REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST

NUMBER W9126G-19-2-SOI-8171

PROJECT TO BE INITIATED IN 2019

Project Title: Natural Resources/ Habitat Management and Species Monitoring, JB San Antonio, TX

Responses to this Request for Statements of Interest will be used to identify potential investigators for a project to be funded by AFCEC which provides professional and technical support for its Natural Resources Program in order to facilitate successful implementation of the Sikes Act (16 USC 670a), Department of Defense Instruction 4715.03, Natural Resources Conservation Program, Department of Defense Directive 4700.4, Natural Resource Management Program, and the United States Air Force Instruction 32-7064, Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan. Approximately $230,000 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:

The Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA) natural resources program ensures military mission activities are conducted in compliance with all applicable environmental laws, regulations and policies. Article I B of the master agreement states the objectives of the CESU are to: provide research, technical assistance and education to federal land management, environmental and research agencies and their potential partners; develop a program of research, technical assistance and education that involves the biological, physical, social sciences needed to address resource issues and interdisciplinary problem-solving at multiple scales and in an ecosystem context at the local, regional, and national level; and place special emphasis on the working collaboration among federal agencies and universities and their related partner institutions.

The JBSA Natural Resource program is seeking support in monitoring three federally listed karst invertebrates, the Madla’s cave meshweaver (Circurina madla), and two unnamed ground beetles; Rhadine exilis, and Rhadine infernalis, to include bio-monitoring the subterranean karst
habitat on which they depend. Additional natural resource support entails monitoring the federally listed golden-cheeked warbler and the recently delisted black-capped vireo, as well as providing support in invasive species control and general wildlife and habitat management support.

**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 research focuses on the following objectives:

1) **Objective 1: Camp Bullis Karst Invertebrate Management and Monitoring**
   a. Karst Preserve Monitoring
   b. Cricket Exit Count
   c. Data Curation, Analysis, and Reports
   d. Taxonomy

2) **Objective 2: Golden-cheeked Warbler & Black-capped Vireo Support**
   a. GCWA/BCVI Banding Program
   b. Avian Surveys and Vegetative Surveys
   c. Brown-headed cowbird trapping program

3) **Objective 3: General Wildlife Management Support**
   a. White-Tailed Deer Surveys
   b. Game Bird Surveys
   c. Evaluate the species presence of birds, small mammals, insects, and herpetofauna on JBSA-BUL.

4) **Objective 4: Invasive Species Management**
   a. Feral Hog Control Program
   b. Feral Hog Habitat Manipulation
   c. Red Imported Fire Ant Removal at 29 cave locations
Period of Performance. The base period of agreement will extend 12 months from award. Four option periods extending for 12 months each are anticipated pending funds.

Materials Requested for Statement of Interest/Qualifications:

Please provide the following via e-mail attachment to: Alisa.Marshall@usace.army.mil and Zia.Burns@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 are required to be out for a minimum of 10 working days. Review of Statements of Interest will begin August 7, 2019.

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