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REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST

NUMBER W9126G-18-2-SOI-4018

PROJECT TO BE INITIATED IN 2018

Project Title: Forestry Technicians for Environmental and Natural Resources Management Division, Fort Polk, Louisiana.

Responses to this Request for Statements of Interest will be used to identify potential investigators for a project to be funded by Fort Polk which provides professional and technical support for its Natural Resources Branch Program in order to facilitate successful implementation of the Endangered Species Act (16 USC 1531 et seq.), the Sikes Act Improvement Act (16 USC 670 et seq.), and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 USC 1361 et seq.) and Army Regulation 200-1. Approximately \$370,000 is expected to be available to support this project. Additional funding may be available for follow on work in subsequent fiscal years to the successful Recipient/Awardee.

Background:

The Fort Polk environmental program ensures military mission activities are conducted in compliance with all applicable environmental laws, regulations and policies. The program conducts natural resource and forestry management activities on JRTC and Fort Polk (to include forest fire management activities on United States Forest Service Lands utilized by Fort Polk under a special use permit agreement). The scope of this agreement includes supporting the program manager (PM) through various program management duties including, but not limited to:

- Wildfire pre-suppression and suppression activities
- Forest Inventory and Timber Marking
- INRMP management activities implementation

Type of Award:

The government anticipates it will provide substantial involvement through the life of the project. The exact nature of the government's involvement will be defined in the statement of work, issued with a request for full proposal, after review of the statements of interest. As a result, it is anticipated that a cooperative agreement will be awarded.

Brief Description of Anticipated Work:

This research focuses on the following objectives:

Task 1: Forest Road and Firebreak Maintenance and Construction, and Site Rehabilitation: operation of heavy equipment with wheel-mounted or crawler type traction for maintaining and constructing forest roads and firebreaks.

3.2 **Task 2: Prescribed Burning and Wildfire Suppression:** assist with prescribed burns and wildfire suppression.

3.3 **Task 3: Harvest Site Preparation:** supports the preparation of timber harvest sites for sale.

3.4 **Task 4: Forest Inventories:** assists in conducting field inventories required by the Forestry Branch.

3.5 **Task 5: INRMP Management Support:** supports in Fish and Wildlife management activities; RCW management activities; Ecosystem management activities; Implementation of prescriptive measures in Forest Compartment prescriptions

Period of Performance. The agreement expected to be 12 months from the date of award. In addition, four option years are expected and each one is subject to availability of funds.

Materials Requested for Statement of Interest/Qualifications:

Please provide the following via e-mail attachment to: sandra.justman@usace.army.mil
(Maximum length: 2 pages, single-spaced 12 pt. font).

1. Name, Organization and Contact Information
2. Brief Statement of Qualifications (including):
 - a. Biographical Sketch,
 - b. Relevant past projects and clients with brief descriptions of these projects,
 - c. Staff, faculty or students available to work on this project and their areas of expertise,
 - d. Any brief description of capabilities to successfully complete the project you may wish to add (e.g. equipment, laboratory facilities, greenhouse facilities, field facilities, etc.).

Note: A full study proposal and proposed budget are NOT requested at this time.

Review of Statements Received: All statements of interest received will be evaluated by a board comprised of one or more people at the receiving installation or activity, who will determine which statement(s) best meet the program objectives. Based on a review of the Statements of Interest received, an investigator or investigators will be invited to prepare a full study proposal. Statements will be evaluated based on the investigator's specific experience and capabilities in areas related to the study requirements.

Please send responses or direct questions to:

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Timeline for Review of Statements of Interest: The RSOI are required to be out for a minimum of 10 working days. Review of Statements of Interest will begin **15 August 2018.**