

**REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST WITHIN THE
COOPERATIVE ECOSYSTEM STUDIES UNIT
INTEREST #N62473-16-2-0007
PROJECT TO BE INITIATED IN 2016**

**Project Title: National Register Eligibility Study of Segregated Reduction Loci
Aboard the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twenty-nine Palms,
California**

Responses to this Request for Statements of Interest (RSOI) will be used to identify potential investigators for a project to be funded by the Department of the Navy (DoN) to conduct archival research to retrieve a wide range of documentary sources relating to prehistoric land use and activities aboard the base, to include all applicable reports and site records on file at Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (NREA), Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC) Twenty-nine Palms, California. The data analysis will synthesize the records collected during the archival research and consider the previous inventory data, prehistoric themes and contexts, property types, and National Register requirements into a synopsis of the study area and all work conducted there. The synthesis will develop the rationale for eligibility of the sites for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) en masse. Approximately \$85,000.00 is expected to be available to support this project.

Type of Assistance Instrument Anticipated: Cooperative Agreement

Authority: Cooperative Agreement under 10 USC §2684

Eligible Applicants: Any Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit Californian cooperative partner who qualifies under the DoDGARS Part 34 or 2 Code of Federal Regulations 200 is eligible to apply.

Cost Sharing: Not required

Background:

The MCAGCC/Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command (MAGTFTC) mission is to conduct relevant live-fire combined arms training, urban operations, and Joint/Coalition level integration training that promotes operational forces readiness as well as to provide the facilities, services, and support responsive to the needs of resident organizations, Marines, Sailors, and their families today and tomorrow.

MCAGCC has roughly 1,000 archaeological sites currently classified as Segregated Reduction Loci (SRLs). SRLs are areas characterized mainly by a small discrete concentration of flaked stone debris and artifact that most likely resulted from historically sensitive events. Formed artifacts may include spent or broken artifacts, such as cores, projectile points and stone tools. The work ordered under this cooperative agreement will entail a National Register-eligibility study intended to evaluate the high number of SRLs at the installation. This is a new requirement.

Brief Description of the Anticipated Work:

Archival research will be conducted to retrieve a wide range of documentary sources relating to prehistoric land use and activities aboard the base, to include all applicable reports and site records on file at NREA, MCAGCC.

The data analysis will synthesize the records collected during the archival research and consider the previous inventory data, prehistoric themes and contexts, property types, and National Register requirements into a synopsis of the study area and all work conducted there. The synthesis will develop the rationale for eligibility of the sites for inclusion on the NRHP en masse. The considerations driving the recommendations for eligibility should be based upon the data potential when compared against the body of data currently known on site types aboard MCAGCC and in the Mojave Desert, as a whole, and the potential for contribution to the understanding of prehistoric lifeways in the Mojave Desert. The analysis will maintain a particular emphasis on site integrity, data redundancy, and potential for diagnostic artifacts and sourcing, including the identification of toolstone origins and placement of the site within a temporal scheme. The results of the synthesis will be incorporated into the final report, and will provide sufficient depth to allow for a definitive recommendation for NRHP eligibility.

Please see enclosure 1 for full scope of work and enclosure 2 for applicable terms and conditions.

Period of Performance:

The period of performance for this Cooperative Agreement is expected to be approximately 24 months from date of award (approximately June 2016). The exact period of work performance will be determined upon award, and will be subject to the Anti-Deficiency Act (31 U.S.C. § 1341). The end date is the anticipated date that the Final Report is accepted by the Government.

Materials Requested for Statement of Interest/Qualifications:

Please provide the following via e-mail attachment to: Reagan Pablo (reagan.s.pablo@navy.mil).

- 1) SF 424 (Enclosure 3)
- 2) Research & Related Senior/Key Personnel Form (Enclosure 4). Please see Factor 1 for additional submittal requirements.
- 3) Research and Related Budget Form (Enclosure 5)
- 4) SF-LLL Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (Enclosure 6). If applicable, complete SF-LLL. Applicability: If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the grant/cooperative agreement, you must complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying."

Reimbursement of pre-award costs will not be allowed.

Review of Statements Received: Proposals will be evaluated based on the following three factors: 1) Credentials of Key Personnel, 2) Scientific Approach, and 3) Reasonableness of Cost

NOTE: All requirements listed are minimum requirements. Offerors will be assessed on their ability to adhere to the listed requirements, completeness of responses, follow directions, comply with restrictions and provide quality control on their submittals. All page limits refer to 12 point font and single spaced one-sided pages.

