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**REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST**

**NUMBER W9126G-19-2-SOI-6172**

**PROJECT TO BE INITIATED IN 2019**

**Project Title:** Natural Resources Program Support at JBMDL and Hanscom 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 Plan (INRMP) in order to facilitate successful implementation of the 16 USC 670c-1 Sikes Act. Approximately \$185,030 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 support to the JBMDL and Hanscom AFB Natural Resources Program activities.

**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 MGT, SPECIES, PLOVER & RED KNOT AT HANSCOM AFB (MXRD0S004B9): The Scope of Work addresses actions outlined in the Shorebird Plan that are focused on outreach and education of visitors to Fourth Cliff in order to reduce the likelihood of disturbance to nesting shorebirds; assimilating and monitoring abundance and productivity data of all nesting shorebirds, including piping plovers and least terns; extended monitoring season to include fall shorebird migration to capture abundance of red knot.

2) Objective 2 MGT, SPECIES, PINE SNAKE AT JBMDL (PTFL19NR04): JBMDL contains suitable habitat for many threatened and endangered species including the northern pine snake (*Pituophis m. melanoleucus*), corn snake (*Pantherophis guttatus*) and the timber rattlesnake (*Crotalus horridus*). The goal of this project is to identify hibernacula and nesting areas of the northern pine snake, corn snake, and timber rattlesnake so that this information can be included in the planning process and so that these areas can be protected. The mapping of nesting and denning areas is believed to be a crucial step in ensuring the long term sustainability of this species on the JBMDL Area.

3) Objective 3 MGT, HABITAT, GRASS HEIGHT TESTING PROJECT (PTFL18NR09): This project is to conduct research on the Test Runway for bird use and occupation by numerous grassland bird species, including NJ-listed Threatened and Endangered species such as grasshopper sparrow and upland sandpiper, on approximately 300 acres of grasslands.

**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 18 months from award.

**Materials Requested for Statement of Interest/Qualifications:**

Please provide the following via e-mail attachment to: [sandra.justman@usace.army.mil](mailto:sandra.justman@usace.army.mil) and [sarah.j.miller2@usace.army.mil](mailto: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 **1/16/2019**.