



**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	P13AS00072
Project Title	Internship Training Program Northeast Regional Office
Recipient	National Council for Preservation Education
Principle Investigator / Program Manager	Cari Goetcheus
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$64,440.00
Cost Share	None
New Award or Continuation?	Task Agreement under Cooperative Agreement P12PA30140
Anticipated Length of Agreement	From date of award until September 30, 2014
Anticipated Period of Performance	From date of award until September 30, 2014
Award Instrument	Cooperative Agreement
Statutory Authority	16 USC 1g
CFDA # and Title	15.915 Technical Preservation Services
Single Source Justification Criteria Cited	(4) Unique Qualifications
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OVERVIEW

Cooperative Agreement Number P12PA30140 was entered into by and between the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, (NPS), and The National Council for Preservation Education (NCPE) for the purpose of providing training opportunities to qualified undergraduate and graduate students in academic programs in historic preservation and related disciplines, allowing them to learn about and contribute to historic preservation at the Federal level by assisting with short-term projects designed to preserve and manage historic and cultural resources. Unless otherwise specified herein, the terms and conditions as stated in the Cooperative Agreement will apply to this Task Agreement.

Objective: To create additional training opportunities for qualified students. Interns will assist Federal government professionals involved in historic preservation and allied fields such as archeology, history, museum management and landscape architecture, in directed assignments focusing on Federal efforts in cultural resources management and protection. Duties may include archeological, architectural or landscape surveys; historical research and resource documentation; technical writing and publication development; artifact and records cataloging, conservation and management; database and Web page creation and maintenance; and hands-on condition assessment and repair of historic structures.

RECIPIENT INVOLVEMENT

NCPE agrees to:

1. Use the existing format to recruit and select additional trainees, or, in limited circumstances, extend existing training projects, for the program currently being offered. Every effort will be made to match the candidates' qualifications with NPS needs.
2. Make financial and technical arrangements for the additional trainees to work in Washington, DC and other locations as necessary.

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. Assist with selection of prospective interns, as identified by NCPE, based on qualifications.
2. Provide a project mentor, materials, specialized tools and training, and related supplies for completion of the internship project.
3. Work with interns in conduct of the internship, assigning tasks, based upon each trainee's interest, knowledge and skills, providing guidance and direction as needed for completion of duties, and reviewing work products to ensure they meet the goals of the internship.

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:

(4) UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS

Single Source Justification Description:

This project continues work authorized under Cooperative Agreement P12PA30140, NCPE was selected due to its unique role, background and experience in preservation education in this country, to help NPS achieve shared goals of historic and cultural resource preservation and training nationally.

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.

This section provides broad authority for NPS to enter into cooperative agreements with most recipients for a public purpose. Although broad, this authority must be read in conjunction with the Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act of 1977 and other authorities that prescribe whether a particular relationship should be a procurement contract or a cooperative agreement. Thus, in making this determination, one must always consider whether the principal purpose of the work is to acquire goods and/or services for NPS's direct benefit in furtherance of its mission or for a public purpose.