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**REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST**

**NUMBER W9126G-19-2-SOI-8960**

**PROJECT TO BE INITIATED IN 2019**

**Project Title:** Fort Carson Conservation Support

Responses to this Request for Statements of Interest will be used to identify potential investigators for a project to be funded by the US Army, 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 \$224,000 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 support to the Fort Carson Conservation Program.

**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 support focuses on the following objectives:

- 1) Develop research designs for the evaluation of archaeological sites at Fort Carson. As part of the research design, the Cooperator will review existing reports of archaeological and historical studies pertaining to the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site (PCMS) and immediate surrounding area; review accessible historical maps, aerial photographs, and other documents with indications of land uses prior to the establishment of the PCMS in 1983 for the specific sites selected for re-evaluation; consult with the relevant historians or other knowledgeable individuals regarding locally important persons or events associated with the sites selected for re-evaluation; and review all information and associated artifacts within the USAG collections regarding the sites selected for evaluation.
- 2) Develop a mitigation plan that describes the necessary work to be completed at 12 National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-eligible archaeological sites in sufficient detail to support the mitigation of those sites in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).
- 3) Fully document at least 51 isolated finds to modern-day standards at Fort Carson and PCMS. At minimum, isolated find descriptions should have the following subdivisions: 1) Location and Setting – the information contained within this section should include the location of the site in reference to Training Area and nearest road, the USGS quadrangle, topographic setting, elevation; vegetation, surface visibility, soil types, nearest natural water source, and site disturbances; 2) Previous Investigations – all previous investigations should be discussed in this section; 3) Current Investigations; and 4) Eligibility Recommendation – should include a well-thought out justification.
- 4) Produce an Integrated Wildland Fire Management Plan (IWFMP) that is fully compliant with National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) and Army Wildland Fire Policy guidance.

**NOTE:** At this time we are only requesting that you demonstrate available qualifications and skills for performing similar or the same type of work. NFE's must demonstrate the Principal Investigator/Project Manager meets the Secretary of the Interior's professional qualifications for archaeology, as defined in 36 CFR Part 61. You will be evaluated for request for a proposal based on skills and qualifications demonstrated in your SOI.

**Period of Performance.** 18 months from date of award.

**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) and [brian.d.hesford@usace.army.mil](mailto:brian.d.hesford@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 is required to be out for a minimum of 10 working days. Review of Statements of Interest will begin **8/19/2019**.