



**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	P14AS00284
Project Title	Historic Resource Study – First State National Monument
Recipient	Organization of American Historians
Principle Investigator / Program Manager	Aidan Smith
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$99,916.95
Cost Share	None
New Award or Continuation?	Continuation of Cooperative Agreement H2261100002
Anticipated Length of Agreement	From date of award until 09/1/2017
Anticipated Period of Performance	From date of award until 09/1/2017
Award Instrument	Cooperative Agreement
Statutory Authority	16 USC 1(g)
CFDA # and Title	15.946 Cultural resource Management
Single Source Justification Criteria Cited	(2) Continuation
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OVERVIEW

Cooperative Agreement Number H2261100002 was entered into by and between the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, (NPS), and Organization of American Historians (OAH) for the purposes of promoting the greater public and private understanding of American history for their mutual benefit and for the people of the United States as well as for future generations, so that they can enjoy the historic resources of the NPS.

Created by Presidential Proclamation on March 25, 2013, First State National Monument is one of the newest additions to the 401 units of the National Park System. The proclamation describes the park's purpose as the "preservation, protection, and interpretation of the nationally significant cultural and historic resources associated with early Dutch, Swedish, and English settlement of the colony of Delaware and parts of the colony of Pennsylvania and Delaware's role in the birth of the United States and as the first state to ratify the Constitution." The monument encompasses approximately 1,108 acres, and includes the Sheriff's House, the Newcastle Court House and the Green in New Castle; the Dover Green in Dover; and the Woodlawn property in the Brandywine Valley of Delaware, near Wilmington, with contiguous acreage in southeastern Pennsylvania. The proclamation directs the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a management plan to preserve and protect the historic resources identified in the proclamation; to interpret the story of early Swedish, Finnish, Dutch, and English settlement, and Delaware's role in the establishment of the United States; and to preserve the Woodlawn property in a manner consistent with William Bancroft Poole's vision of a rural landscape accessible to the public for their health and well-being.

The proclamation is based on the NPS special resource study (2008) and on an analysis of the significance of the Woodlawn property (2012). The Historic Resource Study (HRS), 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 an HRS for First State National Monument. The study will expand the NPS's provide earlier analysis of park resources and 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 First State National Monument that synthesizes all available cultural resource information from multiple disciplines in a narrative designed to serve managers, planners, interpreters, cultural resource specialists, and interested public as a reference for the history of the region and the resources within the park.
- b) Engage an appropriate 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 an interim narrative history and analysis of extant cultural resources of the Woodlawn property no later than fifteen months after the award of this agreement;
- 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) Produce the final publication quality manuscript in pdf format for purposes of internet access, plus twenty-five (25) bound copies;
- h) 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;
- i) 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;
- j) 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.) Coordinate communication and sharing of research materials and analysis between scholar(s) conducting this HRS and other project teams (including the study teams for the Sheriff's House HSR and the Woodlawn property CLR);
- e.) Review the progress of the research to ensure relevance and quality;
- f.) Distribute the report and make the research available to park managers and the general public for use in management and planning;
- g.) 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;
- h.) Share and promote the completed HRS with related and relevant NPS units.

The OAH and the NPS agree to work cooperatively on the project 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 (P14AC01550) under Cooperative Agreement (H2261100002) in the amount of \$99,916.95 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).