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**REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST
NUMBER W9126G-14-2-SOI-0002
PROJECT TO BE INITIATED IN 2014**

Project Title: San Clemente Loggerhead Shrike Captive Breeding Project, 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 \$629,750 is expected to be available to support this project.

Background: San Clemente Island (SCI) supports a large number of endemic organisms. Some of these are listed or are being considered for listing as federally endangered or threatened species by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The San Clemente loggerhead shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus mearnsi*), a subspecies endemic to SCI, was listed as a federally endangered subspecies in 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.). Shrike Captive Breeding (for release into the wild) is a requirements of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Biological Opinion FWS- LA-09B0027-09F0040 on San Clemente Island Military Operations and Fire Management Plan 2008 and the Southern California Range Complex Final Environmental Impact Statement / Overseas Environmental Impact Statement that stipulate that the Navy continue the currently successful program of habitat restoration, predator management, monitoring, captive breeding, and re-introduction to benefit the San Clemente loggerhead shrike until such time that recovery objectives are identified and achieved. Captive breeding was established for this subspecies in the early 1990s and has continued to present as a significant part of this birds recovery. Captive breeding occurs on island, but requires mainland support for veterinary care and genetics work.

Brief Description of Anticipated Work: The objectives of this project are to cooperatively work with the Navy to maintain and breed the captive flock of San Clemente loggerhead shrikes to produce individuals for release into the wild population to aid in the continued recovery of the San Clemente loggerhead shrike.

Period of Performance. The period of performance for the base will be for a total of 24 months beginning on date of award. Fieldwork is anticipated for the first 12 months followed by time for reporting and peer review publications preparation and coordination. There is a potential of up to 3 additional overlapping optional periods of 2 years each if funding becomes available.

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 **2 Dec 2013**. This Request for Statements of Interest will remain open until a team is selected.