

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.

<b>ABSTRACT</b>	
<b>Funding Announcement</b>	E12AC000433, E12AC30379 (E12AC3H2000)
<b>Project Title</b>	Summer of Paddling and Mississippi River Communication Package projects
<b>Recipient</b>	Mississippi River Trail, Inc
<b>Total Anticipated Award Amount</b>	Total award of \$80,000 (\$40,000 for Summer of Paddling Project and \$40,000 for Mississippi River Communication Package Project)
<b>Cost Share</b>	Yes
<b>Anticipated Length of Agreement</b>	5 months
<b>Anticipated Period of Performance</b>	4/2/2012 through 9/30/2012
<b>Award Instrument</b>	Cooperative Agreement
<b>Statutory Authority</b>	16 U.S.C. 1(f); 16 U.S.C. 1(g); 16 U.S.C. (4601) Subsection (f)(1), (f)(2), and 1(d)
<b>CFDA #</b>	15.943
<b>Single Source Justification</b>	505 DM 2.14 B(4), Unique Qualifications
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<b>Project Summary/Overview</b>	<p>Summer of Paddling project consists of purchasing the material needed to host a series of paddling tours, water trail dedications, and other park events focused on getting people outside, increasing awareness of recreational opportunities and natural resources along the Mississippi River.</p> <p>The Mississippi River Communications Package is an educational packet designed to assist communities with improving local marketing for community based, long distance trails used as an economic building tool. The package also would provide information about national park units, wildlife refuges, state parks, and other natural/cultural public sites enhancing local connections with these facilities. The package will create a Mississippi River Connections website, will promote and illustrate the need for River communities to collaborate to protect resources and cultures, and will improve outreach marketing.</p>
<b>Recipient Involvement</b>	Funding will be used to purchase materials for the Summer of Paddling project allowing the Mississippi River Connections Collaborative accomplish goals set in their strategic plan. The recipient will also put together the Mississippi River Communications Package and deliver it to over 400 Mississippi River communities each with large segments of under-served populations.
<b>National Park Service Involvement</b>	NPS is involved in describing goals, jointly developing the scope and the activities to be accomplished. NPS will also provide the services of a Program Coordinator which will act as a liaison to the Recipient helping to recruit, interview and recommend appropriate candidates for the work under this agreement.