



**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), intention to fund the following project activities **without** competition.

ABSTRACT	
Funding Announcement	NPS-NOIP15AC01054
Project Title	National Park Service- Cooperative GIS Research and Support for Enterprise Data Management and Delivery Tools
Recipient	Colorado State University
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$167,141
Cost Share	\$46, 231
Anticipated Length of Agreement	Through June 30, 2017
Anticipated Period of Performance	Through June 30, 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>
Single Source Justification Criteria Cited	#4 – Unique Qualifications
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OVERVIEW, RECIPIENT AND NPS SUBSTANTIAL INVOLVEMENT

Colorado State University (CSU) will collaborate with the National Park Service (NPS) by data mining, data preparation, data compilation, data analysis, data management, and data distribution, including the creation of FDGC-compliant metadata, digitizing, image rectification, maps layouts and production, GIS analysis, support scripting and Park Atlas web mapping projects.

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 provide consultation, advice, provide necessary training in various computer operating systems, GIS languages, and metadata collection software packages, provide overview of the NPS, its mission and internal programs, and how GIS interrelates and supports this mission, provide quality control review of project products, including data, metadata, maps, web viewers, and scripts.

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:

(4) Unique Qualifications -The cooperator is a member of an established Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (CESU) network, and was awarded a Cooperative Agreement (P14AC00941) allowing UWY to participate in specific tasks, and can provide the specific research and investigative support to conduct this particular task while providing an effective outcome for the National Park Service and the research project. As such, the applicant is uniquely qualified to perform the activity based on their participation as a University Partner in the Cooperative Ecosystems Study Unit, their capacity to provide appropriate researchers, and their ability to broadly utilize research results as teaching tool.