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REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST

NUMBER W9126G-19-2-SOI-4724

PROJECT TO BE INITIATED IN 2019

Project Title: AFCEC Midwest Native American Consultation 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 \$268,000 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 technical support is to assist Base Cultural Resources Program Managers (CRM), AFCEC CR Media Manager (CRMM), and other relevant Air Force (AF) parties (i.e. Installation Tribal Liaison Officers, Public Affairs, etc.) in establishing baseline data to facilitate requirements in accordance with Sections 110 and 106 of the NHPA, as well as all federal laws and executive orders, Department of Defense and Air Force Instructions related to Native American Tribes that claim cultural/traditional affiliation to Buckley Air Force Base (BAFB), Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station (CMAFS), F.E. Warren Air Force Base (FEWAFB), Peterson Air Force Base (PAFB), and Schriever Air Force Base (SAFB). Deliverables from this work will contribute to the future development of a Front Range Regional Comprehensive Agreement with Native American Tribes that claim cultural affiliation with these bases.

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, Native American Tribes, non-governmental organizations, and individuals" This project is in support of the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP) and the Integrated Cultural

Resource Management Plan (ICRMP), 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 Ethnographic Study: Conduct literature research, combined with oral and written interviews (correspondence), to determine which tribes hold contemporary and historical connections with each base, and creation of a comprehensive Front Range Regional list of affiliated tribes. The cooperator shall prepare a comprehensive report regarding the findings from the ethnographic study that includes an inclusive discussion of all components outlined for this task
- 2) Objective 2 Work Plan/Research Design: The Cooperator shall prepare a project-specific Work Plan/Research Design that describes the methodology to be used to accomplish the study, examples include but are not limited to: types of sources to be reviewed, how will the sources be obtained and evaluated, how oral histories and interviews will be conducted, what standard will be used to determine how tribal contact will be made, etc.
- 3) Objective 3 Progress Reports, Teleconferences, Stakeholders Communication log, Tribal Contact list and Maps: The cooperator must provide monthly status reports, conduct teleconferences, provide weekly communication logs documenting Tribal contact, update Tribal contact list, and provide all maps and/or locational information regarding sites/areas identified by Tribes during the POP.

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: elizabeth.j.kelley@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 **4/26/2019**.