

This Funding Announcement is not a request for applications. This announcement is to provide public notice of the National Park Service (NPS), intention to fund the following project activities **without** competition. The NPS the National Park Foundation (NPF) will provide for five (5) transportation scholars to support five (5) NPS transportation projects in five different Parks

ABSTRACT	
Funding Announcement	P13AS00025
Project Title	2013 National Park Service – National Park Foundation Transportation Scholars in the Parks Program (Year 3)
Recipient	National Park Foundation
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$99,000.00
Cost Share	Yes/ \$206,300.00
Anticipated Length of Agreement	Date of award to 8/31/2014
Anticipated Period of Performance	Date of award to 8/31/2014
Award Instrument	Task Agreement under Cooperative Agreement P11AC26258
Statutory Authority	16 USC 1g
CFDA # and Title	15.954
Single Source Justification Criteria Cited	(2) Continuation and (4) Unique Qualifications
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OVERVIEW

The Transportation Scholar in the Parks program is in partnership with the National Park Foundation, National Park Service, Eno Transportation Foundation and the Federal Highway Administration. The program was developed to support and promote sustainable transportation solutions that help preserve Park resources and enhance visitors' experience. The program provides a unique opportunity for career development or public service to transportation specialists or masters and doctoral candidates in the fields of transportation, engineering, and planning. This gives transportation specialists a unique opportunity for career development and public service. The 2013 Transportation Scholar in the Parks Program will place Transportation Scholars in five national parks.

STATEMENT OF JOINT OBJECTIVES/PROJECT MANAGEMENT PLAN

RECIPIENT INVOLVEMENT

A. The National Park Foundation agrees to:

Accept and incorporate \$99,000 in U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Lands Transportation Program funding support provided through the National Park Service into the existing Transportation Scholar program, to support five (5) scholars at competitively-selected national park service units for the

research proposed.

The NPF remains responsible for the administration of the whole program and will provide monthly briefings and annual report pursuant to the requirements identified in this Agreement.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE INVOLVEMENT

B. The NPS agrees to:

Provide \$99,000 in Federal Lands Transportation Program funds to the National Park Foundation, a non-profit organization, to enhance the existing Transportation Scholars program of the National Park Foundation. Both the parks and the scholars are selected on a nationally-competitive basis with a multi-faceted selection committee.

On behalf of the Federal Lands Transportation Program, the NPS will assure stewardship and oversight of the fund provided to the National Park Foundation and the Transportation Scholars. Each Scholar is assigned a NPS Park supervisor and mentored by experts in different fields of transportation.

In addition to the matching \$99,000 in Federal Lands Transportation Program funds, host Parks are responsible for providing housing, office space, any specialized gear, equipment, supplies or materials, including technology needs, to successfully carry out the projects identified in this Task Agreement.

The NPS will assist the National Park Foundation to provide transportation technical training (June 2013 Denver Service Center, Denver Colorado) and to produce and distribute a press releases regarding the program, including donor recognition, as allowed by DO 21. In addition, the NPS will assist the Transportation Scholars produce a brief narrative report highlighting the benefits and challenges of the program at the end of project including press clippings, photos and poster presentation before the National Academy of the Sciences, Transportation Research Board in January 2014.

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.

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

The National Park Foundation was selected because of their unique connection between the National Park Service, The Eno Transportation Foundation and The Federal Highway Administration. The program is to support and promote sustainable transportation solutions that help preserve Park resources and enhance visitor experiences. It provides an opportunity for career development and public service to specialists, masters and doctoral candidates in transportation, engineering and planning.