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	P19AS00612
Project Title	Archeological Inventory, Condition Assessment and Data Recovery
Recipient	Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History Foundation
Anticipated Federal Funding	$60,913.00
Non-Federal Cost Share	$0.00
Total Anticipated Award Amount	$60,913.00
Award Instrument	☐ Task Agreement ☑ Cooperative Agreement ☐ Grant Agreement
Anticipated Period of Performance	09/20/2019 – 12/31/2022
Legal Authority	54 U.S.C. §101702(a)
CFDA # and Title	15.946, Cultural Resources Management
Single Source Justification Criteria	(4) Unique Qualifications
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Section 1. Project Summary

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

This project will provide baseline data for archeological resources at Channel Islands National Park (CHIS or park) in targeted, highly vulnerable areas. Work will include inventory, documentation and condition assessments in at-risk areas on Santa Rosa and San Miguel Islands, and limited testing at a site on Santa Rosa Island. The work will be accomplished under the direction of a professional archeologist for the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History and overseen by the Park Archeologist. This project will document the effects of erosion on archeological sites that are contributing elements to nationally significant archeological districts. All site documentation will meet park, National Park Service (NPS) and state standards. Resultant data will be incorporated into GIS and will support vulnerability modeling. Tribal consultants will be encouraged to participate in all aspects of the project. A peer-reviewed, professional report of findings will be generated. All data and collections will be incorporated into park information systems and

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC PURPOSE

This project will provide for collaborative work to increase documentation and treatment of highly sensitive archeological resources that are threatened with erosion from changing weather patterns, rising sea levels, and loss of vegetation. This work will enhance both parties' knowledge and understanding of the resources and issues for the benefit of partners, Tribal entities, scientists and the public. The non-sensitive knowledge gained will be made available to the public, thereby increasing access to the understanding and knowledge of the park's human history. Several young adult student interns will participate in this project and be trained in the tasks associated with this work, thereby expanding the expertise and knowledge base for specialized documentation and treatment of Federal archeological resources beyond the NPS.

STATEMENT OF WORK SUMMARY

Fieldwork will consist of four 8-day tours. Each tour will have four participants: the Principal Investigator (PI), a tribal participant / research assistant, and two student/field assistants. The final tour, which will involve excavation, will also have a tribal monitor.

The first three tours will involve inventory and condition assessments in vulnerable areas, as identified during the planning stage. One tour will take place on San Miguel Island and two tours will take place on Santa Rosa Island. These tours will include site identification, documentation, and condition assessment. Sites that are in areas vulnerable to erosional processes will be targeted and possible mitigation measures will be recommended. While these tours will focus on areas with previously identified sites, previously undiscovered archaeological deposits will be recorded and assessed. All sites will be mapped using GPS enabled devices provided by CHIS. Small samples may be collected from the sites for the purposes of AMS and site constituent analysis. The PI will prepare all resulting site records, condition assessment forms, documentation of 14C dates obtained, GIS files, and any management recommendations specific to individual sites.

The final tour will focus on data recovery at a site on Santa Rosa Island. This site is located in a high traffic area and recent site assessments have shown that the site is being impacted by foot traffic, and data recovery is the preferred mitigation measure. The data recovery plan will focus on obtaining a representative sample of the site and will be finalized by the PI and NPS, after additional consultation with tribal partners. The PI will complete post-field processing of materials, preparation of collection for museum archiving, and final project reporting.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

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

1. Participate as subject matter specialists in park consultations with tribal partners.
2. Carry out archaeological survey and limited testing within CHIS.
3. Cooperate with the Agreement Technical Representative (ATR) to ensure that the conduct of the project complies with the "NPS Interim Guidance Document Governing Code of Conduct, Peer Review, and Information Quality Correction for National Park Service Cultural and Natural Resources Disciplines," and with any and all subsequent guidance issued by the NPS Director to replace this interim document. The ATR is the peer review manager for this project.
4. Ensure that all records, data and reports generated through this work adhere to confidentiality requirements of all applicable federal laws and agency policies.
5. Prepare the technical reports described in the Agreement.
6. Fully acknowledge the NPS and this Cooperative Agreement in any published or formally presented material developed or derived from this Agreement.
7. Collaborate with NPS, as appropriate, in a sixty-day wrap-up period following the due date of the last project product.

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:

1. Assist with training project participants in the archeology of the Channel Islands; NPS Management Policies regarding research and management of archeological resources, and consultation with Indian Tribes; and public laws governing registration and treatment of Historic Properties.
2. Facilitate housing and transportation within CHIS.
3. Review draft site forms and other survey documents to ensure conformation with OHP and CHIS standards.
4. Inform the PI of the specific activities required to comply with the "NPS Interim Guidance Document Governing Code of Conduct, Peer Review, and Information Quality Correction for National Park Service Cultural and Natural Resource Disciplines," and with any and all subsequent guidance issued by the NPS Director to replace this interim document.
5. Provide review of and comments for the technical reports as described in the Agreement.
6. Fully acknowledge NHMLA and this Cooperative Agreement in any published or formally presented material developed or derived from this Agreement.
7. Obtain digital photographs with captions of project activities and make these available to the NPS and the NPS NHMLA Research Coordinator and others for use in presentations and reports.

☐ 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.

NHMLA is uniquely qualified to conduct the project activities due to its technical expertise. Specifically, the Principal Investigator leading this project, Dr. Amy Gusick, is an expert in the prehistory of the Channel Islands, particularly the Paleocoastal Period, to which one of the sites being investigated dates. Dr. Gusick has extensive experience on both Santa Rosa Island and San Miguel Island with survey and site documentation and is involved in multifaceted and interdisciplinary research into the human history of the islands. Additionally, her area of research expertise includes identification of coastal archeological sites in areas threatened by coastal erosional processes including sea level rise and storm surges. Finally, NHMLA has the facilities necessary for post field processing of documentation and material assessment.

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: