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**REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST  
NUMBER W9126G-14-2-SOI-0003  
PROJECT TO BE INITIATED IN 2013**

**Project Title: Monitoring and Management of California Least Tern and Western Snowy Plover  
Nesting Sites on Naval Base Coronado, San Diego, 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 \$459,280 is expected to be available to support this project.

**Background:** Naval Base Coronado supports nesting populations of the federally-listed California Least Tern and Western Snowy Plover. Navy management requirements for the tern and plover are designated by the Endangered Species Act, Sikes Act Improvement Act, a Memorandum of Understanding between the Navy and USFWS, and through terms and conditions issued in USFWS Biological Opinions. Management actions include nest monitoring, research studies, site preparation, banding, fencing, and predator control. Over the years, the Navy's program has contributed significantly to the recovery of these two federally listed species. Naval Base Coronado nesting sites started with 13 Least Tern nests in 1977 and supported 1031 nests in 2013 and the 11 Snowy Plover nests in 1992 increased to 130 in 2013.

**Brief Description of Anticipated Work:** The objectives of this project are to cooperatively work with the Navy to assess the status of nesting California Least Tern (CLT) and Western Snowy Plover (WSP) on Naval Base Coronado.

This effort will include intensive field nest monitoring to determine the location, abundance, and fate of CLT and WSP on the Naval Base Coronado nesting sites, and will provide the Navy with a report of the activity of these species. Naval Amphibious Base Coronado (NAB Coronado) also known as Silver Strand Training Complex North (SSTC-N), Naval Air Station North Island (NASNI), and Silver Strand Training Complex South (SSTC-S) formerly known as Naval Radio Receiving Facility (NRRF), are the focus areas for the project. This project will also provide for investigations, preventative measures, trapping, and relocation to reduce the impacts of predation by native raptors. The data collected for this agreement will also support military training requirements on the Silver Strand Training Complex and will monitor the effects of training.

**Period of Performance.** The period of performance for the base period will be for a total of 18 months beginning on date of award with the potential of up to 2 option years if funding is available.

**Materials Requested for Statement of Interest/Qualifications:** Please provide the following via e-mail attachment to: [jack.e.mobley@usace.army.mil](mailto: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.