



**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	P14AS00249
Project Title	Historic Resource Study: Olmsteds and the National Park Service
Recipient	Organization of American Historians
Principle Investigator / Program Manager	Aidan Smith
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$59,941.97
Cost Share	none
New Award or Continuation?	Continuation of cooperative agreement H2261100002
Anticipated Length of Agreement	From date of award to 9/1/2017
Anticipated Period of Performance	From date of award to 9/1/2017
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

Located in Brookline, Massachusetts, Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site (NHS) preserves the home, office, surrounding grounds, and landscape design records of America's foremost landscape architect and his firm. The senior Olmsted (1822-1903) established the country's first full-scale professional office for the practice of landscape architecture at the property he called "Fairsted" in 1883. He and his family made their home here, and Olmsted took great personal interest in landscaping the residential grounds as a model of his design principles. After Olmsted's death, his stepson John Charles, his son Frederick Jr., and their successors maintained the landscape architecture practice, and perpetuated and expanded Olmsted's design ideals, philosophy, and influence into the 1970's. John Charles continued worked in the Brookline Office until his death in 1920. Frederick Law Olmsted Jr. worked in the Brookline Office until c. 1936, and then moved, living in both Maryland and California for a time, and retired in 1950. He passed away in Malibu, CA in 1957.

The aforementioned landscape design records of the Olmsted firm indicated involvement with thousands of projects across North America including public parks, private estates, school campuses, residential communities and a wide variety of other types of landscape designs. Their records also listed work in many National Parks, from Acadia National Park in Maine, to Yosemite in California.

This richly illustrated study will research and document the relationship between Frederick Law Olmsted, his sons, and associates and to the National Park Service (NPS). It will include:

- What ideas, embedded in Frederick Law Olmsted's design for Central Park, shaped the intellectual underpinnings of the conservation/preservation movement and in turn, the NPS.
- What affect his report on *Yosemite and the Mariposa Grove* had on the nascent preservation/conservation movement of the last quarter of the nineteenth century and how that movement related to the establishment of the NPS. It will also discuss his work in the preservation of Niagara Falls during 1880's as part of that same movement.
- The involvement of his son, Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. in the drafting of the legislation that created the NPS in 1916
- The work of the Olmsteds within the National Parks both as advocates and designers

This report will be created and distributed to the public in a variety of formats including a printed and on-line document. The report will also provide the core narrative material and visual images for an on-line interactive exhibit.

RECIPIENT INVOLVEMENT

- a) Produce a Historic Resource Study that documents the relationship between Frederick Law Olmsted, his sons, and associates and to the National Park Service (NPS).
- b) Engage an appropriate scholar (or team of scholars) to undertake the work and act as the liaison between the NPS and the scholar(s);

- c) Work with NPS to further 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) One unbound original report with quality illustrations produced from original images will be submitted. An electronic copy of the final report also will be provided.
- f) 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.
- g) 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.) Review the progress of the research to ensure relevance and quality;
- e.) Share and promote the completed HRS with related and relevant NPS units.

The OAH and the NPS agree to work cooperatively on the project on a regular basis 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 (P14AC01478) under Cooperative Agreement (H2261100002) in the amount of \$59,941.97 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).