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**REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST**

**NUMBER W9126G-19-2-SOI-1317**

**PROJECT TO BE INITIATED IN 2019**

**Project Title:** Natural Resource Environmental Services for Kirtland AFB

Responses to this Request for Statements of Interest will be used to identify potential investigators for a project to be funded by Kirtland AFB which provides professional and technical support for its Natural Resources Projects in order to facilitate successful implementation of the 16 USC 670c-1 Sikes Act. Approximately \$450,000 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 Kirtland AFB environmental program ensures military mission activities are conducted in compliance with all applicable environmental laws, regulations and policies. Numerous native wildlife species and ecosystems exist on Kirtland AFB. These include the Loggerhead Shrike, Desert Massasagua, Wetlands/Floodplains, Burrowing Owls, Gray Vireo, Pinyon Jay, Migratory Song Birds, and Cougars. Of the nine (9) objectives for this project, there is one (1) required task (Loggerhead Shrike) and the eight (8) remaining are optional tasks.

**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 research focuses on the following objectives:

- 1) Objective 1: (Required) Species Management, Loggerhead Shrike. To include survey of species movement, nesting and prescriptions for habitat management etc.
- 2) Objective 2: (Optional) Species Management, Desert Massasqagua. To include study of hibernacula, migration patterns, population and prey utilization etc.
- 3) Objective 3: (Optional) Management of Wetlands & Floodplains. To include vegetation management and maintenance, ecosystem restoration and vegetation removal and planting etc.
- 4) Objective 4: (Optional) Species Management, Burrowing Owl. To include surveys to locate and monitor owls, banding, observation and mapping of species.
- 5) Objective 5: (Optional) Species Management, Gray Vireo. To include survey of species movement, nesting, and prescriptions for habitat management etc.
- 6) Objective 6: (Optional) Species Management, Pinyon Jay. To include survey of species movement, nesting, and prescriptions for habitat management etc.
- 7) Objective 7: (Optional) Species Management, Migratory Song Birds. To include surveys of nesting, transitory use, movement patterns and prescriptions for habitat management.
- 8) Objective 8: (Optional) Species Management, Cougars. To include surveys of abundance, territory, range, population/breeding and den locations etc.
- 9) Objective 9: (Optional) Monitoring, Burrowing Owl. To include surveys to locate owls after migration, observation, and banding documentation etc.

**Period of Performance.** The base year of agreement will extend one year from award. Four option periods extending for one year are anticipated pending funds.

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

Please provide the following via e-mail attachment to: [Sandra.justman@usace.army.mil](mailto:Sandra.justman@usace.army.mil) & Zia Burns [zia.burns@usace.army.mil](mailto: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.

**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 **10 July 2019**.

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