

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

This announcement is not a request for applications.

This announcement is to provide public notice of the National Park Service's intention to award a task agreement under a previously competed or single source justified master cooperative agreement.

ABSTRACT	
Funding Announcement Number	P17AS00519
Project Title	Pine Springs Buffalo Soldier Camp Archaeological Overview and Assessment and Management Plan
Recipient	Colorado Mesa University
Anticipated Federal Funding	\$62,198.70
Anticipated Period of Performance	8/15/2017-5/31/2020
Award Instrument	Task Agreement
Statutory Authority	54 U.S.C. §100703 Cooperative Study Units
CFDA # and Title	15.945 CESU
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BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

Cooperative Agreement Number P17AC01147 was entered into by and between the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, (NPS), and Colorado Mesa University (hereafter referred to as 'Recipient') for the purpose of providing research, technical assistance, and/or education, as described below. Unless otherwise specified herein, the terms and conditions as stated in the Cooperative Agreement will apply to this Task Agreement.

STATEMENT OF WORK

The Project will create an archeological overview, assessment, and management plan for sites in Guadalupe Mountains National Park (GUMO) associated with the US Army Buffalo Soldiers in the late nineteenth century. The sites were listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2014 as part of the Butterfield Overland Mail Route Corridor. Previous archeological investigations have determined the internal layout of the approximately 60-acre 1870s era army camp established and used by African American soldiers (Buffalo Soldiers) and may represent at least three separate encampment and actions. Pine Springs also has archeological evidence of Apache occupation of the encampment area, likely used when the military periodically abandoned the site. The goal of the archeological overview, assessment and management plan is to reassess the collected archeological data, create GIS-based layers noting the extent of archeological efforts, define site boundaries, note artifact distributions, and reassess relative to historic documentation of army operations against the Apache and in terms of African American soldier performance in the Apache campaigns. This project will also suggest a management plan for the site and recommend methods and means of site protection and interpretation.

The project engages recipients and partners in shared environmental stewardship. The project promotes greater public and private participation in historic preservation programs and activities and builds resource stewardship ethics in its participants. The information, products and services

identified and developed by this project will be shared through a variety of strategies to increase public awareness, knowledge and support for historic preservation and stewardship of the nation's cultural and historical heritage. The principal purpose of the project is to support the Government's objective to provide opportunities for youth to learn about the environment by spending time working on projects in National Parks. The NPS receives the indirect benefit of completing conservation projects. The project motivates its youth participants to become involved in the cultural resource protection of their communities and beyond. Students gain "real world" or hands-on experience outside of the classroom of cultural resource projects. The scientific community and researchers external to NPS gain by new knowledge provided through research and related results dissemination of natural, cultural and historical resource information.

RECIPIENT AGREES TO:

- Be responsible for all phases of the work and will be accountable for the accuracy and professional quality of the fieldwork;
- produce the final report and all requirements for the databases and archival/curatorial needs;
- meet all personnel requirements necessary to carry out archeological investigations on federal lands, including personnel requirements listed under the Secretary of Interior Standards for Archeology and Historical Preservation;
- provide all equipment necessary for the completion of the fieldwork, analysis, and report preparation; and
- meet the Secretary of Interior Standards, Guidelines, and Qualifications for work on federal lands.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AGREES TO:

- Act as primary contact for the park and project activities;
- provide all available documentation, notes, photographs and other records to the cooperator;
- assist in the training of university students;
- pending approval and availability, provide drone mapping capabilities and resulting data files;
- review the draft final report; and
- be on-site and participate as project consultant during the fieldwork phase of the project.