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REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST

NUMBER W9126G-18-2-SOI-0119

PROJECT TO BE INITIATED IN 2018

Project Title: [Invasive Species and Post Fire Restoration](#)

Responses to this Request for Statements of Interest will be used to identify potential investigators for a project to be funded by [the US Air Force](#), which provides professional and technical support for its [Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan \(INRMP\)](#) in order to facilitate successful implementation of the [16 USC 670c-1 Sikes Act](#). Approximately **\$104,500.00** 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 work will involve: invasive species control, reporting, travel to and from Travis AFB, California, attendance at meetings, project management, post-fire natural resource assessment, post-fire restoration activities \(erosion control, weed control, habitat restoration\), and GIS data management..](#)

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 project focuses on the following objectives:

- 1) [Objective 1: Complete a 2018 Burned Area Emergency Response \(BAER\) analysis that reports on wild or prescribed fire affects to natural and cultural resources. Implement recommendations in the 2018 BAER report and previous year reports to minimize the effects of wildland fire to important natural resources \(listed species, species of concern, wetlands, rare and native plants, water quality, cultural resources, etc\). Types of post-fire restoration work include follow-up treatments on previous wildland fires as prescribed by previous BAER reports, invasive plant or erosion control to reduce immediate and/or long-term damage, and native restoration plantings. Type of restoration is site dependent. Note that](#)

weed or erosion control measures may need to be implemented prior to the wet season as early as August. Task includes pre/post fire habitat assessment and monitoring related to planned prescribed burn activities completed by the Travis Fire Department and/or the AFCEC Wildland Fire Center.

- 2) Objective 2: Control the presence and spread of invasive species (noxious weeds) base wide, along Union Creek, two Conservation Areas (Castle Terrace Conservation Area & Aero Club Conservation Area), cattle and horse pastures, and the North East Undeveloped Area where federally listed species are affected. Target species may include barbed goatgrass, giant reed, Himalayan blackberry, treasure flower, fennel, perennial pepperweed, medusahead, and other surveillance species that may become problematic as described in the Invasive Species Management Plan (ManTech, 2017). Current control methods include timed mowing, cutting, herbicide application, and prescribed grazing. Work should include follow-up treatment of all weed populations treated beginning in 2015 as reported in annual reports. Work should include monitoring as prescribed by the ISMP (2017).

NOTE: At this time we are only requesting that you demonstrate available qualifications and skills for performing similar or same type of work. You will be evaluated for request for a proposal based on skills and qualifications demonstrated in your SOI.

Period of Performance. The base year of agreement will extend one year from award. Four option periods extending for one year are anticipated pending funds.

Materials Requested for Statement of Interest/Qualifications:

Please provide the following via e-mail attachment to: alisa.marshall@usace.army.mil and david.b.leptien@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 **June 21, 2018**.