

Funding Agency: US Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District 2204 3 rd street JBER, AK. 99506	Funding Instrument: Cooperative Agreement Funding Opportunity No: POA-CESU-18-01 CFDA No: 12.632 Program Title: Legacy Resource Management Program, Sikes Act 670c-1																		
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<p>Overview: POA-CESU 18-01 MANAGEMENT, SPECIES, HAWAIIAN PETREL & NEWELLS SHEARWATER, KOKE'E AIR FORCE STATION, KAUAI.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create Draft Work Plan. 2. Create Final Work Plan. 3. Koke'e AFS Installation Avian Surveys. 4. Koke'e AFS Installation Predator Control. 5. Off Site Predator Control. 6. Create Draft Project Summary Report. 7. Create Final Project Summary Report. 8. Remote Seabird Transportation Contingency. <p>See Scope of Work for detailed information.</p> <p>Period of Performance is: 31 August 2018 through 30 August 2019. This requirement may be modified to extend the period of performance by one additional year if these tasks are still required and acceptable performance has been met. This does not obligate the Government to extend this agreement.</p>																			
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<p>Contact Information: Questions that are related to Grants.gov including registration and system requirements should be directed to the Grants.gov contact center at 1-800-518-4726. For assistance with this funding Opportunity Announcement please contact Olen.R.Northern@usace.army.mil</p>																			

Instructions to Applicant: The complete Funding Opportunity Announcement, application forms and Instructions can be downloaded directly from Grants.gov.

Applications in response to this Funding Opportunity Announcement must be submitted by 2:00PM Alaska time, on the Application Due Date. Applications may be submitted by mail, e-mail, or via the internet through Grants.gov. Each applicant is responsible to ensure their application has been received timely.

Applicants will have a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number, and registered

See section IV of the Funding Opportunity Announcement for complete application submission information.

Section I: Funding Opportunity Description

MANAGEMENT, SPECIES, HAWAIIAN PETREL & NEWELLS SHEARWATER, KOKE'E AIR FORCE STATION, KAUAI.

Section II: Award Information

Cooperative Agreement, \$230,000 - \$254,000, 12 month period of performance with possibility of extension.

Section III: Eligibility Information

Eligible Applicants – CESU Hawaii, N&W Alaska, PNW, CA, and Colorado Plateau.

Section IV: Application and Submission Information

1. Address to Request Application Package

The complete funding opportunity announcement, application forms, and instructions are available for download at Grants.gov. USACE is not responsible for any loss of internet connectivity or for an applicant's inability to access documents posted at the referenced website.

The administrative point of contact is Olen Northern, (907) 753-2525, Olen.R.Northern@usace.army.mil.

2. Content and Form of Application Submission

All mandatory forms and any applicable optional forms must be completed in accordance with the instructions on the forms and the additional instructions below.

a. SF 424 - Application for Federal Assistance

b. SF 424 A – Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs

c. SF 424 B – Assurances – Non-Construction Programs

d. Program Narrative – Brief program description illustrating applicant's ability to meet the goals and objectives described in Section I of the announcement.

Application shall be submitted NO LATER THAN 9-APRIL-2018

3. Submission Instructions

Applications may be submitted via e-mail and, or the internet.

a. Internet:

Applicants are required to submit proposals through Grants.gov. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their Grants.gov proposal submission is received in its entirety. The Government bears no responsibility for data errors resulting from transmission of conversion processes associated with electronic submissions. The Government will bear no responsibility for delays in submissions due to technical difficulties at or with the Grants.gov website.

All applicants using Grants.gov to submit proposals must be registered and have an account with Grants.gov. It may take up to three weeks to complete Grants.gov registration. For more information on registration, go to <http://www.grants.gov/ForApplicants>.

b. E-mail:

If there is an issue with submission to Grants.gov, please contact the Corps at the email addresses below. Format all documents to print on Letter (8 ½ x 11”) paper. E-mail proposal to Olen.R.Northern@usace.army.mil

Section V: Application Review Information

1. Evaluation for Selection to receive consideration for award, the proposal must meet the requirements set forth in this FOA and be presented with adequate detail to assure the evaluator(s) have a good understanding of the proposed requirement(s). All proposals will be evaluated to determine the extent to which each offeror demonstrates a clear understanding of the requirements of the announcement, Scope of Work (SOW), and FOA.

The offeror shall submit a proposal that completely addresses all evaluation criteria and specifically identifies how each requirement will be satisfied. Technical proposal shall be no longer than 15-pages, font 12 (This page limitation is in addition to all required forms). All questions shall be submitted no later than 20 March 2018 at 2:00PM Alaska time.

2. Basis of Award: The selection decision will be based on the NFE offering the best overall value to the Government, with consideration given to all factors described below (weighted in descending order of importance). Proposals will not be ranked. The Government will not award a Cooperative Agreement to a grantee whose proposal contains a deficiency. The selection will not be based on lowest proposed cost, it will be based on an analysis of each criteria listed below. The proposal document shall be outlined as shown below.

SCOPE OF WORK
MANAGEMENT, SPECIES, HAWAIIAN PETREL & NEWELLS SHEARWATER
KOKE'E AIR FORCE STATION, KAUAI
USAF 611TH CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON
Estimated Range \$230,000 - \$254,000
27 FEBRUARY 2018

1.0 Project Description and Objectives

The 611th Civil Engineer Squadron (CES) is the real property owner of an Air Force Station on the island Kauai. The 611th CES is also responsible for the terms and conditions called out in the 29 July 2011 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Formal Section 7 Consultation for the Continuing Operation of the Koke'e Air Force Station (AFS) on Kauai. This project will support the 611th CES and its tenants at Koke'e AFS complete requirements depicted within Biological Opinions issued by the USFWS, specifically avian monitoring and predator control.

Task Orders may be issued for work located throughout the Pacific area of responsibility through a cooperative agreement (CA) created by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District (USACE). In accordance with FAR 7.503(e), projects provided for execution under this CA by USACE do not include any functions to be performed that are inherently governmental. This determination is made with the assessment that places emphasis on the degree to which conditions and facts restrict the discretionary authority, decision-making responsibility, or accountability of Government officials using cooperator services or work products.

1.1 Background

The Sikes Act (16 USC 670a-670o, 74 Stat. 1052) of 1960 requires that each Department of Defense (DoD) installation create and maintain their own Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP), the principal tool for managing military installation natural resources. The INRMP defines natural resources management goals and objectives that are consistent with the military mission, and ensures no net loss in the capability of installation lands to support the military mission.

The DoD manages over 52 million acres of public land. As in the case with all government agencies, the DoD must manage its lands in accordance with all resource laws, such as the Sikes Act, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), National Historic Preservation Act, Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, etc. Compliance with these laws requires accurate, current data on the status of environmental and cultural resources on military installations and application of the data in management decisions. Collecting, analyzing and applying these data also support the objectives of the Legacy Resource Management Program.

Cooperative Agreements are entered into under the authority of Public Law (Pub. L.) 103-139, (see Pub. L. 101-511, Sec 8120); Delegation of Authority to USACE under Section 2684a of Title 10 U.S.C. by memorandum dated 17 July 2017; Title 32 – National Defense, Chapter 1 - Office of the Secretary of Defense, Part 21 - DoD Grants and Agreements (32CFR21.100-680); Title 32 - National Defense, Chapter 1 - Office of the Secretary of Defense, Part 22 - DoD Grants and Agreements - Award and Administrations (32CFR22.100-825); Title 32 - National Defense, Chapter 1 - Office of the Secretary of Defense, Part 32, DoD Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations (32CFR32.1-73); OMB Circular A-110, Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and other Non-Profit Organizations; the Sikes Act (16 USC 670 a through f and 10 USC 2668 through 2671), within the purview of Pub. L. 91-190, NEPA (42 USC 4321, 4331 through 4335, and 4341 through 4347), Pub. L. 74-46, and 40 CFR Subpart 265.

