



**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	P16AS00214
Project Title	National Park Service- Protect Park Resources and Enhance Visitor Experience through Visitor Use Management
Recipient	ACE
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$35,000
Cost Share	\$32,486.40
Anticipated Length of Agreement	Through August 11, 2016
Anticipated Period of Performance	Through August 11, 2016
Award Instrument	Cooperative Agreement (task award)
Statutory Authority	54 U.S.C. 101702(a), 16 U.S.C. 17k-2(e), 16 U.S.C. 4601-1(f)(1), 16 U.S.C. 1246(h)(1), 16 U.S.C. 1723(c), 54 U.S.C. 101701(b)
CFDA # and Title	15.931 Youth Conservation Activities
Point of Contact	Katie Gaertner, Grants Management Specialist

OVERVIEW, RECIPIENT AND NPS INVOLVEMENT

The ACE will collaborate with the National Park Service (NPS) to enable youth to receive hands on experience in implementing on the ground actions to manage high volumes of visitor use while collecting data for development of short and long-term alternative management strategies. Through this work, corps members will gain a deeper understanding of park concerns related to crowding, as well as impacts to park natural and cultural resources and visitor experience. Corps members will gather shuttle ridership data, assist with trail monitoring and provide general park information to park visitors while roving front country trails. Members will also assist with documenting, in photographic and written format, crowded conditions on trails and at park facilities.

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 orient corps members via a PowerPoint presentation on park concerns related to increasing visitor use and planned management actions. From that presentation corps members will have an understanding of how their work will assist the park in its visitor use management planning effort, provide general interpretive training to corps members as well as provide them with packets of park information. This will prepare corps members for frequently asked questions while roving park front country trails, meet with corps members to familiarize them to parking/shuttle stop/entrance queue management goals and techniques, meet with staff at least once daily to get an update on current visitor use conditions and provide data collection equipment and protocol information as well as process any field collected data from corps members.

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

The cooperator is a member of the established 21st Century Conservation Corp Program- Youth Engagement and Development and was awarded a Cooperative Agreement (P15AC00015) allowing ACE 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 promotion of youth involvement. This task agreement is a continuation of this Master Agreement.