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Subject: NPS Approval of NPF Request for Waiver of Competitive Procurement Requirements for P26AM00099

Date: Thu, 4 Dec 2025 22:37:53 +0000

Importance: Normal

Attachments: NPF_request_for_waiver_of_competitive_procurement.pdf

Jeff Reinbold and Ruth Prescott,

I've reviewed the attached request for waiver of competitive procurement requirements request from National Park Foundation for America 250 Cooperative Agreement P26AM00099 and, as the FA Awarding Officer, approve the request for a waiver of procurement competition requirements. Jessica Bowron, as the NPS Comptroller, exercising the delegated authority of the Director, has confirmed the approval of the waiver request is necessary to meet the timeline of the requirement.

As the Financial Assistance Awarding Officer for P26AM00099, the approval of the waiver of competitive procurement requirements is supported by the following review and interpretation of 2 CFR 200 as follows. I have reviewed the applicable 2 CFR 200 regulations, specifically 2 CFR 200.320 Procurement Methods (c) Noncompetitive procurement and have determined that 2 CFR 200.320 (c) (2)-(4) support the ability for NPS to approve the attached request from NPF for a waiver of competitive procurement requirements. Specifically, 2 CFR 200.320 (c)(2) supports single source and NPF has noted demonstrated capability and security clearance to deliver key components of the commemorative events as supporting factors for single source; 2 CFR 200.320 (c)(3) supports approval when public exigency for the requirement will not permit a delay that would be caused by competition which is the case for this requirement; and 2 CFR 200.320 (c)(4) supports awarding agency approval when the recipient requests in writing to use noncompetitive procurement methods which NPF has done.

Please retain this communication in your official file as documentation of this approval.

Sincerely,

Heidi Sage
Bureau Financial Assistance Chief
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FY25 Complete FA Package Due Dates*

Competitive Cooperative Agreements, Property Use as FA: 2/28/25

Single-Source Cooperative Agreements, Task Agreements: 5/23/25

Modifications/Amendments to Existing Agreements: 6/27/25

*A PR is not required by the due dates above. The PR due date for all previously submitted and accepted FA packages is **8/15/25**.



November 6, 2025

Acting Director, Jessica Bowron
National Park Service
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Re: America250 Cooperative Agreement – Request for Waiver of Competitive Procurement Requirements

Dear Director Bowron:

On behalf of the National Park Foundation (NPF), I respectfully request approval under 2 C.F.R. § 200.320(c)(3) to waive competitive procurement requirements for certain contracts under the America250 Cooperative Agreement (No. MCA P26AM00099).

Due to the immovable national deadlines associated with the 250th anniversary and specific production schedules tied to federal venues and security coordination, time does not permit a full and open competition. In addition, the White House has requested engagement of specific qualified contractors with demonstrated capability and security clearances to deliver key components of the commemorative events.

NPF will ensure all contracts are reasonable, necessary, and fully documented, in compliance with 2 C.F.R. Part 200. Procurement records, cost analyses, and conflict-of-interest certifications will be provided to NPS upon request.

Accordingly, NPF seeks written authorization to proceed with noncompetitive procurement for the identified firms listed in Attachment A, limited to defined scopes and not-to-exceed amounts. We appreciate your prompt consideration so that critical America250 milestones can remain on schedule.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ruth Prescott".

Ruth Hernandez Prescott
Executive Vice President & Chief Governance Officer
National Park Foundation

Attachment A

EVENT/PROGRAM	DATE	LOCATION	BUDGET ESTIMATE
Navy250 / Marine250 Events + Broadcast Special	SEPT 2025 - NOV 2025	Misc.	\$23,000,000.00
Mobile Museum (IMLS Grant)	NOV. 2025 - DEC. 2026	Nationwide	\$14,200,000.00
NYE Washington Monument Lighting	DEC. 27 - 31, 2025	Washington, DC	\$2,500,000.00
National Prayer Event	<u>MAY 24, 2026</u>	Washington, DC	\$2,500,000.00
Memorial Day 2026 Commemoration Events	<u>MAY 25, 2026</u>		\$1,000,000.00
The Great American State Fair	<u>JUNE 25, 2026 - JULY 10, 2026</u>	Washington, DC	\$25,000,000.00
Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library Opening	<u>JULY 1, 2026</u>	Medora, ND	\$750,000.00
Independence Hall	<u>JULY 2, 2026</u>	Philadelphia, PA	\$0.00
International Naval Review / Sail 4th 250	<u>JULY 4, 2026</u>	New York, NY	\$1,000,000.00
Salute to America	<u>JULY 4, 2026</u>	Washington, DC	\$20,000,000.00
The Patriot Games	FALL 2026		\$18,500,000.00
Misc. Events			\$5,000,000.00
Operational Costs			\$15,000,000.00
Grand Total			\$128,450,000.00
Federal Funding			\$100,000,000.00
IMLS Grant			\$14,200,000.00
Total Federal Funding			\$114,200,000.00
GRAND TOTAL LESS FUNDING			\$14,250,000.00