United States Department of the Interior
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Pacific West Region
NOTICE OF INTENT
TO AWARD

<u>This Funding Announcement is not a request for applications.</u> This announcement is to provide public notice of the National Park Service (NPS), intention to fund the following project activities ***<u>without</u>*** competition.

ABSTRACT	
Funding Announcement	NPS-NOI-P14AS00342
Project Title	Hazard Fuels Reduction at Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Recipient	Marin County Fire Department
Total Anticipated Award Amount	NTE $84,500
Cost Share	n/a
Anticipated Length of Agreement	September 2014 – September 2015
Anticipated Period of Performance	September 2014 – September 2015
Award Instrument	Task Agreement against Cooperative Agreement # H8539100348
Statutory Authority	16 U.S.C. §1g 41 U.S.C. §1856a(1994)
CFDA # and Title	15.948 National Fire Plan- Wildland Urban Interface Community Protection
Single Source Justification Criteria Cited	4. Unique Qualifications
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OVERVIEW

The work proposed under this agreement is for the removal and/or reduction of hazardous fuels on NPS lands at Point Reyes National Seashore(PORE) and Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) by the Marin County Fire Department's(MCFD) Tamalpais Fire Crew(Tam Crew).

The Tam Crew has been working in collaboration with the NPS at both units for 9 years. The Tam Crew has been a critical partner in the NPS efforts to minimize potential fire

impacts to communities and identified resources at risk. This crew works in conjunction with NPS staff in a collaborative effort to try and mitigate future impacts of wildfire.

STATEMENT OF JOINT OBJECTIVES/PROJECT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Fuel reduction and fire mitigation projects are critical components of the NPS fire management planning and activities. These activities are critical in protecting valued resources within the seashore in addition to adjacent homeowners and communities. This task agreement provides for the procedures for mechanical removal of vegetation throughout the two NPS units at different targeted sites.

The Tam Crew is a well-established local state certified Type 1 fire crew that has been involved in many fuels management and prescribed projects with the NPS. Their skill set and expertise is ideal for assisting us in reaching our goals of hazardous fuel reduction. This opportunity also provides the NPS another mechanism for reaching out to community members and organizations through the outreach and educational component of the Tam Crew program.

The NPS is charged with managing wildland vegetation throughout the seashore in an effort to reduce fire potential and negative impacts to valued park resources, and the Tam Crew is a critical component aimed at reaching these goals.

RECIPIENT INVOLVEMENT

The Tam crew staff and workforce is uniquely qualified to provide the required equipment, labor, and skill sets needed to implement the NPS's strategic fuels management plans. The Tam Crew has a long history of performing fuels management activities in the Park and their management staff have a comprehensive understanding of NPS service goals, objectives and mission.

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PORE Fire Management Staff will work directly with Tam Crew on all work being performed including actively collaborating in the planning process and carrying out of the project work, and providing logistical support.

PORE will provide conservation and restoration knowledge relevant to the project tasks; and field expertise necessary to assure successful completion of all projects.
Point Reyes staff will provide orientation to the projects and education on management issues and goals being addressed for the Crew members involved.

The staff of PORE will promote safety awareness while Tam Crew members are working with power tools and hand tools, and provide written and verbal instructions and direction for completion of the work, as needed, and provide tools and equipment needed to accomplish the work tasks that Tam Crew cannot provide.

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.

(2) (4) The Tam Crew has worked with the NPS the past 9 years on various hazard fuels reduction projects with Point Reyes National Seashore. This Task Agreement will continue the long term hazard fuels reduction projects that have been established.

Marin County Fire Department (MCFD) in the responding agency to wildland fires with the NPS. MCFD has a vested interest in the NPS fuels reduction program and works collaboratively with the NPS. By working in these project it exposes the Tam Crew and MCFD to the vegetation, terrain, etc...

In addition, the education as well as the interagency and public cooperative management opportunities makes a cooperative arrangement with MCFD mutually beneficial for both the MCFD and the NPS.