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	P20AS00051
Project Title	Archeological Overview and Assessment of Bering Land Bridge NP
Recipient	Portland State University
Anticipated Federal Funding	$64,256
Non-Federal Cost Share	$0.00
Total Anticipated Award Amount	$129,420.00
Award Instrument	☐ Task Agreement ☑ Cooperative Agreement ☐ Grant Agreement
Anticipated Period of Performance	May 2, 2020 - May 1, 2025
Legal Authority	54 USC § 100703. Cooperative study units
CFDA # and Title	15.945, Cooperative Research and Training Programs
Single Source Justification Criteria	Unique Qualifications
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Section 1. Project Summary

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goal of this project is to understand the nature and scope of previous archeological work in the preserve, synthesize the results of those efforts into a detailed culture history of the Seward Peninsula, and provide strategies and direction for future research to fill in gaps in the archeological record.

Objectives include the completion of an archaeological overview and assessment report of Bering Land Bridge National Preserve, development of a GIS database of all known archeological sites, limited site assessments of known sites, and solicitation of recommendations from Alaska Native tribes and organizations for future work.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC PURPOSE

a) Provide research, technical assistance and education to federal land management, environmental and research agencies and their potential partners;
b) Develop a program of research, technical assistance and education 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
c) Place special emphasis on collaboration among federal agencies and universities and their related partner institutions.
d) Provide baseline documentation about archeological resources, current standing of work conducted, and directions for future work within Bering Land Bridge National Preserve.

STATEMENT OF WORK SUMMARY

Tasks and work products include:
• Conduct a literature review, making a systematic effort to track down all the reports and references related to archeological work in the park. This review shall be included in the final report. Compile a descriptive, statistical, and chronological summary of previously documented archeological sites to better understand the major prehistoric themes, demographic information, land use patterns, and issues. This compilation shall be included in the final report. Identify sites through the literature review and other research that lack current condition assessments and determinations of eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).
• Conduct limited site assessments of known archeological sites, when and if funding and time is available, to refine and correct any aforementioned data.
• Meet with local Alaskan Native Tribes, Alaska Native Corporations, and other interested parties associated with the Seward Peninsula, when and if time is available, for input into recommendations for future work.
• Provide recommendations for future projects that increase the area surveyed and list notable sites to be further evaluated. These recommendations will help fulfill the NPS mission to protect, study, and interpret archeological resources in Bering Land Bridge National Preserve.
• Create a Geographic Information System (GIS) database that meets the NPS standards to contain all known archeological sites and previously surveyed areas.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

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

a. Determine the level of staffing needed to accomplish the required research and other project activities and assemble a small team to work under the PI's direction.
b. Provide qualified cultural resource personnel for laboratory work.
c. Complete a final report of the project. The report should include all things outlined in Article IV.
d. Provide all transportation to and from Alaska for PSU staff for all meetings and field work.
e. Present final project findings to the community and/or regional anthropological association meeting upon completion of the project.

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. Make available NPS facilities for logistics and execution of the project, as approved by the Park Superintendent.
b. Provide Consultation contacts for tribal representatives throughout the course of research.
c. Participate with the Recipient in the development of any needed ethnographic research protocols and in the initiation of ethnographic research.
d. Review all draft and final products, including the draft and final project reports, publishable maps, and draft publishable manuscripts, and provide the Recipient with comments within a pre-arranged schedule following receipt of materials.

☐ 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

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
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.

The recipient is uniquely qualified and experienced to conduct archaeological research in Bering Land Bridge National Preserve to produce an overview and assessment for the National Park Service. The Recipient has previously conducted research for Bering Land Bridge National Preserve that include the Nuluk Project, a Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Project, and a Coastal Vulnerability Project. The previous research includes work in arctic environments that pose challenges even with this valuable experience. The Recipient has also worked with the associated tribes on numerous projects within the region and has expertise that will provide better communication between all parties. The Recipient has the necessary systems infrastructure and trained staff to provide support for this project and acquire additional student and experienced staff members when needed. Without these unique qualifications, another researcher would require more time and infrastructure to being this project in a timely manner.

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: