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REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST

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PROJECT TO BE INITIATED IN 2019

Project Title: Fort Hunter Liggett Cultural Resources 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 \$142,000 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:

Perform archaeological surveys at Fort Hunter Liggett.

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) Conduct background research to identify potential resources in the area to include historical aerial images, historic maps, and historic and cultural reports.
- 2) Conduct intensive field surveys within identified survey units to identify, describe, and document all cultural resource sites and isolated artifacts located. All work shall be recorded by qualified archaeological professionals and follow the Standards and Guidelines for recording sites as described by the California State Office of Historic Preservation.
- 3) All field work shall be fully documented in the field notes and recorded on California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) forms. These forms include a Primary record (DPR 532A) with basic location and descriptive information, and location maps with GPS coordinates. Weekly progress reports on work accomplished to date shall be provided and shall include locations of any new sites found, previously known sites monitored, and approximate acreage covered. Field notes shall clearly describe field conditions encountered.
- 4) Artifacts shall be collected only with approval of the Fort Hunter Liggett Cultural Resources Program Manager and locations shall be precisely mapped on quadrangle maps and aerial photograph overlays. All survey areas shall be plotted using GPS using UTM WGS 84. Data must be compatible with ESRI ARCGIS software, provided on CD or DVD media, and readable from government computers and ARCGIS 10 software.
- 5) The Cooperator shall complete the State Historical Protection Officer (SHPO) Site Form for each identified cultural resource site and an Isolated Find form for isolated artifacts.
- 6) The Cooperator shall submit a Cultural Resources Survey Report to include all survey areas and sites located. The Cultural Resources Survey Report shall follow the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archaeology and Historic Preservation (48 FR 44716-44742), and be consistent with guidance provided by the California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) in Instructions for Recording Historical Resources (1995). The body of the report should introduce the project and reason for the survey; present the results of the backgrounds research; provide an historical overview or context statement; describe methods for survey and site recording; outline factors that may have affected the survey results; and summarize the results of the survey. The report shall be illustrated with a project location map on 1:24,000 USGS topographic quadrangle, specific survey coverage maps and descriptions of intensity of survey (i.e. transect width, ground visibility, slope, etc.). The report shall include complete site records with maps, descriptions, photographs, and drawings.

NOTE: At this time we are only requesting that you demonstrate available qualifications and skills for performing similar or the same type of work. Archaeologists should have at minimum a Bachelor's Degree in archaeology or related field; and be qualified to lead archaeological surveys, prepare appropriate survey and site documentation, manage data files meeting the federal guidelines and standards, and provide technical assistance to the Cultural Resources Manager. Archaeologists shall possess technical ability and expertise in systematic survey standards, locating and recording prehistoric and historic archaeological sites, and monitoring and implementing protection measures. 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. The PI/PM for this project must have at least 10

years of supervisory and project management experience, and have a Master's Degree in archeology, anthropology, history, or similar field. 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: frederick.l.wilson@usace.army.mil and 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 **8/12/2019**.