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**REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST**  
**Number W9126G-20-2-SOI-3684**  
Project to be initiated in 2020

***INTERESTED PARTIES MUST BE a partner in one of the  
Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units (CESU) National Network:  
Californian, W9126G-13-2-0012  
Colorado Plateau, W9126G-14-2-0018***

**Project Title:** Natural Resources Support Piute Pond, Edwards AFB (EAFB), California.

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 **\$267,897.00** is expected to be available to support this project.

**Background:**

The primary objective of this project is to continue recurring routine maintenance activities at the Piute Ponds Complex and Branch Memorial Park Pond. The Non-Federal Entity (NFE) will develop an Environmental Assessment (EA) to support management actions at the Piute Ponds Complex in accordance with NEPA requirements. This requires the NFE to: Fully develop the "Purpose and Need" and Description of Proposed Action and Alternatives (DOPAA), collect and review existing background material and identify potential data gaps. Describe unavoidable adverse effects and mitigation, publish notice of NEPA scoping in local papers and develop press releases, conduct Agency coordination.

**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. Task 1: Management Actions at Piute Ponds Complex and Branch Pond**

The primary objective of this project is to continue recurring routine maintenance activities at the Piute Ponds Complex and Branch Memorial Park Pond. Management actions such as vegetation control, dredging, maintenance and repair of water control structures, and other activities constitute undertakings with potential to affect cultural resources. The Piute Ponds Complex has been surveyed for cultural resources, with many sites, features, and isolated artifacts being recorded but with incomplete eligibility recommendations. This project will build on previous work, visiting previously-recorded locations to perform condition assessments and elucidate further information as necessary to enable making recommendations of eligibility (individually or as part of a district) and assessment of adverse effects from the proposed undertakings.

### **2. Task 2: Environmental Assessment for Management Action Plan at Piute Ponds Complex and Branch Pond**

The primary objective of this project is to complete an environmental assessment to assess effects of actions described in the management plan for the Piute Ponds Complex on Edwards AFB. The Non-Federal Entity (NFE) will develop an Environmental Assessment (EA) to support management actions at the Piute Ponds Complex in accordance with NEPA requirements. This requires the NFE to: Fully develop the "Purpose and Need" and Description of Proposed Action and Alternatives (DOPAA), collect and review existing background material and identify potential data gaps. Describe unavoidable adverse effects and mitigation, publish notice of NEPA scoping in local papers and develop press releases, conduct Agency coordination.

**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, qualifications and certifications demonstrated in your SOI.

#### **Period of Performance.**

Task 1: The base period of performance is 12 months from date of award.

Task 2: The base period of performance is 18 months from date of award

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

Please provide the following via e-mail attachment to:

[Alisa.Marshall@usace.army.mil](mailto:Alisa.Marshall@usace.army.mil) and [David.B.Leptien@usace.army.mil](mailto: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 is required to be posted for 30 days prior to the Government making a decision and requesting full proposals. Responses due by 5:00 P.M., Central Time, on **27 May 2020**.

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