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 financial assistance for the following project activities. *Refer to Section 2. Grants.gov Posting Determination.*

ABSTRACT	
Grants.gov Opportunity Number	P20AS00050
Project Title	Documentation and Public Education Regarding Dena'ina Cultural
Recipient	Portland State University
Anticipated Federal Funding	$123,000
Non-Federal Cost Share	0.00
Total Anticipated Award Amount	$240,000
Award Instrument	☐ Task Agreement ☑ Cooperative Agreement ☐ Grant Agreement
Anticipated Period of Performance	April 15, 2020 - September 30, 2024
Legal Authority	54 USC § 100703. Cooperative Study Units
CFDA # and Title	15.945, Cooperative Research and Training Programs
Single Source Justification Criteria	Unique Circumstances
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Section 1. Project Summary

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The objective of this Agreement is for Lake Clark National Park and Preserve (LACL) to document and develop publishable public education materials in partnership with Portland State University (PSU) relating to key traditional values that guide Dena'ina uses, perceptions, and management preferences relating to culturally and historically significant lands and resources within LACL.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC PURPOSE

By design, this project will significantly advance the public understanding of the traditional and contemporary tribal uses of natural resources and sites within Lake Clark National Park and Preserve. The work will result in the production of a book, vetted by tribal members and suitable for public distribution, regarding the key cultural values of Dena'ina people relating to special lands and resources within their homeland generally and LACL specifically. Tribal members will also have the opportunity to engage NPS directly on what constitutes culturally sensitive and appropriate management and interpretation of culturally important places. These places of special significance to tribes, and archaeological sites of national significance, will be identified through this research. They will receive special management in the future under the terms of the NHPA and other federal guidance – for the benefit of not only tribal members, but all park visitors. Places essential to the continuation of Native American cultural traditions will be identified and potentially protected in ways that will allow those traditions to persist, by identifying, minimizing, and/or mitigating potential adverse effects of future NPS operations and park visitation. With tribal consent, project information can be used to improve interpretation of Native cultural values and practices relating to Lake Clark NP&P, giving park visitors a better understanding of the use of the landscape both historically and today.

STATEMENT OF WORK SUMMARY

1. Document key cultural values needed to nominate, manage, and interpret places of unique cultural and historical significance to Dena'ina knowledge-holders;
2. Visit Kijik NHL with knowledgeable Dena'ina participants to identify sites of enduring cultural significance that may be National Register eligible, to document the geographical configuration of these sites, and to record traditions and values that may be important to the nomination, management, or interpretation of these places;
3. Produce a tribally-approved document on Dena'ina land and resource values in cooperation with Dena'ina stakeholders that is appropriate for public distribution and will help non-Native audiences understand the cultural meaning and significance of keystone places and resources that may be eligible to the National Register;
4. Enter additional National Register eligible properties into NPS inventories as needed;
5. Coordinate a meeting with Dena'ina representatives to review research outcomes relating to Kijik NHL, and management and interpretive recommendations relating to National Register eligible properties.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

A. The recipient shall be responsible for the following items under this agreement:

1. Carry out a research visit, including group and/or individual interviews with Dena'ina knowledge holders, at Kijik to document previously undocumented properties that may be National Register eligible, as well as associated cultural values and knowledge relating to these sites.
2. Produce an interim document that summarizes findings of the Kijik fieldwork in a way that may be used by the NPS in future National Resource nominations, and/or associated management or interpretive documents relating to Kijik.
3. Deliver to the NPS geographical data pertaining to the configuration of lands and resources referenced in the Kijik interim document, in GIS files or other suitable formats compatible with NPS standards.
4. Coordinate with NPS Project Participant in sharing "Dena'ina Expressive Culture" documentation with Dena'ina knowledge holders, and document responses and recommendation for the refinement of this information for use in public management or interpretive documents.
5. Produce transcriptions of interviews as appropriate, to be included with project deliverables.

B. The NPS Responsibilities:

☐ A task agreement is proposed;

☑ A cooperative agreement is proposed;

therefore substantial involvement by NPS is anticipated during the period of performance of this agreement. In support of this agreement NPS will:

1. Provide logistical assistance for all project meetings, presentations, and travel.
2. Lead and participate in all tribal and community consultation regarding design of the project, outcomes of the literature review, and development of a management plan.
3. Identify, collect, and organize research related materials and mapping relating to project themes.
4. Participate in the bibliographic research of sources relating to key project themes, including providing published, gray literature, and archival materials in paper and/or electronic form from NPS collections to PSU researchers.
5. Assist PSU with data collection by providing NPS staff participants as appropriate in acquiring maps, GIS data, gray literature publications, and other items that will aid in the research effort; deliver those items to PSU researchers in a timely fashion.
6. Facilitate contacts with tribes, and oversee all formal tribal consultation relating to this project, as well as facilitating communications regarding tribes' preferences for interview protocols and use of information derived from interviews.

☐ A grant agreement is proposed, therefore no substantial involvement on the part of the NPS is anticipated for the successful completion of the statement of work. It is anticipated that involvement will be limited to actions related to monitoring project performance and technical assistance at the request of the recipient.

Section 2. Grants.gov Posting Determination

☐ The National Park Service intends to award a task agreement under a previously competed or single source justified award.

☑ The National Park Service intends to award a single source justified cooperative agreement. *Refer to Section 3 Single Source Justification.*

☐ The National Park Service intends to award a single source justified grant agreement. *Refer to Section 3 Single Source Justification.*

Section 3. Single Source Justification

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SINGLE SOURCE POLICY REQUIREMENTS

National Park Service Policy FAP&P 1443-2015-06 requires a written justification which explains why competition is not practicable. The justification must address one of the following criteria.

