



**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 (NPS)'s intention to fund a Task Agreement against an existing Master Agreement.

ABSTRACT	
Funding Announcement	NPS-NOIP15AC01641
Project Title	National Park Service- Student experience in national trails GIS development activities
Recipient	Regents of the University of New Mexico
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$25,098
Cost Share	<i>None Required</i>
Anticipated Length of Agreement	Through September 30, 2016
Anticipated Period of Performance	Through September 30, 2016
Award Instrument	Cooperative Agreement (task award)
Statutory Authority	<i>54 U.S.C. §100703, Cooperative Study Units</i>
CFDA # and Title	<i>15.945, Cooperative Research & Training Programs</i>
Point of Contact	Katie Gaertner, Grants Management Specialist

OVERVIEW, RECIPIENT AND NPS SUBSTANTIAL INVOLVEMENT

The University of New Mexico (UNM) will collaborate with the National Park Service (NPS) to provide student(s) to work part-time in support of the National Trails Intermountain Region (NTIR) office GIS activities, provide digitizing services for specified NTIR GIS projects, perform data and map development in support of NTIR GIS projects, assist in the development of the GIS program at the NTIR offices and to provide metadata development for existing and planned GIS data themes at the NTIR office. Metadata shall be FGDC/ISO compliant.

Substantial involvement on the part the National Park Service (NPS) is anticipated for the successful completion of the objectives to be funded by this award. NPS staff will assist to prepare planning documents and reports to assist the activities of the UNM in compiling and managing the NTIR Database, provide technical assistance,

historical research materials, and trail documentation to the UNM, collaborate with the UNM in database project planning, design, management, development and implementation, jointly make project decisions involving expenditure of the funds, provide consultation, advice and technical assistance from the NTIR office as needed, provide student(s) with an overview of the NPS, its mission and internal programs, and how GIS interrelates and supports this mission, review and approve each stage of work before a subsequent stage can begin and to designate an employee who shall act as a technical liaison with the UNM. The NPS liaison will represent the interests of the NPS and will provide assistance to the UNM that is within the scope of this agreement.

NPS did not solicit full and open competition for this award based the following criteria:

The cooperator is a member of an established Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (CESU) network, and was awarded a Cooperative Agreement (P14AC00921) allowing UNM to participate in specific tasks, and can provide the necessary activities involved in this particular task while providing an effective outcome for the National Park Service and the research and/or education project. Three members of the Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (CESU) network were considered for this award and the UNM was selected based on the University's accreditation Geography and Environment Studies program with a MS program and concentration in Geographic Information Science.