

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

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This announcement is to provide public notice of the National Park Service’s intention to award a task agreement under a previously competed or single source justified master cooperative agreement.

ABSTRACT	
Funding Announcement Number	P17AS00341
Project Title	Two NRHP Historic District Determinations of Eligibility (DOE) for Dinosaur National Monument
Recipient	Organization of American Historians, James Steely
Anticipated Federal Funding	\$30,118
Anticipated Period of Performance	6/1/17-6/1/19
Award Instrument	Task Agreement
Statutory Authority	54 U.S.C. §101702(a), (b) and 54 U.S.C. §100703
CFDA # and Title	15.945 CESU
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BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

Cooperative Agreement Number P16AC00031 was entered into by and between the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, (NPS), and Organization of American Historians (hereafter referred to as ‘Recipient’) for the purpose of providing research, technical assistance, and/or education, as described below. Unless otherwise specified herein, the terms and conditions as stated in the Cooperative Agreement will apply to this Task Agreement.

STATEMENT OF WORK

Dinosaur National Monument (DINO) was created in 1915 under President Woodrow Wilson, originally designating 80 acres and protecting the Dinosaur Quarry and surrounding land in Utah. The Quarry presents a large collection of dinosaur bones *in situ*, accessed by the public via the Quarry Entrance Road from Jensen, Utah. Renowned paleontologists—whose sponsors included the Carnegie Museum of Pittsburgh, U.S. Geological Survey, and the Smithsonian’s American Museum of Natural History—studied the Quarry for decades, and the monument was expanded in 1938 to 200,000 acres including scenic lands in adjacent Colorado along the Green and Yampa Rivers. The monument drew attention in the 1950s to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation’s (USBR) plans to dam the Green River and create an enormous reservoir that would flood much of the monument, including Echo Park in Colorado. The Echo Park Dams were part of a multi-state water-storage plan of USBR that included Glen Canyon Dam on the Colorado River in Arizona, but were dropped from the project to protect Dinosaur National Monument and other lands in 1955.

The National Park Service subsequently designed and built extensive administrative and park-visitor facilities at DINO through its Mission 66 program between 1956 and 1966.

These improvements included the 1958 Quarry Visitor Center, now Quarry Exhibit Hall, listed in 1986 in the NRHP and designated in 2001 a National Historic Landmark. Subsequent rebuilding in the early 2000s of the structurally unstable 1958 Quarry building led to addition of a new Quarry Visitor Center completed in 2011, accessed from Quarry Entrance Road but separated from the monument's other Mission 66 facilities.

The Mission 66 District within Dinosaur National Monument's Utah-area includes (Phase 1 DOE): Entrance Kiosk, Split Mountain Campground (including 4 comfort stations, interpretation building and boat ramp), Green River Campground (including 4 comfort stations and a ranger residence), Employee Housing Area (includes 4 houses and 2 apartment buildings), Maintenance Area (includes maintenance yard, sewer lagoons, and utility corridors), Quarry Entrance Road, and Cub Creek Road. The primary buildings are connected by a system of associated parking, walkways, signage, landscape features, plantings, and vistas.

The Mission 66 District within Dinosaur National Monument's Colorado-area includes (Phase 2 DOE): Canyon Area Visitor Center, Employee Housing Area (8 houses and 1 apartment building), Maintenance Area (maintenance yard, sewer lagoon, and utility corridors), and 31-mile Harper's Corner Road (with 7 scenic/ interpretive automobile turnouts).

Two Determinations of Eligibility will be completed (Phase 1 and planned Phase 2) to evaluate the extents of the NRHP districts boundaries and associated Mission 66 resources. Research into the development of the monument through the Mission 66 program of the NPS (1956-1966) will be documented as part of the NRHP forms' statements of significance. This work will be completed in partnership with the IMR CLI program. The process will include review by NPS regional and park staff, consultation with the Utah SHPO (and planned consultation with the Colorado SHPO), and consultation with WASO NRHP staff as needed.

RECIPIENT AGREES TO:

Conduct the necessary background research, travel, writing, and photography to complete the DINO Mission 66 Districts DOEs with the support of the NPS Cultural Landscapes program for mapping and geo-location information.

The recipient will incorporate comments from park, regional, and WASO office staff along with those of the Utah SHPO and Colorado SHPO to complete the final DOE package ready for submission to the NRHP. Current standards of the NPS NRHP program will be followed for photographs, mapping, and final nomination forms.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AGREES TO:

The NPS will support the research needs of the recipient through providing access to park files, reports, photographs, maps, or any other documents needed during the project to help clarify the history, significance, and evolution of these landscapes.