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REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST

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PROJECT TO BE INITIATED IN 2017

Project Title: SAN CLEMENTE SEABIRD AND SHOREBIRD MONITORING PROJECT, San Clemente ISLAND, NAVAL BASE CORONADO, CALIFORNIA

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 with Naval Base Coronado which provide professional and technical support for the Naval Base Coronado Natural Resources Program in order to facilitate successful implementation of the 16 USC 670c-1 Sikes Act. Approximately **\$120,262.00** 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:

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 seabird and shorebird monitoring efforts and, in part, fulfills the Commander Navy Region Southwest's (CNRSW) responsibilities pursuant to the Sikes Improvement Act (16 USC 670 et seq) and the Endangered Species Act (16 USC 1531 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, S. Fish and Wildlife Service Biological Opinion FWS- LA-09B0027-09F0040 on San Clemente Island Military Operations and Fire Management Plan 2008 as Amended in 2103, and continued implementation of SCI INRMP.

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:

- 1) Objective 1: Surveying to determine the breeding populations of storm petrels at SCI in 2017. Monitoring should determine (as feasible) the number of breeding pairs, establish nest chronology, identify all nesting areas, and quantify reproductive success and productivity to the extent feasible.
- 2) Objective 2: Nest season and nest monitoring including documentation of nest substrate, nest chronology, and assessments of nest success and mist-netting in June (i.e., during the storm-petrel egg-laying and incubation period) at Seal Cove South Rock.
- 3) Objective 3: Provide nest protection/non-native predator protection at accessible storm petrel nesting sites on SCI “mainland”.
- 4) Objective 4: Conduct monthly western snowy plover monitoring of West Cove Beach and, as the range schedule permits, BUDS and Graduation Beach.
- 5) Objective 5: If western snowy plover nesting occurs at West Cove Beach: conduct weekly nest monitoring to count adult snowy plovers and nests; use experienced snowy plover monitoring staff to install mini-exlosures, as practical, on nests outside of the LCAC pad and beach ingress/egress area; install signs (with OIC approval) to reduce the potential for non-operational impacts outside of the LCAC pad and beach ingress/egress area; and provide the Navy with a GIS layer of nest locations, updated throughout the breeding season.
- 6) Objective 6: Purchasing of equipment and supplies for the Natural Resources Field Station undertaken through direct coordination with the Navy SCI Wildlife Biologist and Natural Resources Operations Manager.
- 7) Objective 7: Prepare work plans, safety plans, progress reports, and 2017 monitoring reports for review and approval by Naval Base Coronado and Commander Pacific Fleet’s respective biologists.
- 8) Objective 8, Option Year 1 and 2 (FY18 and FY19) Only: Murrelet Population Monitoring would only be completed under Option Years 1 and 2 (FY18 and FY19/field year 2019 and 2020). This objective entails medium effort spotlight surveys for murrelets, in conjunction with at-sea captures, at Seal Cove and southeast SCI.

Period of Performance. The base year of agreement will extend 18 months from award. A base year and three option years, each with a period of performance of 18 months are planned, if funding is available. Option years 1 and 2 would include Objective 8, with commensurate funding, if available, but the base year and option year 3 would not include this objective.

Materials Requested for Statement of Interest/Qualifications:

Please provide the following via e-mail attachment to: alisa.marshall@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 **August 24, 2017**.

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