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**REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST**

**NUMBER W9126G-15-2-SOI-0048**

**PROJECT TO BE INITIATED IN 2015**

**Project Title:** Island Fox Management and Monitoring/Veterinary And Pathology Services 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 \$83,000 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) or are candidate conservation taxa. This project continues island fox conservation and management efforts and, in part, fulfills the Commander Navy Region Southwest's (CNRSW) responsibilities pursuant to the Endangered Species Act (16 USC 1531 et seq) and the Sikes Improvement Act (16 USC 670 et seq). Specifically, it meets the Navy's obligation under it meets the Navy's obligation under the Final Environmental Impact Statement/ Overseas Environmental Impact Statement Southern California Range Complex and the Island Fox Conservation Agreement, including, but not limited to: continue educational work with on-Island civilian and military personnel to prevent feeding, handling of foxes; continue posting signs, mowing road verges, and education to help minimize the potential for vehicular collisions with foxes; monitor roadways for kills of protected or conservation agreement species including island fox; and continue implementation of SCI INRMP, with review and revision per Navy directives addressing management of natural resources.

**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, Indian Tribes, non-governmental organizations, and individuals, ...." This project is in support of the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan, 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:

Objective 1: Maintain a program for veterinary care and pathology services directed at conservation and management of the San Clemente Island fox, providing storage and serological analysis of blood samples, and providing necropsy services for select fox carcasses. Associated coordination, meetings, database maintenance and reporting are anticipated as well.

**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: [angela.zahid@usace.army.mil](mailto:angela.zahid@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 **21 Aug 2015**.