



**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.**

| <b>ABSTRACT</b>                                   |                                                                                            |
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| <b>Funding Announcement</b>                       | P14AS00017                                                                                 |
| <b>Project Title</b>                              | Intern for Springs Monitoring                                                              |
| <b>Recipient</b>                                  | Student Conservation Association                                                           |
| <b>Principle Investigator / Program Manager</b>   | Leslie Peabody                                                                             |
| <b>Total Anticipated Award Amount</b>             | 26,123.31                                                                                  |
| <b>Cost Share</b>                                 | 27,063.40                                                                                  |
| <b>New Award or Continuation?</b>                 | Continuation of Cooperative Agreement H2495090023                                          |
| <b>Anticipated Length of Agreement</b>            | From date of award to December 31, 2014                                                    |
| <b>Anticipated Period of Performance</b>          | From date of award to December 31, 2014                                                    |
| <b>Award Instrument</b>                           | Cooperative Agreement                                                                      |
| <b>Statutory Authority</b>                        | 16 USC 1g,                                                                                 |
| <b>CFDA # and Title</b>                           | 15.931 Youth Conservation Activities                                                       |
| <b>Single Source Justification Criteria Cited</b> | (2) Continuation                                                                           |
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## OVERVIEW

Cooperative Agreement Number H2495090023 was entered into by and between the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, (NPS), and Student Conservation Association (SCA) for the placement of high school and college-aged individuals and other qualified persons who volunteer their services through SCA in exchange for training and educational experience in resource management and conservation programs. Unless otherwise specified herein, the terms and conditions as stated in the Cooperative Agreement will apply to this Task Agreement.

## RECIPIENT INVOLVEMENT

1. To assist with recruitment and selection of one intern as a conservation associate to participate in the work described in Attachment A and throughout this document Intern position number is PO - 00441697.
2. To provide for transportation to and from the Chihuahuan Desert Network (Las Cruces, NM) and subsistence during the tour of duty.

## 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:

1. To provide financial assistance in accordance with Article V.
2. To provide general orientation to park operations and NPS mission.
3. To provide a NPS technical representative to be on-site with the SCA volunteer to assist with specifics of the project as needed.
4. To provide housing for the SCA volunteer.

## SINGLE-SOURCE JUSTIFICATION

| <b>DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR<br/>SINGLE SOURCE POLICY REQUIREMENTS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| 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. |
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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 (P14AC00060) under Cooperative Agreement (H2495090023) in the amount of \$26,123.31 with a period of performance from date of award until 12/31/2014.

### **STATUTORY AUTHORITY**

**16 U.S.C. §1g** authorizes the NPS to enter into cooperative agreements that involve the transfer of NPS appropriated funds to state, local and tribal governments, other public entities, educational institutions, and private nonprofit organizations for the public purpose of carrying out National Park Service programs.

**16 U.S.C. §1f**, Challenge-Cost Share Authority authorizes the NPS to enter into agreements with cooperators for the purpose of sharing costs or services in carrying out authorized functions and responsibilities of the Secretary with respect to any unit or program of the national park system, any affiliated area, or any designated National Scenic or Historic Trail. This authority allows the agency to negotiate and enter into cooperative agreements with any State or local Government, public or private agency, organization, institution, corporation, individual, or other entity. A cooperative agreement may be utilized if there is substantial involvement in the project on the part of the NPS. This section principally gives authority for joint-funding arrangements entered into with non-federal partners (“cooperators”), although it also addresses “sharing...services in carrying out authorized functions and responsibilities...”As with **16 U.S.C. §1g**, this authority must also be read in conjunction with the Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act of 1977 and other authorities to ensure that a Challenge Cost-Share agreement is not used when a procurement contract would be most appropriate.

**16 U.S.C. §1723 (c)**, Public Lands Corps Act authorizes the Secretary to enter into contracts and cooperative agreements with any qualified youth or conservation corps to perform appropriate conservation projects referred to in subsection (d) of section 1723. The Secretary may also authorize appropriate conservation projects and other appropriate projects to be carried out on Federal, State, local, or private lands as part of disaster prevention or relief efforts in response to an emergency or major disaster declared by the President under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.).

#### **Youth Conservation Corps Act of 1970, as amended**