



**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.

| <b>ABSTRACT</b>                          |                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>Funding Announcement</b>              | NPS-NOIP16AC00472                                                                                                             |
| <b>Project Title</b>                     | National Park Service- American Conservation Experience (ACE) Botany Internships                                              |
| <b>Recipient</b>                         | American Conservation Experience                                                                                              |
| <b>Total Anticipated Award Amount</b>    | \$38,000                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Cost Share</b>                        | <i>None Required</i>                                                                                                          |
| <b>Anticipated Length of Agreement</b>   | Through December 31, 2016                                                                                                     |
| <b>Anticipated Period of Performance</b> | Through December 31, 2016                                                                                                     |
| <b>Award Instrument</b>                  | Cooperative Agreement (task award)                                                                                            |
| <b>Statutory Authority</b>               | 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) |
| <b>CFDA # and Title</b>                  | 15.931 Youth Conservation Activities                                                                                          |
| <b>Point of Contact</b>                  | Katie Gaertner, Grants Management Specialist                                                                                  |

**OVERVIEW, RECIPIENT AND NPS INVOLVEMENT**

The American Conservation Experience will collaborate with the National Park Service (NPS) to identify up to three interns to learn a range of horticultural and propagation techniques, seed collection and curation and data management to support the grow out of plant materials for restoration projects.

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 with logistical planning support for projects, provide supervision and training and provide equipment and technical support.

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

The cooperator is a member of the established 21<sup>st</sup> 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. Three members of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Conservation Corp Program were considered for this award and the ACE was selected based on experience, availability of equipment and extensive training in the control of invasive species and restoration of natural areas.