



**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	P16AS00377
Project Title	National Park Service- Support conservation actions for Quitobaquito and Rio Sonoyta
Recipient	Arizona Sonora Desert Museum
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$49,998
Cost Share	<i>None Required</i>
Anticipated Length of Agreement	Through 7/31/18
Anticipated Period of Performance	Through 7/31/18
Award Instrument	Cooperative Agreement (task award)
Statutory Authority	<i>54 U.S.C. §100703, Cooperative Study Units</i>
CFDA # and Title	<i>15.945, Cooperative Research & Training Programs</i>
Point of Contact	Katie Gaertner, Grants Management Specialist

OVERVIEW, RECIPIENT AND NPS SUBSTANTIAL INVOLVEMENT

The Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum will collaborate with the National Park Service (NPS) to support the implementation of both *in situ* and *ex situ* conservation actions related to the Quitobaquito pupfish and Sonoyta mud turtle, provide for public education, and forge partnerships between sister parks and non-governmental institutions. Actions include research and monitoring of these species, surveys of invasive species, establishment and enhancement of off-site facilities for maintaining assurance populations, public education and outreach. Target habitats include Quitobaquito Springs in Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, Arizona and the Rio Sonoyta in the Pinacate Biosphere Reserve, Mexico.

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 provide a NPS technical representative, work with ASDM and PBR to develop work plans, assist with researching needed supplies, and coordinate and host visits to OPCNM, work with partners to develop interpretive materials. OPCNM can also assist PBR in developing GIS layers and maps and review progress and help resolve issues.

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

The cooperator is a member of an established Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (CESU) network, and was awarded a Cooperative Agreement (P16AC00031) allowing the Museum 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 research and/or education project. This is a continuation of the Master Agreement.