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. The unsolicited proposal must demonstrate an innovative capability or concept not currently available to the government, and prepared without Government involvement. ;

(2) Continuation – The activity to be funded is necessary to the satisfactory completion of, or is a continuation of, an activity presently being funded, 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, technical expertise, or other such unique qualifications. Successful past performance, familiarity with existing requirements, capabilities that can be obtained or matched by a competitor, or a positive reputation, are not considered to be 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.

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

☐ Task Agreement issued under previously competed or single source master cooperative agreement per Section 2 above. Single Source Justification not applicable.

☐ Unsolicited Proposal ☐ Continuation ☐ Emergency

☐ Legislative Intent ☑ Unique Qualifications

Explanation of the proposed recipient's qualifications or the criteria of the proposed project which requires use of the single source criteria cited.

The proposed Principal Investigator (PI) for the project, is currently acting as PI for two other projects in Lake Clark NPP, and has recently completed a third, that directly relate to the Inland Dena'ina people and their history with the lands in and around Kijik NHL, and their continuing connection to this area. With these three projects the PI has been working continuously in the park and with the Inland Dena'ina of the Lake Clark region since 2013. During this time not only has he has amassed a significant body of knowledge about the region and its culture and history, but perhaps even more significantly he has developed a deep connection with the people for whom Kijik and Lake Clark is their ancestral home. Dena'ina representatives have specifically requested his participation in this study. His knowledge of the cultural and natural resources that form the basis for the current project and his personal relationships with the people with whom the park will be collaboratively managing the NHL in the future are invaluable.

Section 4. Department of the Interior Secretary's Priorities

This award will support the following DOI Secretary priority(ies):

Other Key Initiatives:

- ☐ Employment of veterans.
- ☐ Supporting DOI Infrastructure needs.
- ☐ Creating jobs in the American economy.
- ☐ Access to outdoor recreation opportunities.

Priority 1: Creating a conservation stewardship legacy second only to Teddy Roosevelt

- ☐ Utilize science to identify best practices to manage land and water resources and adapt to changes in the environment.
- ☐ Examine land use planning process and land use designations that govern public use and access.
- ☐ Revise and streamline the environmental and regulatory review process while maintaining environmental standards.
- ☐ Review DOI water storage, transportation, and distribution systems to identify opportunities to resolve conflicts and expand capacity.
- ☐ Foster relationships with conservation organizations advocating for balanced stewardship and use of public lands.
- ☐ Identify and implement initiatives to expand access to DOI lands for hunting and fishing.
- ☐ Shift the balance towards providing greater public access to public lands over restrictions to access.

Priority 2: Utilizing our natural resources

- ☐ Ensure American energy is available to meet our security and economic needs.
- ☐ Ensure access to mineral resources, especially the critical and rare earth minerals.
- ☐ Refocus timber programs to embrace the entire 'healthy forests' lifecycle.
- ☐ Manage competition for grazing resources.

Priority 3: Restoring trust with local communities

- ☑ Be a better neighbor with those closest to our resources by improving dialogue and relationships with persons and entities bordering our lands.
- ☐ Expand the lines of communication with Governors, state natural resource offices, Fish and Wildlife offices, water authorities, county commissioners, Tribes, and local communities.

Priority 4: Ensuring sovereignty means something

- [ ] Support tribal self-determination, self-governance, and sovereignty.
- [ ] Solidify mutual interests between the U.S. and the freely associated states and territories.

Priority 5: Generating additional revenues to support DOI & National interests

- [ ] Ensure that the public receives the full market value for the natural resources produced on Federal lands.
- [ ] Ensure that fees or costs levied for DOI services are reasonable and targeted to achieve cost recovery.
- [ ] Consider the impact of DOI decisions on economic development and job creation.

Priority 6: Protecting our people and the border

- [ ] Actively support efforts to secure our southern border.
- [ ] Ensure DOI law enforcement staffing addresses public safety risks anticipated on DOI land.
- [ ] Promote a "public service" demeanor within our law enforcement community.

Priority 7: Striking a regulatory balance

- [ ] Reduce the administrative and regulatory burden imposed on U.S. industry and the public.
- [ ] Ensure that Endangered Species Act decisions are based on strong science and thorough analysis.

Priority 8: Modernizing our infrastructure

- [ ] Support the White House Public/Private Partnership Initiative to modernize U.S. infrastructure.
- [ ] Remove impediments to infrastructure development and facilitate private sector efforts to construct infrastructure projects serving American needs.
- [ ] Prioritize DOI infrastructure needs to highlight:
    1. Construction of infrastructure;
    2. Cyclical maintenance;
    3. Deferred maintenance.

Priority 9: Reorganizing for the next 100 years

☐ Improve alignment and integration of the DOI organizational structure. Redistribute organizational resources (people and funding) to enhance mission achievement and improved public service.

☐ Improve organizational alignment with Executive Branch counterparts with major land management assets or influence.

Priority 10: Achieving our goals and leading our team forward

☐ Senior executives are expected to provide leadership in achieving goals of the President and the Secretary.

☐ The Management Team is expected to:

1. Ensure cost-effective operations and quality service to the public;
2. Facilitate organizational cooperation and conflict resolution;
3. Ensure the workplace environment is conducive to employee productivity and safety;
4. Hold individuals accountable for actions that violate DOI policies and requirements.

The proposed project does not support any of the DOI Secretary priorities, but the project is being funded for the following reasons: