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REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST
NUMBER # W9126G-21-2-SOI-3864
PROJECT TO BE INITIATED IN 2021

Applicants must be a member in one of the Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units (CESU):
Gulf Coast Region, Hawaii-Pacific Region, Rocky Mountains Region, Desert Southwest Region,
and or Colorado Plateau CESU Unit

**Project Title: Cultural Resources On-Site Technical Support for U.S. Army
Garrison, Hawaii on the Islands of Oahu and Hawaii**

Responses to this Request for Statements of Interest will be used to identify potential recipients/cooperators for a project to be funded by the U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii (USAG-HI). The purpose of this project is to provide critical on-site technical support to the USAG-HI Cultural Resources Managers (CRMs) for all aspects of cultural resources management conducted by the USAG-HI on the Islands of Oahu and Hawaii in accordance with Title 10 United States Code, Section 2684 – Cooperative Agreements for Management of Cultural Resources.

Approximately **\$1,438,600** is expected to be available to support the mandatory tasks during the **base period**. Additional funding includes:

- Approximately **\$107,000** is expected to be available to fund Optional Task #8 for GIS support on the Island of Hawaii during the base period
- Approximately **\$295,000** is expected to be available to fund Optional Task #9 during the base period: which includes two special projects an ethnographic study and an archaeological salvage project on Oahu.

Background:

The goal of the USAG-HI Cultural Resources Program is to develop and implement procedures to protect against encumbrances to Army mission by effectively managing cultural resources at multiple USAG-HI installations in the State of Hawaii. The USAG-HI Cultural Resources Program is comprised of two geographically separated sections: one at Schofield Barracks on the Island of Oahu and one at Pohakuloa Training Area on the Island of Hawaii. Each Cultural Resource section is controlled by a U.S. Army civilian Cultural Resources Manager (CRM) who has been delegated that authority by the Garrison Commander.

The goals of this cooperative agreement are twofold. This agreement will provide critical support for all aspects of cultural resources management conducted by the USAG-HI Cultural Resources Sections on Oahu and Hawaii Islands in accordance with the missions of the Department of Defense and the CESU Network. Additionally, this agreement will be to enable a non-federal partner and their staff to gain valuable, wide-ranging experience from working side-by-side with a variety of federal historic preservation specialists in a fast-paced, complicated, and challenging cultural and regulatory environment.

Successful performance will require the Cooperator to provide a suite of on-site staff at two geographically separate locations: Schofield Barracks on the Island of Oahu and Pohakuloa Training Area on the Island of Hawaii. Requirements for specific levels of staffing and qualifications may differ between locations depending on mission and program needs and will be determined by the USAG-HI CRMs. The objectives are subdivided into seven mandatory tasks and two optional tasks. Tasks are not mutually exclusive and Cooperator staff are expected to participate in support of all base tasks. Certain base tasks may benefit from the assignment of a designated Cooperator staff specialist with specific skill sets, such as architectural historian, archaeologist, curator, and archivist.

Type of Award:

CESU Cooperative Agreement for Management of Cultural Resources – 10 U.S.C § 2684

Article IV.G of the 2017-2023 CESU MOU enables the DoD to enter into cooperative agreements for the preservation, management, maintenance, and improvement of cultural resources in accordance with 10 U.S.C. § 2684.

In accordance with Title 10, United States Code Section 2684, a cooperative agreement may be used for preservation, management, maintenance, and improvement of cultural resources on military installations including Federal historic preservation responsibilities pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (54 U.S.C. 3020101 et seq.), the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) (25 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.), the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA) (16 U.S.C. 470 aa-mm.), archaeological collections covered by 36 CFR Part 79, and other associated laws, regulations, and policies that incorporate the above referenced authorities, such as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the Hawaii Environmental Policy Act (HEPA) Hawaii Historic Preservation Laws in Chapter 6-E of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS 6-E), applicable Department of Defense and U.S. Army Regulations and policies (including AR 200-1), the USAG-HI Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plans (ICRMPs), and other legal agreement documents executed by the U.S. Army and Department of Defense. As specified by statute [10 U.S.C 2684(c)], the requirements of Section 1535 and Chapter 63 of title 31 do not apply to cooperative agreements entered into under this authority.

A memorandum of understanding between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Fort Worth District and the DoD Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Installations and Environment executed in 2010 authorizes USACE to provide contractual support to military installations using the CESU Network cooperative agreements in accordance with 10 U.S.C § 2684.

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 indirect cost rate (17.5%).

Note: Applicant must be a non-federal partner in one of the CESU Units listed at the top of this announcement in order to be qualified for consideration.

Brief Description of Anticipated Work:

In general, work will include a combination of office and field activity. Task may include identifying, documenting, monitoring, and protecting of cultural resources; preparing information and analysis in compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act and other historic preservation and environmental laws; managing cultural resource artifacts, records, and geographic information; participating in historical research efforts; preparing and distributing material and assisting with consultation efforts; implementing treatment measures; developing and presenting of outreach material; and facilitating safe public access to cultural resources.

Field work may be physically strenuous and will frequently be conducted in areas with unexploded ordnance (UXO) and other hazards. The U.S. Army will provide required UXO awareness training to Cooperator staff prior authorizing work in UXO hazard areas. Travel may occasionally be required between islands to provide on-site support as needed. Most support work will be conducted during normal business hours, but certain tasks may require occasional weekend, holiday, early morning, or late evening support.

Objectives:

The objectives and tasks identified in the Statement of Objectives include:

- **Task 1** (mandatory): *Cultural Resources Identification and Documentation Support*
- **Task 2** (mandatory): *National Historic Preservation Act Compliance Support*
- **Task 3** (mandatory): *Cultural Resources Compliance Support for Other Applicable Authorities*
- **Task 4** (mandatory): *Cultural Resources Monitoring and Protection Support*
- **Task 5** (mandatory): *Cultural Resources Outreach and Consultation Support*
- **Task 6** (mandatory): *Cultural Resource Records Management Support*
- **Task 7** (mandatory): *Collections and Curation Management Support*
- **Task 8** (optional): *Cultural Resources Geographic Information System (GIS) Support*
- **Task 9** (optional): *Special Projects Support*

Period of Performance:

The base period of agreement will extend 12 months from award. Four option periods extending for 12 months are anticipated pending availability of funds. The optional tasks may be exercised at any time during the period of performance and will be for a duration of 12 months each from the time they are exercised.

Materials Requested for Statement of Interest/Qualifications:

Please provide the following via e-mail attachment:

(Maximum length: 5-6 pages, single-spaced 12 pt. font).

1. Name, Organization 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. staff, special expertise, equipment, laboratory facilities, etc.).
 - e. Project management approach with Tasks defined in the Statement of Objectives

(SOO) including a brief description of proposed organization, personnel, and management methods for each task.

f. Project delivery and quality assurance approach with Tasks defined in the SOO including a brief description of organizational capabilities displaying efficient and effective project execution, hiring and staffing, information control, quality assurance methods, cost management, 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 posted for at least 30 days prior to the Government making a decision and requesting full proposals. Responses due by 5:00 P.M., Central Time, on **21 June 2021**.

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