

RFI 1) Please confirm the deadline for submittal is on a Saturday (5 Sep 2015)?

Response: It is confirmed that the deadline for submittal is on a Saturday, September 5, 2015.

RFI 2) Please confirm the exercise of any options are subject to availability of funds and will be awarded individually. Section E of the SOW specifies an 18-month base period and two 18-month option periods.

Response: It is confirmed that the exercise of any options are subject to the availability of funds. Such options **may** be awarded individually. Please note that any option may be awarded concurrently with the base award.

RFI 3) Our understanding of this is that Options and Option Years are awarded individually. However, Section G2 states that "Upon award of Option Base A, B, and or C the Period of Performance shall be extended 18 months." This could be interpreted that the award any Option Base will subsequently award the corresponding Option Year 18-month extension (e.g., award of Option Base A would also trigger award of Option Year 1 B [which corresponds to the Option Base A action]).

Response: Training Area 4, 5, and the Sherriff's Pistol Range is included as part of the Station's potential suitable habitat of 4,200 acres. Option Base B, Year 1 B, and Year 2 B have been modified to remove requirement to determine suitable habitat. Option Base B, Year 1 B, and Year 2 B will be only to conduct three additional surveys of Training Area 4, 5, and the Sherriff's Pistol Range.

RFI 4) Even though this research involves vertebrate animals, Question 2 of the R&R Other Project Information (Are Vertebrate Animals Used?) can be checked as "no" with no IACUC actions required? All actions are observational and do not have the potential to "cause discomfort, pain, or distress" to the animals.

Response: Since all actions are observational, please mark "no".

RFI 5) Does this action occur in a site designated, or eligible to be designated, as a historic place (R&R Other Project Information Question 5)? If yes, where are these areas located?

Response: No the project does not occur within a designated site.

RFI 6) Could you please provide additional clarification on each of the Options? Specifically, could NAVFAC provide the locations and total acres per option.

Response: Option Base B, Year 1 B, and Year 2 B states that the suitable habitat for Training Area 4, 5, and the Sherriff's Pistol Range combined is approximately 600 acres. The total acreage for Training Areas 4 is 928 acres and Training Areas 5 is 298 acres (See included map for Training Area 4&5 locations). The area associated with Sherriff's Pistol Range is within the estimated total of 600 acres of suitable habitat and will be determined at the kick-off meeting.

RFI 7) The SOW states, "In addition to cowbird parasitism, structural analysis of habitat use, temperature monitoring and an analysis of food abundance and diversity". Does NAVFAC a preferred methodology for the assessment of food abundance and diversity? Please provide reference, if applicable.

Response: It is expected that the Cooperator will develop the methodology to assess food abundance and diversity. We do not have a reference to provide.