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**REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST
NUMBER W9126G-18-2-SOI-3798
PROJECT TO BE INITIATED IN 2018**

Project Title: San Clemente Bell's Sparrow Management Plan 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 U.S. Navy which provides professional and technical support for its Endangered Species Biology Programs in order to facilitate successful implementation of the INRMP and compliance with ESA. Approximately \$117,900 is expected to be available to support this project.

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/subspecies by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The San Clemente Bell's sparrow (*Artemisiospiza belli clementeae*), formerly known as San Clemente sage sparrow (*Amphispiza belli clementeae*), a subspecies endemic to SCI, was listed as a federally threatened species on August 11, 1977. This project implements, in part, the Commander Navy Region Southwest's (CNRSW) responsibilities pursuant to the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (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.). This project is a requirement of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Biological Opinion FWS- LA-09B0027-09F0040 on San Clemente Island Military Operations and Fire Management Plan 2008 and the Southern California Range Complex Final Environmental Impact Statement / Overseas Environmental Impact Statement that stipulate that the Navy will continue surveys and population analysis (addressed herein) for the San Clemente sage (now Bell's) sparrow. Under a Cooperative Agreement this work utilizes Navy and Cooperator resources to achieve required natural resource management in support of the SCI Mission

Brief Description of Anticipated Work: The objectives of this project are to develop a San Clemente Bell's Sparrow Management Plan containing strategies to assure a self-sustaining population under minimal direct management, triggers for adaptive management actions, appropriate monitoring design, and prioritized conservation of management areas at SCI. Work

would include close, cooperative, coordination with the SCI Wildlife Biologist and Commander Pacific Fleet Natural Resources Program Manager.

Period of Performance. The period of performance will be for a total of 18 months beginning on date of award, anticipated to be Sept 2018 through February 2020.

Materials Requested for Statement of Interest/Qualifications: Please provide the following via e-mail attachment to: Kathy.S.Mitchell@usace.army.mil (Maximum length: 2 pages, single-spaced 12 pt. font).

1. Name, Organization 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., permits, equipment, laboratory facilities, field facilities, etc.).

Note: A full study proposal and proposed budget are NOT requested at this time.

Review of Statements Received: 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 **15 August 2018.**