



**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	NPS-NOIP15AC01640
Project Title	National Park Service- Student experience in national trails landscape architectural development activities
Recipient	Regents of the University of New Mexico
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$25,098
Cost Share	<i>None Required</i>
Anticipated Length of Agreement	Through September 30, 2016
Anticipated Period of Performance	Through September 30, 2016
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 University of New Mexico (UNM) will collaborate with the National Park Service (NPS) to Provide student(s) to support the National Trails Intermountain Region (NTIR) office landscape architecture and trail development activities by conducting landscape architectural design work and other support for site or trail development and signing projects along the nine national historic trails, collaborate with NTIR landscape architects and other project partners on site design work for selected national historic trail sites, including participating in charrettes or design workshops and conceptual level planning, producing design details, and creating presentation graphics and/or construction documents as applicable, collaborate with NTIR landscape architects other project partners on trail development plans, including conceptual level planning, producing design details, and creating presentation graphics and/or construction documents as applicable, to provide assistance to trail partners or NTIR landscape architects with the development and implementation of national

historic trail sign plans and to attend site visits and project meetings associated with national historic trail projects on which the UNM student is working, as feasible.

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 assist to provide background information for assigned UNM student(s) to become familiar with the National Trails System and NPS, provide materials and guidelines needed for assigned UNM student(s) to effectively collaborate with NTIR staff and trail partners, such as sign planning tools, graphic standards and templates, and examples of past project work, collaborate with the UNM student(s) in project planning, design work, and other project activities, provide guidance, advice, and mentorship to the student(s) related to project work, review, discuss, and approve student work on a regular basis, provide student(s) with an overview of the NPS, its mission and internal programs, and how landscape architecture has been and continues to be a part of this mission, provide an opportunity for the student(s) to enhance their landscape architectural skills and gain experience in working with many public and private entities in a professional capacity and to designate an employee who shall act as a technical liaison with the UNM. The NPS liaison will represent the interests of the NPS and will provide assistance to the UNM that is within the scope of this agreement.

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 (P14AC00921) allowing UNM 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. Three members of the Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (CESU) network were considered for this award and the UNM was selected based on the University's accreditation by The American Society of Landscape Architects.