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REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST

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PROJECT TO BE INITIATED IN 2015

Project Title: San Clemente Loggerhead Shrike Monitoring and Release 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 \$640,000 is expected to be available to support this project.

Background:

The San Clemente loggerhead shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus mearnsi*), a subspecies endemic to San Clemente Island (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 population monitoring and nest monitoring and release of captive bred birds into the wild are 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, which 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.

Type of Award:

In accordance with section 6305 – *Using cooperative agreements of the Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreements Act of 1977* (31 U.S.C. § 6301 et seq.), all CESU projects must carry out a public purpose of support or stimulation, instead of acquiring goods or services for the exclusive direct benefit of the United States Government.

In accordance with section 6305 – *Using cooperative agreements of the Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreements Act of 1977* (31 U.S.C. § 6301 et seq.), substantial involvement is expected between the federal partner and the nonfederal partner when carrying out the activities specified in the project agreement. The exact nature of the government's involvement will be defined in the statement of objectives, issued with a request for full proposal.

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:

The objectives of this project are to cooperatively work with the Navy to monitor the status, distribution, and population trends of the San Clemente loggerhead shrike and to release captive reared shrikes to aid in the recovery of this subspecies. Work includes but is not limited to nest monitoring to determine nesting chronology and success, post-fledging monitoring to determine independent young/nest, coordination with the Predator Research and Ecosystem Management Project regarding threat management and nest camera placement, banding of nestlings and trapping and banding adult shrikes, coordination with the Captive Propagation Project, release of captive bred birds with associated behavioral monitoring, release site and cage prep and maintenance, and feeding pre- and post-release.

Period of Performance. The period of performance will be for a total of 18 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.

Materials Requested for Statement of Interest/Qualifications:

Please provide the following via e-mail attachment to: lucille.r.smith@usace.army.mil
(Maximum length: 2 pages, single-spaced 12 pt. font).

1. Name, Organization, Contact Information, DUNS & CAGE Code.
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 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 **9 Feb 2015**.