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-NOIP19AC00219
Project Title	The Natural Resources of the Lewis and Clark NHT Exhibit - LECL
Recipient	Alex Wiles Photography
Anticipated Federal Funding	$40,000
Non-Federal Cost Share	$0
Total Anticipated Award Amount	$120,000
Award Instrument	☐ Task Agreement ☑ Cooperative Agreement ☐ Grant Agreement
Anticipated Period of Performance	6/1/2019 - 6/30/2022
Legal Authority	16 USC S 246(h)(1): Agreements to Operate, Develop and
CFDA # and Title	15.935 National Trails Systems Projects
Single Source Justification Criteria	Unique Qualifications / Unsolicited Proposal
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Section 1. Project Summary

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail (NHT) is working to increase public interpretation opportunities and increase public awareness of the natural resources along the trail. The 2019 Lewis and Clark NHT Long-Range interpretive plan calls for "theme-based traveling exhibit" to increase opportunities and awareness of the Lewis and Clark NHT. The Goal of this project is to develop a theme based exhibit. The objectives are to work with numerous partner sites to display the exhibits along the trail and increase public interpretation and increase the visitor experience.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC PURPOSE

The Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail is working to increase interpretation opportunities and public awareness of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail sites along the 3,700 mile Trail. Work in partnership with partner sites to help tell the Lewis and Clark story through exhibits, while focusing on the natural resources that are related to the story and the trail today. The exhibits will help tell the special connections to the Lewis and Clark story and the natural resources along the trail.

STATEMENT OF WORK SUMMARY

The Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail (NHT)is working to increase interpretation and public awareness of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail sites. The Lewis and Clark NHT works with over one hundred different partner sites along the 3,700 mile trail. Alex Wiles Photography has taken photos of wildlife species that are native and present along the Missouri River and many of them have a Lewis and Clark connection.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

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

- Collaboratively planning and designing exhibits with the partner site and the Lewis and Clark NHT staff.
- Printing Photograph displays assist with Natural Resource interpretation and connection to the Missouri River.
- Creating the exhibit design and over all exhibit production.
- Communicate and educate the sites about the photographs and exhibits and be available to present and discuss them to the public.

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:

- Provide guidance on the exhibit types, exhibit information and designs needed to interpret the Lewis and Clark NHT.
- Assist sites with promotion and technical assistance of the exhibit.
- Coordinate exhibit locations, delivery, and site placement.
- Assist with Lewis and Clark Interpretation and connection to the photographs.

☐ 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.

Unsolicited Proposal:LECL was approached by Alex Wiles about his unique photography and exhibits highlighting the natural resources along the Missouri River and Lewis and Clark NHT. At the time Alex already established an exhibit with his photography at Fontenelle Forest, a LECL trail partner site. Alex informed us that he was also working on doing additional sites along the Lewis and Clark NHT. One of those sites was also the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Sioux City, IA. Alex Wiles prepared all his exhibits without government involvement. It was a unique idea to have Alex Wiles create multiple exhibits that could travel the Missouri River portion of the trail. This concept was innovative and not part of anything planned. LECL staff believed it would be advantageous for LECL to work with Alex after we were presented his photographs and presented his exhibits.

Unique Qualifications: Alex Wiles has been able to capture a very unique glimpse into the world of the Missouri River floodplain with what is called high-key photography. The extremely unique photographs produce something artistic and scientific, giving due recognition to the charismatic aquatic life that people rarely see. Alex Wiles has been able to capture a very unique glimpse into the world of the Missouri River floodplain with what is called high-key photography. The extremely

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.
- [ ] 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: