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REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST

NUMBER W9126G-18-2-SOI-0001

PROJECT TO BE INITIATED IN 2018

Project Title: **San Clemente Loggerhead Shrike Captive Breeding Project, San Clemente Island, California.**

Responses to this Request for Statements of Interest will be used to identify potential investigators for a project to be funded by Naval Base Coronado which provides professional and technical support for its 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.), the Sikes Act Improvement Act (16 USC 670 et seq.), and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 USC 1361 et seq.). Approximately **\$689,045.00** 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 San Clemente loggerhead shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus mearnsi*), a subspecies endemic to SCI, was listed as a federally endangered subspecies in 1977. This project implements, in part, the Commander Navy Region Southwest's (CNRSW) responsibilities pursuant to the Endangered Species Act (16 USC 1531 et seq.), the Sikes Act Improvement Act (16 USC 670 et seq.), and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 USC 1361 et seq.). The primary objective of this project is to maintain and breed the captive flock of San Clemente loggerhead shrikes to produce individuals for release into the wild population to aid in the continued recovery of this subspecies.

**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 tasks to meet the primary objective:

- maintenance and care of the captive population of San Clemente loggerhead shrikes held on SCI, breeding to produce juvenile shrikes for release,
- behavioral monitoring,
- veterinary care and pathology services,
- demographic and genetic management of captive flock,
- provision of supplemental food for released birds,
- sexing of captive and wild shrikes,
- aviary maintenance, and
- coordination with and reporting to the Navy

**Period of Performance.** The base year of agreement will extend 18 months year from award. Five option periods extending for 18 months are anticipated pending funds.

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

Please provide the following via e-mail attachment to: [Sandra.Justman@usace.army.mil](mailto:Sandra.Justman@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 **February 20, 2018**.

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