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REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST

NUMBER W9126G-18-2-SOI-0008

PROJECT TO BE INITIATED IN 2018

Project Title: MGT Species, Mexican Gray Wolf, Holloman AFB

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 Program (INRMP) in order to facilitate successful implementation of the 16 USC 670c-1 Sikes Act. Approximately \$98,500.00 is expected to be available to support this project.

Background:

A draft environmental Assessment which was conducted on Holloman AFB in 2017, showed that the endangered Mexican Gray Wolf (*Canis lupus baileyi*) has the potential to occur in the area. The species identified for project funding support in the installation Integrated Natural Resources Plan (INRMP). The Holloman AFB INRMP 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.

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%).

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.

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: Baseline Survey:

A baseline survey to determine the presence or absence of the Mexican Gray Wolf (*Canis lupus baileyi*) encroachment within the Holloman AFB Boundary, using the current protocols acceptable to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDSGF)

2) Objective 2: Habitat Evaluation

Conducting a habitat evaluation to evaluate the suitability of the existing habitat within the twenty (20) miles buffer area around Holloman AFB that lies within the Tularosa Basin is for the Mexican Gray Wolf (*Canis lupus baileyi*). The habitat evaluation should be completed in cooperation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDSGF) to determine if and when additional actions may be required

Period of Performance. The base year of agreement will extend twelve (12) months from award.

Materials Requested for Statement of Interest/Qualifications:

Please provide the following via e-mail attachment to: sandra.justman@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 **16 April 2018**.

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