



**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), intention to fund the following project activities **without** competition.

ABSTRACT	
Funding Announcement	NPS-NOIP15AC00933
Project Title	National Park Service-Class III Intensive Archeological Survey, Tribal Consultation, and Ethnographic Fieldwork for a Cultural Landscape Inventory (CLI) and National Register Nomination of the Old Salt Trail within Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, Pima County, Arizona
Recipient	University of Arizona
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$128,940
Cost Share	<i>None Required</i>
Anticipated Length of Agreement	Through August 31, 2016
Anticipated Period of Performance	Through August 31, 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>
Single Source Justification Criteria Cited	#4 – Unique Qualifications
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OVERVIEW, RECIPIENT AND NPS SUBSTANTIAL INVOLVEMENT

The University Arizona (UAZ) will collaborate with the National Park Service (NPS) to conduct a Class I intensive file, records, and map search to document existing archaeological information about the Old Salt Trail, compile ethnographic information about the Old Salt Trail, and by the end of the fall semester provide a written summary of this information to the tribes that are traditionally associated

with ORPI, confer with ORPI staff to agree on the areas of ORPI that will be archaeologically surveyed on the ground using pedestrian surface survey techniques, conduct an intensive Class III archaeological survey, and prepare a draft report summarizing archaeological and ethnographic information and submit this for review by ORPI.

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 by contributing to artifact and feature analysis; site recording/updating/National Register evaluation, GPS files, mapping using ArcMap, and by contributing chapters to the final report; and will contribute to the fieldwork, mapping, and to the GIS deliverables portion of the project. Reports and recommendations will be prepared by the cooperators working closely with NPS staff. Connie Gibson acting as Co-Principal Investigator will provide technical assistance and serve as NPS park coordinator of law enforcement and security protection, participate in ground surveys and GPSing of trails, roads, and archeological sites; map using ArcGIS/ArcMap software; perform artifact analysis as a Lithics Technology Specialist archeologist; and contribute to the write-up of the results of the work. David Christensen, as Organ Pipe Archeological Technician, will contribute substantially as the NPS field representative and crew member walking transects, GPSing, mapping, and recording of new and updated archeological sites.

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.

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

(4) Unique Qualifications -The cooperator is a member of an established Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (CESU) network, and was awarded a Cooperative Agreement (H1200100001) allowing UAZ to participate in specific tasks, and can provide the specific research and investigative support to conduct this particular task while providing an effective outcome for the National Park Service and the research project. As such, the applicant is uniquely qualified to perform the activity based on their participation as a University Partner in the Cooperative Ecosystems Study Unit, their capacity to provide appropriate researchers, and their ability to broadly utilize research results as teaching tool.