

This announcement is to provide public notice of the National Park Service's (NPS), intention to award the following project activities without competition. The notice is not a request for proposals.

ABSTRACT	
Funding Announcement	E12AC30436
Project Title	Tent Pad Construction and Baby's Breath Control
Recipient	SEEDS Youth Conservation Corps
Total Anticipated Award Amount	Total award of \$26,500 (\$16,000 for Tent Pad Construction and \$10,500 for Baby's Breath Control)
Cost Share	N/A
Anticipated Length of Agreement	3 months
Anticipated Period of Performance	June 10, 2012 through September 1, 2012
Award Instrument	Cooperative Agreement
Statutory Authority	Public Lands Corps Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2005, 16 U.S.C 1723 (c) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts and cooperative agreements with any qualified youth or conservation corps to perform appropriate conservation projects.
CFDA #	15.931 Conservation Activities by Youth Service Organizations
Single Source Justification	505 DM 2.14 B(2), Continuation and 505 DM 2.14 B(4), Unique Qualifications
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Project Summary/Overview	<p>The first task within the agreement will help control 1,375 acres of invasive baby's breath in the park. The objective is to treat all acreage and place treated acreage on rotating treatment schedules to maintain a controllable infestation level that still allows native species to survive. This strategy would be maintained, eradicating the invasive when possible, until more effective treatment is found.</p> <p>The second task within the agreement is to build new tent pads in the North Manitou Island campground. This area receives many visitors in the summer which has caused a trampling of vegetation and loss as well as soil damage. The soil compaction has led to the formation of low spots where water pools making the required tent set up undesirable. Raised tent pads are needed to provide campers with a desirable area to set up their tents where water will not pool when it rains.</p>
Recipient Involvement	<p>For the first task a local YCC Crew along with a competent adult team leader will work with Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore (SLBE) park personnel to control baby's breath population using manual (digging) control methods.</p> <p>For the second task a local YCC Crew along with a competent adult team leader will work with SLBE park personnel to construct tent pads using the black locust materials cut by the park staff. They will also assist in transporting sand to the campground via wheelbarrows to fill and level tent pads. YCC will also assist park staff with other island projects to restore areas impacted by the visiting public.</p>
National Park Service Involvement	SLBE staff will assist and supervise YCC crews in accomplishing both of tasks in the agreement as well as other island projects.