REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST

NUMBER W9126G-18-2-SOI-0100

PROJECT TO BE INITIATED IN 2018

Project Title: Barry M. Goldwater (BMGR) and Luke AFB (LAFB), AZ, Natural Resource 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 Air Force, 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 $530,805.68 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:

Provide natural resource environmental expertise on BMGR/LAFB, to include, but not limited to; planning, monitoring, plotting, surveying, evaluating species, and providing optimal management of the installations natural resources.

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) Task 1: MGT, SPECIES, ACUNA CACTUS NURDOS3318 Acuna Cactus (Echinomastus erectocentrus var. acunensis) surveys and habitat modeling on Barry M. Goldwater Range East. The purpose of this task is to continue surveys efforts on areas within BMGR East for the rare Acuna cactus. The recipient must have experience and knowledge to administer all aspects of the environmental work and administrative aspects described under this statement of work. The recipient will have adequate experience in working with unique habitat and rare plants in the southwestern United States. The period of performance for this SOW will
be 18 months from date of award. Based on access restrictions and mission training activities, field work will often be required to be conducted on weekends and holidays, in addition to normal weekdays. Required field work must be completed during biologically accepted activity seasons. Surveys may be required to be conducted outside of the normal seasons if stipulated by various land/wildlife managing agencies and as approved by the Natural Resources Program Manager. The recipient will provide all the necessary labor, facilities, equipment, materials, transportation, and supplies necessary to perform the services depicted in this SOW. The recipient will visit the installation, as well as Federal, state, and local agencies as necessary to acquire the information to complete the tasks listed below. The recipient will perform all necessary travel as part of the task requirements, and the costs thereof will be included with the estimate.

2) **Task 2:** MGT, HABITAT, PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS, NURDOS0518. Evaluation of the potential impacts of public access to wildlife habitat on Barry M. Goldwater Range East. The purpose of this task order is to develop a plan that identifies potential public access impacts to wildlife habitat on areas within BMGR East. The recipient must have experience and knowledge to administer all aspects of the environmental work and administrative aspects described under this statement of work. The recipient will have adequate experience in working with unique habitat and rare plants in the southwestern United States. The period of performance for this SOW will be 18 months from date of award. Based on access restrictions and mission training activities, field work will often be required to be conducted on weekends and holidays, in addition to normal weekdays. Required field work must be completed during biologically accepted activity seasons. Surveys may be required to be conducted outside of the normal seasons if stipulated by various land/wildlife managing agencies and as approved by the Natural Resources Program Manager. The recipient will provide all the necessary labor, facilities, equipment, materials, transportation, and supplies necessary to perform the services depicted in this SOW. The recipient will visit the installation, as well as Federal, state, and local agencies as necessary to acquire the information to complete the tasks listed below. The recipient will perform all necessary travel as part of the task requirements, and the costs thereof will be included with the estimate.

3) **Task 3:** MGT, INVASIVE SPECIES, INVASIVE ANIMALS NURDOS3418 Evaluation and development of management opportunities for invasive plant and animal species impacts to native ecosystems on Barry M. Goldwater Range East. The purpose of this task order is to identify the invasive plant and animal occurrence locations and their impacts to wildlife habitat at areas within BMGR East and to implement control actions / treatments to remove and or eradicate invasive species. The recipient must have experience and knowledge to administer all aspects of the environmental work and administrative aspects described under this statement of work. The recipient will have adequate experience in working with unique habitat and rare plants in the southwestern United States. The period of performance for this SOW will be 18 months from date of award. Based on access restrictions and mission training activities, field work will often be required to be conducted on weekends and holidays, in addition to normal weekdays. Required field work must be completed during biologically accepted activity seasons. Surveys may be required to be conducted outside of the normal seasons if stipulated by various land/wildlife managing agencies and as approved by the Natural Resources Program Manager. The recipient will provide all the necessary
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4) **Task 4:** MGT, SPECIES, Lesser Long-nosed Bat (NURDOS3218). The primary objective is to provide DoD assistance for the optimal management of DoD installations while minimizing restrictions to the military mission due to natural resource related constraints and ensuring compliance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations. This CA also states the Government will periodically issue Task Orders to provide for the maintenance and improvement of natural resources on, or to benefit natural historic research on, the installation. The primary objective of this Task Order (TO) is to support AGFD’s efforts to recover the population of the federally Endangered lesser long-nosed bat throughout its range.

5) **Task 5:** Sonoran Desert Tortoise Monitoring - MGT, SPECIES, DESERT TORTOISE SURVEY (NURD560018). On lands managed by the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture this species is currently being monitored with demographic monitoring plots to better understand fluctuations of their populations in Arizona. Sonoran Desert Tortoises are known to occur at BMGR East and the most recent research conducted used radio-telemetry to evaluate habitat use patterns in the Sauceda and Sand Tank Mountains. The primary objective of this Task Order (TO) is to support AGFD’s efforts to monitor populations Sonoran Desert Tortoises throughout their range and to report detailed data analysis on the monitoring.

6) **Task 6:** MGT, SPECIES, SONORAN PRONGHORN (NURDOS0418). The primary objective is to provide DoD assistance for the optimal management of DoD installations while minimizing restrictions to the military mission due to natural resource related constraints and ensuring compliance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations. This CA also states the Government will periodically issue Task Orders to provide for the maintenance and improvement of natural resources on, or to benefit natural historic research on, the installation. The primary objective of this Task Order (TO) is to support AGFD’s efforts to recover the population of the federally Endangered Sonoran pronghorn throughout its range.

**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 award. Four option periods extending for one year 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 Kali.L.Evans@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 **July 16, 2018**.