2.0 Project Tasks & Requirements

The tasks, expected requirements, deliverables and associated support documents for these tasks are discussed below. The Non Federal Entity (NFE) will obtain all permits and approvals (if any) necessary to obtain site access. All deliverables related to this agreement will be referred to as a specific deliverable number; Section 7.0 outlines all project deliverables. The following are scope of work requirements:

- Both the mid and senior biologist assigned to this scope of work must have at least 2 years of previous experience with the genus *Puffinus* and the family Procellariidae.
- The field technicians that will be collecting Installation information must be already located on the island of Kauai (this scope of work does not support billeting, meals and or per diem).
- The field technicians assigned predator control duties, must have at least 2 years of experience controlling feral cats, pigs, and invasive owls using traps or other approved methods.

2.1 Task 1: Draft Work Plan

A Draft Work Plan (**Deliverable 1a**) shall be created by the NFE displaying how and when the work will be completed over the course of the period of performance. Within the work plan, the NFE shall populate a Project Planning Chart (PPC) which details the project schedule. Dates of site visits to the installation to perform surveys and implementation of invasive species control efforts shall be narrowed to down to specific calendar dates. The use of Gantt charts to depict project schedule is appropriate for the workplan. Deliverable submission dates shall also be depicted within the draft work plan. A list of employees, inclusive of their educational certificates and licenses shall also be portrayed in the work plan. Scientific support and rationale for the methods of choice for surveying birds and implementing invasive species control tasks shall be depicted in the work plan. An emphasis in the work plan shall be placed on locations of targeted predator control off the installation. A map of targeted areas of invasive species control shall be included, such that the reader has an understanding as to where the control tasks will be implemented by the NFE. Trap visitation frequency shall be identified within the workplan and methods depicted in the work plan shall ensure animals do not remain in traps for extended periods of time. An equipment list which the NFE intends to purchase using funds associated with this project, shall be depicted within the Draft Work Plan, in addition to the cost of each item. A Draft Work Plan shall be submitted to the government within 30 calendar days of date of task order award. The government shall be afforded a 14 calendar day review period and shall provide the NFE with comments to utilize for finalization of the document.

2.2 Task 2: Final Work Plan

The NFE shall utilize the government comments to make final edits and changes to the work plan. A response to each government comment shall be documented by the NFE within a response to comment matrix, which shall be submitted alongside the Final Work Plan (**Deliverable 1b**). The NFE shall populate a comment matrix which shall depict the NFE's written response to each government comment. The populated comment matrix in addition to a Final Work Plan addressing each comment, shall be submitted no later than 58 calendar days after award for 611th CES approval.

2.3 Task 3: Koke'e AFS Installation Avian Surveys

In 2011 the Section 7 Consultation with the USFWS was completed and resulted in the issuance of a Biological Opinion from the USFWS that outlined the potential impacts to threatened and endangered seabirds of Hawaii from continuous daily and nightly operations at the Installation (also referred to as the "proposed actions"). The Biological Opinion included a list of terms, conditions and reasonable and prudent conservation measures to minimize impacts of incidental take on the listed seabirds at Koke'e AFS, in addition to an incidental take statement for specific protected species. One of the preventative measures

in the Biological Opinion called for the continued monitoring of seabirds to understand the level of impact caused by the installation. In 2017, the 611 CES aims to construct a walking path light system, which shall replace the perimeter lighting system during the adult and fledging attendance periods. It is not known how birds will react to the newly installed walking path lights. The implementation of this task during the time periods of 1 April – 30 December shall assist the 611th CES with its understanding of how the newly installed walking path lights do or do not attract rare seabirds and secondarily cause injury or harm to those attracted individuals. At minimum, three methods of seabird detection and surveillance shall be implemented from 1 April – 30 December 2018 and may include but not be limited to the following methods: night vision, thermal, avian radar, wire vibration meters, ground cameras and/or installation walking surveys. The methods selected by the NFE to quantify seabird utilization in the air column above KAFS and or installation grounds shall be described thoroughly in a draft project summary report. The draft project summary report shall also depict the results of the monitoring during the 1 April – 30 December 2018 period. In those instances when a bird is detected to have struck an installation structure of manmade origin, the draft summary project report shall detail possible causation for such seabird observation and each instance shall be mapped out to identify the location of discovery. Observations of birds striking buildings or birds discovered on site which may display evidence of injury due to strike should be segregated within the draft project summary report from observations of birds which fly over, but do not land or strike installation infrastructure. The total amount of time expended surveying for birds shall be quantified within the draft and final project summary reports. The NFE is responsible for taking all downed birds to the Save our Shearwaters designated drop point on the island of Kauai and additionally and shall equip itself with the proper equipment to transport birds. The NFE shall be required to procure materials associated with transporting such discovered birds to the Save Our Shearwaters program designated drop off sites. The NFE shall provide the government with a review period of 14 calendar days for the draft workplan.

