

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 | |
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| Funding Announcement | E12AC30824 |
| Project Title | Stewardship Issues within Niobrara National Scenic River |
| Recipient | The Niobrara Council |
| Total Anticipated Award Amount | \$99,902 |
| Cost Share | N/A |
| Anticipated Length of Agreement | 1 year |
| Anticipated Period of Performance | October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013 |
| Award Instrument | Cooperative Agreement |
| Statutory Authority | Section 10 (e) of P.L. 90-542 of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and 16 U.S.C 1g |
| CFDA # | 15.945 |
| Single Source Justification | 505 DM 2.14 B(4), Unique Qualifications |
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| Project Summary/Overview | This cooperative agreement will address infrastructure needs to provide visitors access to the river. It will also provide and maintain restrooms to alleviate the recreation impact on the river and associated private lands. The agreement will address exotic and invasive species. Finally, the agreement will continue to provide programs about the outstanding remarkable values (OVRs) of Niobrara National Scenic River and the public's role in their care. |
| Recipient Involvement | The Niobrara Council will continue to lead efforts to address road needs within the Niobrara National Scenic River corridor. The Council will continue care of partnership placed public restrooms. The Council will provide financial support to the Middle Niobrara Weed Awareness Group consisting of the four county weed programs of the area. The Council will also continue its existing educational programs to enhance public understanding of the OVRs of Niobrara National Scenic River and their care and protection. |
| National Park Service Involvement | NPS will provide appropriate technical assistance to the Council. NPS will also assist the council as needed in the implementation and development of land protection planning within the National Scenic River Corridor. NPS will provide technical assistance to the Council supporting the programming for and prioritization of infrastructure needs and partnerships in the noxious weed abatement program. NPS will provide support to the Council in monitoring acquired conservation easements. |