Factor 1 - Credentials of Key Personnel

A. Principal Investigator: The Recipient shall designate one person as responsible for ensuring that provisions are in place for project and personnel supervision, quality control and meeting of reporting requirements on a daily basis. This person shall have, at the minimum:

- A minimum of a PhD in Anthropology, Archaeology, or related scientific discipline;
- Extensive knowledge of, and hands-on experience in, the archaeology of the Mojave Desert and the western Great Basin;
- Knowledge of environmental geology and a demonstrated proficiency in GIS analysis and interpretation of archaeological location data;
- Familiarity with the collections and physiography aboard MCAGCC will be necessary to facilitate this undertaking;

B. Technical Staff: The person(s) shall have, at the minimum:

- Extensive knowledge of, and hands-on experience in, the archaeology of the Mojave Desert and the western Great Basin

With the Research & Related Senior/Key Personnel Form, the Applicant shall provide type written resumes, not to exceed 3 pages, single spaced with 12pt font for the Principal Investigator and Technical Staff proposed for this project. Resumes must state qualifications, experience with this type of project, professional registration and certificates.

Factor 2 – Scientific Approach

Not to exceed 3 pages, the Offeror shall develop an outline for their approach to addressing the anticipated work stated above. The Offeror may only propose additional geographic and environmental variables to consider, not mentioned in the RSOI, but pertinent to the study issues. The Offeror shall be evaluated as to the soundness of the overall approach and use of any innovative techniques to accomplish project objectives.

Factor 3 - Reasonableness of Cost

After technical evaluation of the proposal, the Offers shall be analyzed to determine whether they are materially/mathematically balanced with respect to prices or separately priced items, and for fair and reasonable pricing. A clear cost breakdown of work elements to be accomplished detailing quantities for the various work items, unit, unit prices and extended prices will be required and will be evaluated. Evaluation will include an analysis to determine the Offeror's comprehension of the requirements of the proposed agreement as well as to assess the validity of the Offeror's approach.

Please be sure to provide a proposal for the optional work years as listed within the statement of work.

Please provide your proposed budget on the provided pdf titled, "Research and Related Budget" form*(Enclosure 5).

***Form: RESEARCH AND RELATED BUDGET**

Complete the Research and Related Budget form in accordance with the instructions on the form. You must provide a detailed cost breakdown of all costs, by cost category, by the funding periods described below, and by task/sub-task corresponding to the task number in the proposed Statement of Work. You may request funds under any of the categories listed as long as the item and amount are necessary to perform the proposed work and meet all the criteria for allowability under the applicable Federal cost principles. The budget should adhere to the following guidelines:

The budget should be driven by program requirements. Elements of the budget shall include:

- Direct Labor - Individual labor category or person, with associated labor hours and unburdened direct labor rates.
- Indirect Costs - Fringe benefits, overhead, G&A, COM, etc. (must show base amount and rate). Justify in Field K.
- Travel - Number of trips, destination, duration, etc. Justify in Field K (on the form).
- Subcontract - A cost proposal as detailed as the applicant's cost proposal will be required to be submitted by the subcontractor. If applicable, include in Research & Related Subaward Budget Attachment Form.
- Consultant - Provide consultant agreement or other document that verifies the proposed loaded daily/hourly rate. Include a description of the nature of and the need for any consultant's participation. Strong justification must be provided, and consultants are to be used only under exceptional circumstances where no equivalent expertise can be found at a participating university. Provide budget justification in Field K.
- Materials - Specifically itemized with costs or estimated costs. An explanation of any estimating factors, including their derivation and application, shall be provided. Include a brief description of the applicant's procurement method to be used (competition, engineering estimate, market survey, etc.). Justify in Field K.
- Other Directs Costs - Particularly any proposed items of equipment or facilities. Equipment and facilities generally must be furnished by the cooperator/recipient (justifications must be provided when Government funding for such items is sought). Include a brief description of the applicant's procurement method to be used (competition, engineering estimate, market survey, etc.). Justify in Field K.

Budget Justification (Field K on the form): Provide the required supporting information for the cost elements as shown above (see Research & Related Budget instructions) and

listed as follows: indirect cost, travel, consultant, materials, and other direct costs.
Provide any other information you wish to submit to justify your budget request.

NOTE: Every deviation from the scope of work requirement must be identified. Proposer must identify the paragraph in the scope of work that is applicable and provide sufficient information to justify why the deviation is in the best interest of the government.

RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF EVALUATION FACTORS – Factor 1, 2, and 3 are of equal importance.

Timeline for Review of Statements of Interest:

We request that Statements of Interest be submitted by June 1, 2016 2:00 PM local standard time. This Request for Statements of Interest will remain open until an investigator team is selected. Statements of Interest received after June 1, 2016 2:00 PM local standard time is considered “late” and may not be considered.

Please send electronic responses and questions to:

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