2.4 Task 4: Koke'e AFS Installation Predator Control

The NFE shall implement feral cat trapping on Koke'e AFS property in an effort to maintain a feral cat population level of zero within the property boundary. Trap placement, bait type, and trapping intensity shall be based on the size of the installation and the fact that in 2016, only two feral cats were observed by University of Hawaii biologists using the installation. Feral cat trapping shall take place intermittently from 1 April to 30 December 2018 within the installation boundary. This task shall require the NFE to maintain a trap log which tracks the number of trap nights, bait type, successful captures, unsuccessful captures, bait condition, and trap location. A summary of the trap log data shall be included in the draft and final project summary report. All trap locations shall be mapped and the NFE shall utilize a Global Positioning System (GPS) to record a position for each trap. The Geographic Information Systems digital data files data along with a map of all trap locations, shall be submitted within the draft and final project summary report for review and approval. The GIS data used to create maps for this project shall comply with USAF standards discussed in Section 6.0.

2.5 Task 5: Off Site Predator Control

Kauai possesses multiple seabird colony sites where threatened and endangered seabirds utilize earthen burrows, crevices, or hollows to nest, specifically the Hawaiian Petrel and Newell's Shearwater. These locations are prone to predatory impacts and cat control on or near colony sites. The act of predator control is viewed by the biological community and conservation biologists as beneficial to improving seabird colony size and population resilience. The NFE shall implement invasive species control actions on or adjacent to known colonies on the island of Kauai in order to improve seabird survival. This task shall require the NFE to maintain a trap log which tracks the number of trap nights, bait type, successful captures, unsuccessful captures, bait condition, and trap location. A summary of the trap log data shall be included in the draft and final project summary report. All trap locations shall be mapped and the NFE shall utilize a Global Positioning System (GPS) to record a position for each trap. The GPS records along with a map of all trap locations, shall be submitted within the draft and final project summary report. The GIS data used

to create maps for this project shall comply with USAF standards discussed in Section 6.0. The NFE is responsible for obtaining written permission or permit for land access and trapping actions on those parcels which are not managed by the 611th CES.

2.6 Task 6: Draft Project Summary Report

Results from the execution of Tasks 3-5 shall be summarized within a draft project summary report (**Deliverable 2a**). Avian information shall be segregated from invasive species trapping results within the report. A summary of avian observations and cats trapped shall be included, in addition to the net level of effort expended. The net effort expended to complete the tasks shall be quantified in hours and this net effort shall be included in the report. Hours shall be separated out amongst task 3, 4, and 5. Detailed descriptions of the methodologies used to complete tasks 3-5 shall be included in the draft project summary report. The NFE shall use a document format required by the Journal of Wildlife Management. **Reference A¹** shall assist the NFE with understanding the required format and presentation of project results. At minimum the draft report shall include the following headings: Abstract, Introduction, Study Area, Methods, Results, Discussion, Management Implications, Acknowledgments, and Literature Cited. The NFE shall identify the 611th Civil Engineer Squadron as the responsible party for funding the project within the Acknowledgments section. The draft project summary report shall be submitted to the government no later than 15 January 2019. The NFE shall grant the government 14 calendar days to review the draft summary Report.

