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	P20AS00013
Project Title	Fuels Reduction, Conservation Activities; Lake Mead NRA
Recipient	Nevada Division of Forestry
Anticipated Federal Funding	$49,976.00 (Future Funding will be added)
Non-Federal Cost Share	$0.00
Total Anticipated Award Amount	$49,976.00
Award Instrument	☐ Task Agreement ☑ Cooperative Agreement ☐ Grant Agreement
Anticipated Period of Performance	01/06/2020 - 12/31/2021
Legal Authority	54 U.S.C. §101702(a)
CFDA # and Title	15.944; Natural Resources Stewardship
Single Source Justification Criteria	Uniqualifications
National Park Service Point of Contact	Darren Battles National Park Service

Section 1. Project Summary

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF), a State of Nevada Division, operates Conservation Camp Programs. The conservation camp program began in 1958 with inmates from the Nevada State Prison to perform conservation related activities, including fire suppression. Two camps were established in 1959, one located northwest of Reno on Peavine Mountain and the other on Spooner Summit at Lake Tahoe. The Peavine Camp was closed in 1968 due to the encroachment of neighborhoods. The Spooner Conservation Camp closed in 1970. From 1970 to 1978, the Division did not have a Conservation Camp Program, but continued to use three inmate crews from the Northern Nevada Correctional Center (NNCC) for conservation work assignments. In 1978, the Stewart Conservation Camp was established just outside the walls of NNCC due to legislative mandates and the overcrowding of all prison facilities. Throughout the 1980s and into the 1990s eight additional camps were added (Three Lakes Valley, Jean Wells, Ely, Humboldt, Carlin, Tonopah and

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC PURPOSE

This project will benefit the public through a program of forest conservation activities and outdoor resources and recreation projects, including improvements to public areas that will help conserve and protect the natural resources of the parks. In addition, use of the NDF Conservation Camps provides training, work experience, and rehabilitation opportunities for inmates and wards committed to the custody of NDOC, while providing them with the chance to develop a greater understanding of the natural, cultural, and recreational resources of the National Parks.

STATEMENT OF WORK SUMMARY

NDF and NPS will collaborate in the removal of fuels in and around camp grounds, picnic areas, and housing areas. The wetter the spring of the year the more fuels will have to be removed. NDF will also work on LAKE beach areas. NDF crews will also remove exotic plants that grow along the beaches where large mechanical equipment cannot reach. Thus, the use of small hand tools will be required. NDF also helps with litter reduction by picking up and removing litter as the crews are working the various areas. The NDF crews work along the roadways of LAKE in an effort to reduce the amount of vegetation along the roads which can block drivers views of the roadway, in an effort to reduce the possibilities of vehicle accidents. The nature of brush is that it grows back and each year and crews are required to reduce the fuel loads, in an effort to reduce the risk of wildland fires. Each year brush and other fuels grow at different rates depending on the amount of rain and location of the rain storms.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

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

1. The Recipient shall carry out the Statement of Work in accordance with the terms and conditions stated herein. The Recipient shall adhere to Federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and codes, as applicable.
2. Collaborate with NPS in the forest conservation and outdoor recreational resource projects on NPS lands, which NDF agrees to accomplish using Conservation Camp work crews, as described in Article I.B.
3. Assign Kacey KC, as State Forester/Firewarden and Tommy Lewis as Project Manager.
4. Provide NDF hand crews to perform the projects, along with all the necessary support, including lunches, clothing, State Industrial Insurance System, hand tools, transportation and hand crew supervision.
5. Be responsible at all times for the supervision, health, safety, custody, discipline and control of NDF hand crews participating in work projects under this Agreement, and to accompany NDF hand crews while engaged in such projects. NDF hand crews will not be split into smaller units in different locations.

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. Monitor and provide Federal oversight of activities performed under this Agreement. Monitoring and oversight includes review and approval of financial status and performance reports, payment requests, and task identified below. Additional monitoring activities may include site visits, conference calls, and other on-site and off-site monitoring activities. At the Recipient's request, NPS may also provide technical assistance to the Recipient in support of the objectives of this Agreement.
2. Provide financial assistance as provided for in Article VI. The budget, as Attachment A, is hereby incorporated into this Cooperative Agreement.
3. Assign Donny Dixey, Maintenance as the Agreement Technical Representative (ATR) and David Hughey as Project Manager (PM).
4. Work with NDF to provide detailed description of the work to be accomplished throughout the life of this agreement.
5. Provide, as available, such tools, equipment and material as are necessary to supplement the items supplied by NDF for the crews working on NPS lands.
6. Instruct NPS personnel not to mail or deliver letters for Inmates or words, barter or gamble (including on TV sports) with

☐ 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;

(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. A single source on the basis of continuation must demonstrate that competition would result in a substantial duplicate cost to the government that cannot be recovered through competition;

(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;

(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.

This is a state of Nevada program. There is no other program like this in the state of Nevada. NDF is uniquely qualified to provide crews for projects requiring painting, fence work, campground improvements, trail work, vegetation removal, and other projects related to maintenance, conservation, and fire management. NDF provides crew transportation, crew supervision, chipper, chainsaws, and other small hand tools that are required. NDF provides training to inmates that wish to learn about conservation and fuels reduction work.

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.
- [x] 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:

N/A