship to student trainees and on-site assistance when needed.

d. Report to UWF time and work accomplishments for students in accordance with requirements of this program.

e. Complete student evaluations at least once an academic year and forward to UWF.

f. The Science and Resource Stewardship division will provide NPS logo shirts and hats. Closed-toe shoes are required attire and remain the responsibility of the students themselves.

☐ 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. 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.

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: