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**REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST**

**NUMBER W9126G-15-2-SOI-0033**

**PROJECT TO BE INITIATED IN 2016**

**Project Title:** ISLAND NIGHT LIZARD MONITORING 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 Commander Pacific Fleet and supported by Naval Base Coronado, which jointly provide professional and technical support for the San Clemente Island Natural Resources Management Program in order to facilitate successful implementation of the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan and U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Biological Opinion (BO) FWS- LA-09B0027-09F0040, per the Endangered Species Act (16 USC 1531 et seq.) and the Sikes Act Improvement Act (16 USC 670 et seq.). Approximately \$27,113.00 is expected to be available to support this project. Additional funding may be available for follow on work in subsequent fiscal years to the successful Recipient/Awardee.

**Background:**

The Island Night Lizard (*Xantusia riversiana*) population at San Clemente Island is one of three total populations (the other two are on Santa Barbara and San Nicolas Islands). This species was listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in 1977 and delisted in 2014. This project meets the requirements of the Island Night Lizard Post-delisting Monitoring Plan; ensuring ESA compliance.

**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:**

This research focuses on the following objectives:

Objective 1: Design of Additional Island Night Lizard Sampling Sites

- (a) Pursuant to the Island Night Lizard Post De-listing Monitoring Plan (PDMP) recommendations, new, randomly selected sampling sites should be established on all islands in different habitats with a focus on high-quality habitat.

Objective 2: San Clemente Island Night Lizard Density (Oct 2016 and May 2017) and Recruitment Monitoring (Oct 2016)

- (a) Assess trap capture rates to determine night lizard densities (in Oct 2016 and May 2017). Surveys and trap maintenance activities will follow trapping protocols outlined in Mautz (2001).
- (b) Survey to assess recruitment in October (2016), soon after the neonates of the year are born.
- (c) The Navy will provide weather data from the sampling period to support a Weather Condition Assessment.

Objective 3. Coordinate with the Navy on High Quality Habitat Monitoring using GIS (to be completed by the Navy)

**Period of Performance.** The base year of agreement will be approximately 18 months, beginning upon agreement award and ending 1 March 2018. Additional option periods are anticipated pending funds.

**Materials Requested for Statement of Interest/Qualifications:**

Please provide the following via e-mail attachment to: [nicholas.a.aprea@usace.army.mil](mailto:nicholas.a.aprea@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 **5:00 PM CT on Friday 19 August 2016**.