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REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST

NUMBER: W9126G-18-SOI-0111

PROJECT TO BE INITIATED IN 2018

Project Title: [Conservation Program Support for Dyess Air Force Base, Texas](#)

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 [\\$141,995](#) is expected to be available to support this project. [Additional funding may be available for additional tasks and/or follow on work in subsequent fiscal years to the successful Recipient/Awardee.](#)

Background:

[Provide conservation program management \(CPM\) in compliance with the Endangered Species Act \(ESA\), Sikes Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, National Historic Preservation Act, Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, Dyess AFB Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan \(INRMP\), Dyess Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plan \(ICRMP\), Bird-Aircraft Strike Hazard Plan and other authorities as indicated.](#)

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: Sikes Act Compliance.** Support Dyess AFB compliance with the Sikes Act, as specified in Title 16 U.S.C. § 670a (a) (2). The NFE providing on-site support shall provide technical and advisory assistance for the maintenance and implementation of the Dyess AFB INRMP as required by the Sikes Act. The emphasis of the INRMP is to achieve certain goals for the maintenance and improvement of the natural environment at Dyess AFB. Each goal is supported by objectives (some applying to more than one goal) which indicate a support initiative or strategy that will be used to achieve a goal.
- 2) **Objective 2: Endangered Species Act Compliance.** The NFE will provide technical assistance to Dyess AFB for the conservation, protection and management of species listed for protection under the auspices of the Endangered Species Act (16 USC § 1531-1544). Activities and projects supported may include designing and implementing species inventories, population monitoring, habitat mapping, and ESA compliance activities such as: preparation of biological assessments, assistance for implementing conservation requirements (i.e. “Reasonable and Prudent” conservation measures) stipulated in a biological opinion, and support for activities that may affect federal and/or state trust species. Responsibilities will also include determining applicability and implementation of new, emerging, proposed, and final legislation, regulations and regulations and ruling as they apply to Dyess AFB.
- 3) **Objective 3: Migratory Bird Conservation.** Support Dyess AFB compliance with the MBTA, Executive Order No. 1386, Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds, January 10, 2001, the FWS – DoD MOU for Migratory Bird Conservation on DoD Lands, July, 2006, and the FWS Final Rule for Migratory Bird Permits: Take of Migratory Birds by the Armed Forces, February, 2007. Provide assistance with Dyess AFB migratory bird conservation and management needs and coordination with the Bird/Wildlife Aircraft Strike Hazard (BASH) program implementation.
- 4) **Objective 4: Fish and Wildlife Management.** The NFE will support Dyess AFB initiatives for the conservation, protection and management of all fish and wildlife resources in support of installation mission goals and objectives. Major activities and projects supported include fish and wildlife surveys, population monitoring, habitat mapping, strategic habitat, climate change, invasive species control, depredation and management that may affect fish and wildlife resources.
- 5) **Objective 5: Cultural Resources Protection.** Support Dyess AFB compliance with the Archeological and Historic Preservation Act (AHPA) of 1974 (Public Law 93-291; 16 U.S.C. 469-469c), the Archeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA) of 1979 (Public Law 96-95; 16 U.S.C.470aa- 11), the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended (Public Law 89-665; 16 U.S.C. 470-470w-6), DoD Instruction 4715.16, Cultural Resources

Management, Air Force Instruction (AFI) 32-7065, Cultural Resources Management Program, and others.

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: sandra.justman@usace.army.mil and Sarah.J.Miller2@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 13, 2018**.

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