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**PROJECT SUMMARY**

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| **Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit**  **Cooperative Agreement Modification** | | | | | |
| FUNDING AGENCY: **National Park Service** | | | | | |
| MODIFICATION NO.: **[CESU info only]** | | COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT NO.:**1200-99-009** | | FUNDING AMOUNT $ 28,104 | |
| INVESTIGATORS Contact Information: see below | | | | | |
| PROJECT TITLE: Part I ofResearch: Why NPS Rangers Suffer the Highest Assault Rate of Federal Agents Identify Solutions | | | | | |
| EFFECTIVE DATES**:**September 1, 2003 to May 31, 2004 | | | | | |
| The International Association of Chief of Police, in their study of NPS' law enforcement program, identified that NPS rangers suffer the highest rate of assaults of any federal law enforcement agency. (Policing the National Parks: 21st Century Requirements. page 4) Between 1998 and 2002 three rangers have been murdered by gunfire and several others have been engaged in deadly encounters.  The purpose of this task order is to quantify, analyze and establish the statistical and investigatory framework necessary to solve an employee safety problem affecting law enforcement officers of the National Park Service. This problem, left unresolved, may also diminish NPS mission accomplishment by harming the high level of perceived safety required to initiate a National Park experience  1. Verify and quantify the IACP's findings.  2. Seek NPS procedures that might provide inaccurate statistics and therefore mis-represent the problem.  3. Prepare statistical and narrative analysis of the cases.  4. Provide written reports to the NPS that document the above findings.  5. Develop an investigative plan and budget to determine causation and recommendations for resolution the problem. | | | | | |
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| *Annual Report Received:*  *Final Report Received:*  *Publications on File:* | | | | | |
| *This Modification is subject to all the provisions included in the Cooperative Agreement,****dated 6/22/99.*** | | | | | |
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*Attach any supporting material as necessary.*