2.7 Task 7: Final Project Summary Report

The government shall expend 14 calendar days reviewing the draft project summary report and issue comments to the NFE to address upon closure of the 14 calendar review period. The NFE shall create a response to each comment and create a response to comment matrix. The matrix or spreadsheet should depict each government comment as well as the NFE's response to each of those comments. After completing the responses, the NFE shall use the matrix to make appropriate changes to the draft project summary report in order to create a final product. The Final Project Summary Report and populated Response to comment matrix (**Deliverable 2b**) shall be submitted to the 611th CES no later than 20 February 2019.

2.8 Task 8: Remote Seabird Transportation Contingency

The NFE shall create a list of supplies used to care for downed and injured seabirds and depict this list within the draft and final work plan for review and approval. The list shall identify the quantity and cost per unit of each item as well as delivery costs. The total amount of supplies depicted on the list shall be capable of transporting at least 130 seabirds at one time. The supplies shall be shipped to Lihue, Kauai and subsequently transported to the Save Our Shearwaters offices on the island of Kauai. The NFE shall identify within the workplan how each piece of equipment supports bird rehabilitation and the dates of expected arrival of all supplies to Lihue, Kauai. All supplies associated with this task shall be delivered to the SOS offices on Kauai no later than 180 days within date of award.

3.0 Logistics

The NFE will work with the USAF 611 CES Natural Resources (NR) team on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER), AK and on Joint Base Pearl Harbor – Hickam (JBPHH), Oahu to execute this project. The 611 CES team member on JBPHH will serve as the Hawaii logistics point of contact, and the 611 CES Biological Scientist (Joel Helm) in Alaska will be the technical reviewer of deliverables. The field work associated with this scope of work is intended to be carried out by qualified staff on the island of Kauai; this scope of work is not intended to fund billeting, meals and per diem. The 611 CES Biologist will identify in

¹ Chamberlain, M.J. and C. Johnson. Journal of Wildlife Management Guidelines. 6 November 2007.

advance the name and email of the security POC who will process the NFE's site visit requests. The NFE shall submit requested personnel information for those parties who will visit the installation. This information shall be submitted in email form to the Air Guard Security POC, which will be provided upon award of this cooperative agreement. Site visitation shall be requested in email at least three weeks in advance of date arrival.

4.0 Supplies and Materials

This agreement includes the purchase of supplies needed to conduct the field work and observations. The NFE is required to submit a list of equipment within the draft work plan for review and approval. Any equipment and supplies purchased under this agreement will be itemized and the 611th CES will have an opportunity at the end of the period of performance to retain the equipment and left over supplies. The NFE is responsible for all transportation costs associated with the project, inclusive of equipment shipment, vehicle rental, and any other transportation costs required to fulfill this Scope of Work.

5.0 Project Communication

The NFE shall not publish results of the project tasks without obtaining email or written permission from the 611th CES. The 611th CES promotes academic publications which do not degrade the military mission and reserves the right to deny publication of information collected with funds generated from this project, if the 611th CES decides the draft publication degrades the military mission. The NFE shall not communicate the results of the project with any state or federal regulator or member of the media, but rather give the respect to the funding entity to provide such results to the regulatory entities and press in accordance with the Endangered Species Act and USAF public affairs process. In those instance when NFE staff associated with the project are contacted by the regulator or media, they shall direct such inquiries to the 11 Air Force Public Affairs office and forward the inquiry or contact to this public affairs office. Email contacts and phone numbers for the 11 Air Force Public Affairs office shall be provided to the NFE after award.

