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REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST

NUMBER W9126G-19-2-SOI-8805

PROJECT TO BE INITIATED IN 2019

Project Title: Seasonal Wildland Fire Support at Multiple AFCEC Installations

Responses to this Request for Statements of Interest will be used to identify potential investigators for a project to be funded by the US Air Force, 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 **\$364,150** is expected to be available to support this project. Additional funding may be available for additional tasks and/or follow on work in subsequent fiscal years to the successful Recipient/Awardee.

Background:

Provide seasonal support to the AFCEC Wildland Fire Program activities.

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:

- Provide up to ten (10) part time seasonal hires for a period of six (6) months each.
- Provide up to six (6) part time seasonal hires for a period of nine (9) months each.
- Provide technical assistance with wildland fire and mitigation measures.
- Provide assistance in the preparation, ignition, and control of prescribed fires on Air Force installations and Wildland Fire Center Inter-Agency partner lands.
- Provide labor and technical assistance to protect resources before and during wildland fire operations such as military assets, sensitive species and habitats, natural resources, cultural resources, human-made improvements.
- Provide technical and logistical assistance related to wildfire equipment fleet troubleshooting, recordkeeping, and maintenance to maintain fleet readiness.
- Provide technical assistance and support for dispatch procedures, record keeping, and resource tracking.
- Provide assistance in support of wildfire suppression on AF installations and Wildland Fire Center Inter-Agency partner lands to include managing the wildfire as an NWCG qualified Incident Commander or other identified NWCG qualified positions needed to support the wildfire suppression activities.
- Qualifications for FTEs supporting the Air Force program on wildfire suppression activities must be available for qualification and records tracking in IQCS by the Air Force Wildland Fire Training Manager

NOTE: At this time we are only requesting that you demonstrate available qualifications and skills for performing similar or same type of work. 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 12 months from award with 4 option years, subject to availability of funds.

Materials Requested for Statement of Interest/Qualifications:

Please provide the following via e-mail attachment to: alisa.marshall@usace.army.mil and sarah.j.miller2@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 **August 5, 2019**.

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