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REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST

NUMBER W9126G-19-2-SOI-8868

PROJECT TO BE INITIATED IN 2019

Project Title: San Clemente Island Botany Program Implementation.

Responses to this Request for Statements of Interest will be used to identify potential investigators for a project to be funded by Commander, US Pacific Fleet, (COMPACFLT) which provides professional and technical support for its Botany Program in order to facilitate successful implementation of requirements under U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Biological Opinion (BO) FWS- LA-09B0027-09F0040, per the Endangered Species Act (16 USC 1531 et seq.). The activities performed by the recipient must be completed in a manner conducive to guidelines outlined in the Endangered Species Act (16 USC 1531 et seq.), the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 USC 1361 et seq.), and regional regulatory guidelines. Approximately **\$507,616** 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) is part of the Navy's Southern California Range Complex, which serves as the principal Navy training venue in the eastern Pacific. SCI supports eleven species listed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act, including six federally listed plant species, and numerous endemic species whose distributions are limited to SCI or the Channel Islands. This project is needed to implement the San Clemente Island Botany Program by managing sensitive and listed species and the habitats on which they depend in compliance with Biological Opinion FWS- LA-09B0027-09F0040, San Clemente Island Military Operations and Fire Management Plan 2008 Naval Base Coronado.

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 objectives:

- 1) Objective 1: Botany Program Requirements, which includes (a) seed collection, storage and processing, and collection of vegetative plant material; (b) plant propagation; (c) selection, out-planting, maintenance, and monitoring of new out-planting sites; (d) monitoring of previously established out-planting sites; (e) sensitive plant monitoring; (f) fire monitoring; (g) fuel moisture monitoring; (h) grassland restoration fire monitoring; and (i) exotic plant management planning and control.
- 2) Objective 2: Erosion Monitoring, Assessment, and Control
- 3) Objective 3: Operation and Maintenance of Weather Stations
- 4) Objective 4: Listed/At-risk Species Out-planting/Population Augmentation Strategy Development

Period of Performance. The base period of this agreement will extend 18 months from award. Four option periods, each starting 12 months after the base period or the immediately preceding option period and extending for 18 months, are anticipated pending funds. In addition to option periods, this agreement includes optional tasks.

Materials Requested for Statement of Interest/Qualifications:

Please provide the following via e-mail attachment to: alisa_marshall@usace.army.mil and kathy_s_mitchell@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 14, 2019**.

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