6.0 Spatial Data and Mapping Standards

All products associated with this agreement that provide a map representation of the location of installation features, trapping areas, trails, trap locations or other related overhead (plan) views of an installation or trapping area (partial or entire) must adhere to the following requirements. (NOTE: This requirement does not currently involve walls-in facility floor plans or interior renderings.) All maps and associated data must comply with the latest version of Spatial Data Standards for Facilities, Infrastructure, and Environment (SDSFIE) available from the SDSFIE website: <http://www.sdsfie.org/>. These data shall be organized using the current version of the standard approved by the Headquarters Air Force Geo Integration Office (HAF GIO) as the functional lead for installation mapping and visualization. The SDSFIE will determine file and feature class identification and definition, attribution and valid domain values. When any geospatial information collected as a result of a Cooperative Agreement includes information identified in the Common Installation Picture (CIP) or recognized Mission Data Set (MDS) the NFE will deliver data consistent with the established requirements for the data and will ensure functionality with the receiving system. Information shall be collected at no less than 1:1200 scales for base cantonment areas and 1:4800 scales for larger undeveloped base areas. Spatial data will meet or exceed National Map Accuracy Standards at those scales. Metadata shall be provided and will use Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) Content Standards for Digital Geospatial Metadata (CSDGM) for organization. Geospatial data shall be delivered in a geo-referenced GIS (Geographic Information System) format (feature-based file structures with one-to-one cardinality between spatial records and attribute records) which would include Environmental Systems Research Institute's (ESRI) shape file and geodatabase formats. All attribute data as specifically outlined in the task order shall be included either in the GIS data file or as a separate table with a SDSFIE key variable that may be used to relationally join the separate table with the GIS data file. All geospatial data shall be delivered in the North American Datum 1983 (NAD83) projection, State Plane Coordinate System, using feet or metric coordinate units. Further guidance on mapping units, coordinate

systems and projections is available from the Installation GIO. Mapping- or Survey-Grade Global Positioning Systems (GPS) or comparable traditional survey methods shall be used to collect geospatial data. Further information about precision requirements should be obtained from the installation GIO, but in general, this project's data is considered by the government to be "sensitive, but unclassified." The intent of this clause is to prevent intentional or unintentional dissemination of "sensitive, but unclassified" information to include unauthorized access to the source and product data by any entity wishing to do harm to the USAF or United States Government while the data resides on the NFE's computer network.

7.0 Deliverables

Deliverable Number	Deliverable Title	Draft Submission	Final Submission	Submission Schedule
1a	Draft Work Plan	X		Within 30 calendar days of date of award
1b	Final Work Plan and Response to Comments Matrix		X	Within 58 calendar days of date of award
2a	Draft Project Summary Report	X		No later than 15 January 2019
2b	Final Project Summary Report and Response to Comments Matrix		X	No later than 20 February 2019

8.0 Points of Contact

The POC for USACE Project Management is Jocelyn Fenton. Cooperative Agreement questions should be addressed to Olen Northern. Correspondence should be addressed as follows:

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9.0 Period of Performance

The period of performance for this task order is from award through 30 April 2019, with an option to fund an additional year of support through an administrative modification, if all requirements are acceptably met and future funding is approved.

Proposal Submission Evaluation Criteria and Basis of Award
MANAGEMENT, SPECIES, HAWAIIAN PETREL & NEWELLS SHEARWATER
KOKE'E AIR FORCE STATION, KAUAI
USAF 611TH CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON

The Government will evaluate technical proposals in accordance with the criteria described herein and award a Cooperative Agreement task order to the responsible grantee whose proposal is determined to represent the best overall value to the Government. Proposals will not be ranked. The Government will not award a Cooperative Agreement to a grantee whose proposal contains a deficiency.

The evaluation factors for this action are:

- Factor 1, 40%: Experience (most important technical factor)
- Factor 2, 35%: Technical Approach (2nd most important technical factor)
- Factor 3, 25%: Cost (reviewed after the technical package for fairness and reasonableness, and weighted against the totality of the technical factors)

After listing proposal strengths, weaknesses and deficiencies, the Government will assign an adjective rating of Outstanding, Good, Acceptable, Marginal, or Unacceptable to each technical factor which reflects the Government's confidence in each offeror's ability, as demonstrated in its proposal, to perform the requirements stated in the grant. The adjectival ratings shall be assigned, using the following criteria, which incorporate a proposal risk assessment:

Weight	Adjectival Rating	Description
4	Outstanding	Proposal indicates an exceptional approach and understanding of the requirements and contains multiple strengths.
3	Good	Proposal indicates a thorough approach and understanding of the requirements and contains at least one strength.
2	Acceptable	Proposal indicates an adequate approach and understanding of the requirements.
1	Marginal	Proposal has not demonstrated an adequate approach and understanding of the requirements or contains an element of risk.
0	Unacceptable	Proposal does not meet requirements of the solicitation and, thus, contains one or more deficiencies and is unawardable.

