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## **REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST**

**NUMBER W9126G-18-2-SOI-0122**

**PROJECT TO BE INITIATED IN 2018**

**Project Title:** Environmental Natural Resource Technical Support for Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Responses to this Request for Statements of Interest will be used to identify potential investigators for a project to be funded by the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Marine Corps, which provides professional and technical support for its Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP) in order to facilitate successful implementation of the 16 USC 670c-1 Sikes Act. Approximately **\$248,094.00** is expected to be available to support this project. Additional funding may be available for optional work this fiscal year and in subsequent fiscal year to the successful Recipient/Awardee.

### **Background:**

Provide senior-level, specialized environmental program / technical tertiary support to complete the following tasks: National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) analysis and documentation, Endangered Species Act (ESA) consultations, cultural resources, general natural resources and other broad environmental support to the Department of the Navy (DON).

### **Type of Award:**

In accordance with the *Sikes Act* (Sec. 103A [16 USC 670c-1]) "the Secretary of a military department may enter into cooperative agreements with States, local governments, Indian Tribes, non-governmental organizations, and individuals" This project is in support of the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan, as directed in the *Sikes Act*, and 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 anticipated work focuses on the following objectives:

Environmental natural resource tasks support in support of the Deputy Assistant Secretaries of the Navy (DASN) for Environment and Installations & Facilities as specified below:

- a. Review and summarize natural resources and general NEPA issues/concerns for U.S. Marine Corps actions that are routed to OASN for endorsement/approval. Primary focus will be U.S. Marine Corps actions supporting the Pacific rebalance. After reviewing documents, the NFE may be required to provide a written summary of key issues and concerns (if any) with the document and recommend edits/changes to DASN(E) and HQMC staff. Anticipate conducting approximately 10 reviews/year. For cost estimating purposes, assume four Draft EIS document reviews (1,500 pages each) and four Final EIS document reviews (2,000 pages each). This task may require participation at off-site tiger team meetings for certain NEPA document development and comment resolution (assume two weeklong meetings).
- b. NFE will provide subject matter expertise (SME) for tertiary support of Pacific region NEPA, natural and cultural resources initiatives; such as, assisting government with the NEPA and associated consultations for the Marine Corps relocation to Guam and provide technical support to the government as they establish new joint military training ranges in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Pacific conservation (mitigation) initiatives; Endangered Species Act (ESA) compliance, biosecurity measures standardization, and general environmental coordination.
  - i. The NFE will be required to review and coordinate/consolidate all DoD comments on Pacific conservation initiatives, lead meetings, conduct reviews and coordinate extensively with external resource agencies.
  - ii. DON is working to support the development of a comprehensive ESA consultation agreement with the USFWS Region 1 to support the Pacific rebalance. The agreement will help facilitate timely execution of DON ESA Section 7 consultation responsibilities. The NFE shall assist in the preparation of the agreement, coordinate and consolidate DoD and other agency comments, and assist in the development of the final version of the agreement for government review and signature. The NFE will be required to attend one off-site meeting in Portland, Hawaii or Guam (one-week duration).
  - iii. DON and FWS signed a July 2015 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to enable the Guam Military Relocation. DON will need to ensure proper execution and compliance with terms of the MOA. The NFE will be required to facilitate this effort by coordinating meetings and preparing summary paper and briefs.
  - iv. The NFE will assist the DASN/HQMC lead negotiators to develop a MOA for the establishment of Surface Danger Zones over the Ritidian Unit of the Guam National Wildlife Refuge. NFE will apply their expertise to ensure natural resources requirements are addressed.
- c. Help prepare/review DON NEPA, natural resources and cultural resources reports and presentations:
  - i. The NFE will solicit and consolidate input from the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV), Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps (HQMC), and other internal stakeholders to compile data and other information necessary to develop reports.
- d. Track, review and consolidate DON comments on all Administration, Congressional and Federal agency proposals that have the potential to affect the DON's environmental program (focusing on proposals that have the potential to impact the Pacific rebalance)

such as streamlining initiatives, rule/policy reviews, endangered species listing and critical habitat proposals, etc. Anticipate approximately five (5) reviews.

- e. Assist with responding to special NEPA, natural resources and cultural resources initiatives (NEPA process improvement, DON NEPA conference coordination, etc.)
- f. Assist the DON with Guam NEPA compliance for mitigation project development to include ungulate fencing, access, refuge agreement activities, Guam Northern District Wastewater Treatment Plant (NDWWTP) upgrades and outfall installation planning. Support for any follow-on NEPA would be shared between offices and would involve support for oversight of regional command environmental planning. Entities involved: ODASN (E) & (I&F), OEA/EAC, Gov Guam, NAVFAC (PAC and MAR), PACAF, USMC (PP&O and MARFORPAC).
- g. Assist with on-going or legacy document management of NEPA and ESA compliance including research and reporting to support mitigation implementation, monitoring, review and validation of administrative records, and any environmental legal efforts. Entities involved: ODASN (E) & (I&F), OEA/EAC, Gov Guam, NAVFAC (PAC and MAR), PACAF, USMC (PP&O and MARFORPAC).

**NOTE:** At this time we are only requesting that you demonstrate available qualifications and skills for performing similar or same type of work. Support personnel will be required to obtain and maintain a security clearance at the Secret level. You will be evaluated for request for a proposal based on skills and qualifications demonstrated in your SOI.

**Period of Performance.** The base year of agreement will extend one year from award.

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

Please provide the following via e-mail attachment to: [Alisa.Marshall@usace.army.mil](mailto:Alisa.Marshall@usace.army.mil) and [Kali.L.Evans@usace.army.mil](mailto:Kali.L.Evans@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.

**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 [at 4:00 P.M., Central Time on 10 August 2018.](#)

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