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**REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST**

**NUMBER W9126G-18-2-SOI-0010**

**PROJECT TO BE INITIATED IN 2018**

**Project Title:** Fort Drum Conservation Education

Responses to this Request for Statements of Interest will be used to identify potential investigators for a project to be funded by Fort Drum which provides professional and technical support for its Conservation Program in order to facilitate successful implementation of environmental outreach programming. Approximately **\$104,350** 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:**

Federal law requires that land managing agencies take into account the effect of their undertakings. To support these efforts, compliance processes have been codified under such laws as the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA), National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Clean Air Act (CAA), the Clean Water Act (CWA), the Endangered Species Act (ESA), and the Sikes Act. Military land managers are the stewards of millions of acres of publicly owned land and are required to follow all federal environmental legislation in managing these lands. A key component of conservation stewardship at Fort Drum, NY is environmental outreach and education to soldiers, their families, and the wider community.

**Type of Award:**

In accordance with section 6305 – *Using cooperative agreements of the Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreements Act of 1977* (31 U.S.C. § 6301 et seq.), all CESU projects must carry out a public purpose of support or stimulation, instead of acquiring goods or services for the exclusive direct benefit of the United States Government.

In accordance with section 6305 – *Using cooperative agreements of the Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreements Act of 1977* (31 U.S.C. § 6301 et seq.), substantial involvement is

expected between the federal partner and the nonfederal partner when carrying out the activities specified in the project agreement. The exact nature of the government's involvement will be defined in the statement of objectives, issued with a request for full proposal.

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: Develop, implement, and test outreach, education, and training initiatives to increase cooperation throughout the Fort Drum community in terms of environmentally friendly behavior and to make every effort to insure that all members of the Fort Drum community understand the environmental requirements associated with responsible management of federal land and a US Army Garrison.
- 2) Objective 2: Create and/or revise press releases, pamphlets, newsletters, brochures and flyers for environmental division and installation environmental news.
- 3) Objective 3: Coordinate and/or assist in coordinating special events (e.g., Arbor Day, Maple Days, Earth Day, Environmental Division Civilian of Quarter Luncheon, Fishing Derby, Fort Drum Outdoor Adventure Day, National Public Lands Day and Native American Month).
- 4) Objective 4: Develop and/or provide support for presentations, videos, and/or posters for professional educational events, workshops, special events, and other Environmental Division requirements.
- 5) Objective 5: Coordinate and/or participate in outreach programming related to the Fort Drum Environmental Division. These activities may include but are not limited to guiding field trips, speaking to school groups and community organizations, and developing outreach materials and displays. These activities also include management of Environmental Division Social Media.
- 6) Objective 6: Collect and assimilate data, and create Environmental Division Award Packages for Department of Defense Awards if directed by the Environmental Division Chief.
- 7) Objective 7: Collect and analyze data related to outreach measures as compared with evidence of environmentally conscious behavior across the installation.
- 8) Objective 8: Provide designs for and copy ready examples of pamphlets, videos, brochures and other outreach materials and displays to the Fort Drum Environmental Division and work to insure that the Environmental Division social media presence is current.

**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 one year from the date of award. Four option periods extending for one year are anticipated pending funds and will start at the completion of the Base period.

**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 [Kathy.s.mitchell@usace.army.mil](mailto:Kathy.s.mitchell@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.

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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 **16 April 2018**.

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