PROPOSAL AND SELECTION CRITERIA

The Cooperator shall be evaluated in accordance with the selection criteria below. The selection criteria are listed in descending order of importance.

Factor 1 Experience

The Cooperator shall demonstrate prior project experience relevant to the attached SOW, completed within 5 years of the RFP, and other qualifications and technical competence in all of the following areas:

1. Experience supporting conservation of natural resources on installations, protectiveness provisions related to the management of fish and wildlife resources, sustainable multipurpose use of the resources on installations, and invasive species eradication and/or control.
2. At least 2 years of previous experience with the genus *Puffinus* and the family Procellariidae
3. At least 2 years of experience controlling feral cats, pigs, and invasive owls using traps or other approved methods.
4. Planning and managing time critical work, performing studies, projects or preparing plans or reports in accordance with applicable guidance and regulations.

The Cooperator shall provide examples of up to four (4) past projects of similar size, scope and complexity that best demonstrate the above qualifications. Submit projects that are at least 25% complete or were completed within the past five (5) years. The example project summaries shall be limited to one (1) page each. The example project summaries shall identify:

- Title/Subject
- Location
- Duration
- Brief description
- Roles and work self-performed
- Date project began and if completed
- Complexities or key accomplishments
- Client contact information

The Government will utilize the example project summaries to evaluate the capability and experience as a basis for comparing offerors to determine best value.

Factor 2 Technical Approach

The Cooperator shall provide a brief narrative of their technical approach and a milestone schedule. The narrative shall be no more than 1 page per main task and must include:

- A discussion of the technical approach to accomplish the performance work statement requirements, detailing number of hours anticipated to complete the project deliverables.

- A discussion of the quality assurance, quality control, and other technical activities that will be implemented to ensure that quality data are collected to support project data quality objectives
- A discussion of applicable regulatory requirements and how project requirements will be implemented.
- A discussion of all assumptions.

The Cooperator shall also provide an organizational chart with the proposed project team with defined roles, responsibilities, and lines of communication for all key personnel and sub-cooperators.

Field technicians must be already located on the island of Kauai (this scope of work does not support billeting, meals and or per diem).

The evaluation standard has been met when the Cooperator demonstrates an understanding of the work that adequately addresses the task order requirements. The inclusion of numerous assumptions that significantly “assume away” Cooperator risk with regard to major issues or problems that may be encountered on the project will be considered unacceptable.

Factor 3 Cost

Provide proposed cost to the government. Allowable costs incurred by institutions of higher education is determined in accordance with the provision of OMB Circular A-21, "Cost Principles for Educational Institutions," ONR negotiated rates, and institutional policies. OMB's cost principles are contained in 2 CFR 200.400-.475 et seq.

Cost is considered less important than non-cost factors and will be evaluated for fairness and reasonableness per FAR 15.402 and OMB cost principles. If more than one proposal are rated as having equal non-cost factors, the lowest cost tender of the proposals received would be granted as the preferred tender unless there are extraordinary reasons for not doing so.

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Lease vs. Buy Evaluation Factors

The NFE shall provide a cost analysis for Lease vs. Buy factors. The following factors shall be considered at a minimum, and shall contain numerical values where applicable.

Factors	Lease	Buy
Estimated Period of Use/Extent of Use		
Financial Advantages		
Cumulative Rental Payments for Estimated Time Period		
Transportation and Installation Costs		
Maintenance & Other Service Costs		
Potential Obsolescence of equipment due to imminent technological improvements		
Availability of Purchase Options		
Potential for Use by other Agencies after preliminary use has ended		
Trade-in or Salvage Value		
Imputed Interest		
Can the equipment be serviced by the government or other sources if it is purchased?		
Total Cost:		

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Project Past Performance

Project Name,	
Project Location:	
Contract or Cooperative Agreement #:	
Size (Value):	
Technical Complexity:	
Technical Team Utilized:	
Point of Contact(s): Provide Email and phone number	