



**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	P14AS00285
Project Title	Historic Resource Study- Harriet Tubman National Monument
Recipient	Organization of American Historians
Principle Investigator / Program Manager	Aidan Smith
Total Anticipated Award Amount	94,994.03
Cost Share	None
New Award or Continuation?	Continuation of Cooperative Agreement H2261100002
Anticipated Length of Agreement	From date of award until 0/1/2017
Anticipated Period of Performance	From date of award until 0/1/2017
Award Instrument	Cooperative Agreement
Statutory Authority	16 USC 1(g)
CFDA # and Title	15.946 Cultural Resource Managemet
Single Source Justification Criteria Cited	(2) Continuation
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OVERVIEW

Created by Presidential Proclamation on March 25, 2013, Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Monument is one of the newest additions to the 401 units of the National Park System. The monument encompasses approximately 11,750 acres of flat, open fields, marsh, and thick woodlands in Dorchester County, Maryland where Harriet Tubman was born, in 1822, and where she became physically and spiritually strong. After liberating herself from slavery at age 27, Tubman returned again and again to this area to help family, friends, and others to escape to freedom. Many of the places in the landscape of Tubman's early life and from her quest for freedom remain within the boundaries of the monument, including Stewart's Canal, the Jacob Jackson Home Site, Bucktown Crossroads, Scotts Chapel, Bazel Church, and others. Much of Tubman's natal landscape is now part of Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge and managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The creation of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Monument followed more than a decade of community advocacy and careful study, including a Congressionally directed study to evaluate the sites' potential for inclusion within the National Park System. An interagency, multidisciplinary working group convened in 2008 to begin to identify key themes and stories. In addition, a scholars' roundtable, co-sponsored by NPS and the Organization of American Historians, convened subject matter experts to identify appropriate historical contexts for resource management and interpretation.

The Historic Resource Study, as defined in NPS Cultural Resource Management Guidelines (NPS-28), provides a historical overview of a park or region and identifies a park's cultural resources within historic contexts. This project will prepare a Historic Resource Study for Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Monument. The study will provide essential information which will inform decisions about the preservation, management, and interpretation of historic and cultural resources at the park.

RECIPIENT INVOLVEMENT

- a) Produce a Historic Resource Study for Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Monument that provides a narrative history of the park, embracing social, political, cultural and economic themes related to the park's purpose while providing accurate baseline information that will place the extant and historical resources of the park within larger historical and geographic contexts.
- b) Engage an appropriate scholar (or team of scholars) to undertake the work and act as the liaison between the NPS and the scholar(s);
- c) Work with NPS to develop a detailed scope of work, based on Article I of this task agreement, for the scholar(s) to follow in order to complete the Historic Resource study;
- d) Ensure that the manuscript is prepared as a scholarly report meeting the standards of the historical profession and the NPS through project management, including coordination of agency and peer review comments and provision of editorial services;
- e) Produce the final publication quality manuscript in pdf format for purposes of internet access, plus twenty-five (25) bound copies.
- f) Produce an interim interpretive deliverable, to be defined in collaboration with the NPS and the project scholar(s) that will present contextual narratives to general and diverse

audiences as a means of engaging audiences and stakeholders in the research project and in the stewardship of park resources.

- g) Participate in a one-day workshop with park staff and community stakeholders and the researcher to share the results of the study so that the information can be incorporated, as appropriate, into public programming at the park.
- h) Make the report available to its membership, as well as the public more broadly, and promote the report within its professional networks so as to make the report as widely available as possible to scholars of American History, so that those scholars and teachers may use the report's findings in their teaching and writing, to the benefit of not only the scholarly community but students at many levels.
- i) Promote, to its membership and through its professional networks, any use by NPS of the report in its management and planning, so as to draw attention to its continued efforts to make the presentation and practice of American History within NPS as informed, current, and professional as possible, which is a core mission of the OAH.

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:

- a.) Work with the OAH to develop a detailed scope of work, based on Article I of this task agreement, for the scholar to follow in order to complete the Historic Resource study;
- b.) Work with the OAH in selecting the scholar(s) to conduct the research;
- c.) Provide the scholar(s) with access to park records, reports and databases; familiarize the scholar with the park's resources and facilities; and work with the scholar to select oral history interviewees as needed;
- d.) Review the progress of the research to ensure relevance and quality;
- e.) Distribute the report and make the research available to park managers and the general public for use in management and planning;
- f.) Organize the one-day workshop with the OAH and the scholar(s) to present the findings of the report to park staff and stakeholders in the community
- g.) Share and promote the completed HRS with related and relevant NPS units.

The OAH and the NPS agree to work cooperatively on the project on a regular basis for the purpose of providing guidance to the scholars(s), monitoring work, providing input, and setting or adjusting priorities.

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 (P14AC01552) under Cooperative Agreement (H2261100002) in the amount of \$94,994.03 with a period of performance from date of award until 09/01/2017.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

16 U.S.C 1g authorizes the National Park Service (NPS) to enter into cooperative agreements that involve the transfer of NPS appropriated funds to nonprofit organizations for the public purpose of carrying out NPS programs.

16 U.S.C. 470 § 110 (d) – National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).