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**REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST**

**NUMBER W9126G-18-2-SOI-5047**

**PROJECT TO BE INITIATED IN 2018**

**Project Title:** NR Support Seabirds, Vandenberg AFB (VAFB), CA

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 **\$98,422.00** is expected to be available to support this project.

**Background:**

Provide support to VAFB to monitor the population dynamics, breeding biology, and foraging ecology of seabirds along the coastal margins of VAFB during the critical period for seabird activity and breeding. Conduct established riparian point count protocol on Vandenberg Air Force Base.

**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 tasks and objectives:

Monitor the population dynamics, breeding biology, and foraging ecology of seabirds along the coastal margins of VAFB during the critical period for seabird activity and breeding.

- Seabird species to be monitored include, but are not limited to: Pigeon Guillemots, Pelagic Cormorants, Brandt's Cormorants, Black Oystercatchers, and various gull species, including Western Gulls.
- Surveys of south base shall include Point Michelle/North Honda, South Honda, Point Pedernales, North Arguello Rocks, Point Arguello, and North and South Rocky Points (North Vantage Cove to the Boathouse Dock). Surveys of north base shall include Point Sal, Lion's Head, and Purisima Area (Purisima Point, Purisima Point South, Pockets Cove and Lompoc Landing).

Conduct day and night roosting surveys of brown pelicans during the winter. Use of data collection methods consistent with historical methods will be useful in order to make comparisons across years.

Identify new nesting sites for seabird species, especially the Western Gull, focusing on areas occupied by ESA-listed species.

Collect and analyze the diet of Western Gulls nesting at the Purisima Point Colony and at or near Western Snowy Plover nesting beaches.

Conduct established riparian point count protocol on Vandenberg Air Force Base.

**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 12 months from award.](#)

**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 **9 August 2018**.