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**REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST
NUMBER W9126G-13-2-SOIO-0005
PROJECT TO BE INITIATED IN 2013**

Project Title: San Clemente Sage Sparrow Population and Nest Monitoring, San Clemente Island, CA

Responses to this Request for Statements of Interest will be used to identify potential investigators for a project to be funded by U.S. Navy which provides professional and technical support for its Endangered Species Biology Programs in order to facilitate successful implementation of the INRMP and compliance with ESA. Approximately \$325,300 is expected to be available to support this project.

Background: The San Clemente sage sparrow (*Amphispiza belli clementeae*), a subspecies endemic to San Clemente Island (SCI), was listed as a federally threatened species on August 11, 1977. This project implements, in part, the Commander Navy Region Southwest's (CNRSW) responsibilities pursuant to the Endangered Species Act (16 USC 1531 et seq.), the Sikes Act Improvement Act (16 USC 670 et seq.), and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 USC 1361 et seq.). Through this cooperative agreement monitoring of the sage sparrow population on San Clemente Island to estimate population size and to determine distribution, reproductive success, and habitat preferences will be accomplished. Equipment and supplies needed to support the Natural Resources Field Station shall also be purchased.

Brief Description of Anticipated Work: This cooperative Agreement will support breeding season monitoring of the San Clemente sage sparrow on Naval Base Coronado, San Clemente Island to determine population size and nest success. Surveys will also be conducted continuously throughout the non-breeding season to collect band re-sights and map non-breeding season habitat use. The purchase of equipment and supplies for the Natural Resources Field Station shall be undertaken through direct coordination with the Navy SCI Wildlife Biologist and Natural Resources Operations Manager.

Period of Performance. The period of performance will be for a total of 18 months beginning on date of award.

Materials Requested for Statement of Interest/Qualifications: Please provide the following via e-mail attachment to: jack.e.mobley@usace.army.mil (Maximum length: 2 pages, single-spaced 12 pt. font).

1. Name, Organization 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., permits, equipment, laboratory facilities, field facilities, etc.).

Note: A full study proposal and proposed budget are NOT requested at this time.

Review of Statements Received: 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: Review of Statements of Interest will begin **02 Jan 2013**. This Request for Statements of Interest will remain open until a team is selected.