July 30, 2018

**REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST**

**NUMBER W9126G-16-2-SOI-3842**

**PROJECT TO BE INITIATED IN 2018**

**Project Title:** RECREATIONAL BOATING SURVEY AT LEWISVILLE LAKE, TEXAS AND JOE POOL LAKE, TEXAS

Responses to this Request for Statements of Interest will be used to identify potential investigators for a project to be funded by US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) which provides professional and technical support for its Civil Works mission. Approximately $375,000 is expected to be available to support this project.

**Background:**

Conduct a Recreational Boating Survey (RBS) at both Lewisville Lake, Texas and Joe Pool Lake, Texas. The recipient/cooperator agrees to accomplish the following general tasks at each survey location:

• Utilization counts at boat ramp parking lots including unauthorized parking.

• Marina slip occupancy counts at existing marinas.

• Empty boat trailer counts in all campgrounds.

• Empty boat trailer counts in designated day use areas where appropriate.

• On-the-water vessel counts at specified times and locations.

• Conduct boat ramp exit surveys at specified boat ramps.

• Administer the Marina Tenant and Stakeholder surveys.

• Preparation of a report summarizing the count and survey data.

**Type of Award:**

In accordance with section *6305 – Using cooperative agreements* of the *Federal Grant and*

*Cooperative Agreements Act of 1977* (31 U.S.C. § 6301 et seq.), all CESU projects must carry out a public purpose of support or stimulation, instead of acquiring goods or services

for the exclusive direct benefit of the United States Government. The primary beneficiary of this project is the public at large but is especially beneficial to the boating public to include users of public boat ramps , marina tenants , and residents of the surrounding area. The results of the survey will provide the federal government the data required to make master plan and boating safety decisions for the benefit of the public.

In accordance with section *6305 – Using cooperative agreements* of the *Federal Grant and*

*Cooperative Agreements Act of 1977* (31 U.S.C. § 6301 et seq.), substantial involvement is

expected between the federal partner and the nonfederal partner when carrying out the

activities specified in the project agreement. The exact nature of the government’s involvement will be defined in the statement of objectives, issued with a request for full proposal.

As a result, it is anticipated that a cooperative agreement through the CESU program will be awarded. Such awards may be administered through a CESU only upon mutual agreement and official authorization by both parties of the acceptance of the application of the CESU Network IDC rate (17.5%).

Note: Must be a non-federal partner in the CESU Unit to be qualified to be considered.

**Brief Description of Anticipated Work:**

This research focuses on the following objectives:

**1. Conduct Kickoff Meetings for Lewisville Lake and Joe Pool Lake RBS**

 The goal of this task is to ensure the recipient/cooperator, the Regional Planning & Environmental Center (RPEC), and Fort Worth District Operations key personnel understand the purpose and process of the RBS and the timeline for accomplishing the overall tasks.

• Conduct separate kick-off meetings with Fort Worth District Operations and RPEC Master Planning staffs at Lewisville Lake and Joe Pool Lake, respectively.

• Discuss and confirm the count and survey process, schedule and deliverables, and conduct a site visit.

• Prepare a separate work plan for each lake location.

• Review government furnished material.

**2. Conduct recreational utilization counts and exit interviews at Lewisville Lake and Joe Pool Lake**

Recreational utilization counts for Lewisville Lake and Joe Pool Lake to be conducted at official boat launching ramps, all USACE-managed and leased camping areas and day use picnic areas, all marinas, and on the lake water surface. Exit interviews are to be conducted at specific boat ramp locations and should not delay the public’s ability to retrieve their boats or cause traffic congestion.

**3. Mail-back surveys to stakeholders and marina tenants at Lewisville Lake and Joe Pool Lake**

The mail-back surveys to be either mailed or emailed to stakeholders, and marina tenants. Different survey forms are go to each of the listed groups to accurately and effectively collect data that pertains to their use/knowledge of boating at Lewisville Lake or Joe Pool Lake

**4. Draft summary report**

The recipient/cooperator to prepare a draft report for each lake summarizing all data collected. The report should display data in a manner that clearly and graphically displays the data collected for each survey day and each location specified in the RBS. The draft report should also provide a clear summary and statistical trends of the exit interview surveys and each of the mail out surveys. The boater exit interview surveys shall be summarized for each boat ramp location by date and as an aggregate summary for each lake.

**5. Final summary report**

The recipient/cooperator to prepare a final summary report for each lake summarizing all data collected incorporating government comments.

**Period of Performance.** The period of performance is from award through 15 October 2019.

**Materials Requested for Statement of Interest/Qualifications:**

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

1. Name, Organization, Cage Code, Duns number, 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.

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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 **13 August 2018**.