Parks & Trails Partnership

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UNLV Mission

UNLV is committed to demonstrating how the traditional values of higher education can be adapted to the conditions and needs of individuals and communities in the 21st century.

Key macrothemes of the university’s strategic plan include Economic Development, Preservation of History & Culture, and Community Outreach & Collaboration.
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- In keeping with these macrothemes, UNLV is embarking on several partnerships with the BLM and related agencies to provide a wide array of research, technical assistance, education, and service support on projects funded through the SNPLMA.

- UNLV is a research extensive university with academic departments and research centers and institutes that embrace a broad scope of interests and expertise.
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- Drawing on the expertise within these units and beyond, the university can develop programs to address resource issues and interdisciplinary problem-solving at any level necessary to address the complex issues facing federal agencies and their partners.
UNLV Inter-agency Services

Among the services UNLV can provide to inter-agency partners, either wholly or in part, are:

- Administrative and fiscal support services.
- Access to university faculty and staff expertise.
- Computer, GIS, database, and computational support services.
- Facilities management.
- Facilities design, planning, and construction management.
- Surveys, statistics, marketing models, analysis and reports.
- Project management.
- Program management.
- Park and trail conceptual design.
- Competitive and discretionary procurement of services.
- Status of construction and financial reports.
UNLV faculty, staff, and students have a successful history of partnering with local agencies to research and/or assist in the development of public projects.

The university has expertise in procuring and managing consultants to stay within timelines and budget.

The university has extensive experience in competitive selection processes and the ability to manage those processes.
Sample Projects

- Las Vegas Springs Preserve
- National Park Service/Lake Mead Trails Project
- North Las Vegas Demonstration Garden
- Oliver Ranch Cultural Survey
- Municipal Parks Master Plans – Elko, Ely, Dayton, Minden, Boulder City
- NDOT Master Plan
- Elementary School Courtyard Landscapes
Input and Control

- The university can serve in any role desired to meet the needs of a partnering agency:
  - Serve as an extension of the agency’s staff within existing agency structures and policies.
  - Comply with agency procedures and policies.
  - Extend agency program initiatives and directions.
  - Provide complete project management on behalf of the agency.
  - Manage federal compliance procedures.
The university and its faculty can bring a value-added approach to public projects:

- Develop wayside and visitor center exhibits.
- Provide multilingual and culturally appropriate educational materials and signage.
- Produce TV and radio productions for public education and outreach.
- Provide interactive Web materials.
- Conduct environmental scans.
Emphasis on Research

The university can identify and research unique conditions that may be present:

- Historical resources.
- Cultural resources.
- Natural resources.
- Ecosystems.
- Engineering solutions.
Emphasis on Professional Results

- The university can ensure professional, timely results.
  - Draw upon qualified contractors based on qualifications or competitive pricing.
  - Use agency-qualified consultants based on existing selection processes.
  - Offer in-house, experienced professionals and faculty as appropriate.
Case Study: Kiel Ranch Historic Site & Trailhead

Potential Project Assistance:
- Program and project management.
- Technical assistance.
- NEPA oversight.
- Scope verifications.
- Public input process, outreach, and communication.
- Compliance with federal agencies.
- Consultant and contractor procurement and oversight.
Potential Educational and Research Assistance

- Anthropology
- Biology
- Civil Engineering
- Construction Mgmt.
- Desert Research Institute
- Environ. Studies
- Foreign Languages
- Geosciences
- History
- Landscape Architecture
- Leisure Studies
Summary

- Professional Expertise.
- Educational Resources.
- Capacity to Help.
- Available for Partnerships.
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