



**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's intention to fund the following project activities without full and open competition.

ABSTRACT	
Funding Announcement	P14AS00268
Project Title	SEA LEVEL MONITORING AND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE NPS
Recipient	Colorado State University
Principle Investigator / Program Manager	Melinda Laituri
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$135,431.79
Cost Share	\$35,961.00
New Award or Continuation?	Continuation of Cooperative Agreement P14AC00728
Anticipated Length of Agreement	From date of award until 08/31/2015
Anticipated Period of Performance	From date of award until 08/31/2015
Award Instrument	Cooperative Agreement
Statutory Authority	16 USC 1(g); 16 USC 1a-2(j); 16 USC 5933
CFDA # and Title	15.945 Cooperative Research & Training Programs – Resources of the NPS CESU's
Single Source Justification Criteria Cited	(2) Continuation
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OVERVIEW

Cooperative Agreement Number P14AC00728 Rocky Mountain Cooperative Ecosystems Study Unit was entered into by and between the Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS), and Colorado State University (CSU) to provide research, technical assistance and education to federal land management, environmental and research agencies and their potential partners; that involves the biological, physical, social, and cultural sciences needed to address resources issues and interdisciplinary problem-solving at multiple scales and in an ecosystem context at the local, regional, and national level; and place special emphasis on the working collaboration among federal agencies and universities and their related partner institutions. Unless otherwise specified herein, the terms and conditions as stated in the Cooperative Agreement will apply to this Task Agreement.

The focus of this task agreement is to develop, document, and maintain sea level monitoring protocols to better prepare for increasing sea levels and storm surge. Using geographic information systems (GIS) and other analysis tools, the initial focus of this project, as part of the post-Hurricane Sandy mitigation efforts, will be to install sea level monitoring equipment and associated geodetic monumentation at Fire Island National Seashore (FIIS). FIIS is situated squarely in one of the aforementioned NWLON gaps. After determining the best installation site, installing a temporary tide gauge, and collecting water level data, local tidal datums (mean high water, mean low water, etc.) can be calculated. The local tidal datums can then be used to establish a relationship with datums from nearby NWLON stations, and leverage the long-term sea level trend data from these nearby NWLON stations.

This project will integrate with and provide support to several current critical NE regional projects including benthic habitat mapping, coastal elevation and bathymetry data collection, geodetic benchmark recovery and installation, and salt marsh elevation/accretion (SET) research projects.

RECIPIENT INVOLVEMENT

- Provide research associates under the Principal Investigator
- Colorado State University researchers will participate in cooperative teams with the NPS that may be led by either party. Close working relationships with outside partners and affiliates and substantial involvement of multiple programs will be required to successfully complete this task.
- Provide monthly invoices paid upon receipt.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE INVOLVEMENT

Substantial involvement on the part the National Park Service is anticipated for the successful completion of the objectives to be funded by this award. In particular, the National Park Service will be responsible for the following:

- RISD staff members and affiliates will collaborate on this project with the CSU research associates.

- Provide office space and other material support (computer, GPS equipment, travel) for the cooperators.
- Provide the needed data and equipment to allow the researchers to perform their work and publish the products to university affiliates, partners, and the public.

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.

The National Park Service did not solicit full and open competition for this award based the following criteria:

(2) CONTINUATION

SINGLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION DESCRIPTION:

THIS IS A NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

This is a Task Agreement (P14AC01466) under Cooperative Agreement (P14AC00728) in the amount of \$135431.79 with a period of performance from date of award until 8/31/2015.

"This proposed project between Colorado State University and the NPS is authorized to go through the Rocky Mountains CESU at the negotiated overhead rate of 17.5% because it passes the test of substantial involvement by the NPS, public purpose and consistency with the mission of the CESU Network". Also, on the SF 424 forms that the partner sponsored programs office fills out for each project, requires a CFDA number - 15.945, which is the number associated with the CFDA Title: COOPERATIVE RESEARCH AND TRAINING PROGRAMS - RESOURCES OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (CESU).

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

- A. 16 U.S.C. §1g authorizes the NPS to enter into cooperative agreements that involve the transfer of NPS appropriated funds to state, local and tribal governments, other public entities, educational institutions, and private nonprofit organizations for the public purpose of carrying out National Park Service programs.
- B. 16 U.S.C. §1a-2(j) Cooperative research and training programs authorizes the NPS to enter into cooperative agreements with public or private educational institutions, states, and their political subdivisions, for the purpose of developing adequate, coordinated, cooperative research and training programs concerning the resources of the national park system. Pursuant to such agreements, the cooperator may accept from or make available to the NPS technical and support staff, financial assistance for mutually agreed upon research projects, supplies and equipment, facilities, and administrative services relating to cooperative research units as the Secretary deems appropriate (research projects subject to Federal Acquisition Regulation excluded).
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- C. 16 U.S.C. §5933 Cooperative agreements. The Secretary is authorized and directed to enter into cooperative agreements with colleges and universities, including but not limited to land grant schools, in partnership with other Federal and State agencies, to establish cooperative study units to conduct multi-disciplinary research and develop integrated information products on the resources of the National Park System, or the larger region of which parks are a part.