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REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST
NUMBER W9126G-16-2-SOI-3525
PROJECT TO BE INITIATED IN 2020

Applicants must be member in one of the
Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units (CESU) National Network:
Californian, W9126G-13-2-0012
Rocky Mountain, W9126G-18-2-0018

Project Title: Cultural Resources Support- AFCEC, Travis ISS, Travis AFB, CA.

Responses to this Request for Statements of Interest will be used to identify potential investigators for a project to be funded by AFCEC which provides professional and technical support for its Cultural Resources Program in order to facilitate successful implementation of the 16 USC 670c-1 Sikes Act. Approximately **\$175,000** is expected to be available to support this project for the base period. Additional funding may be available for follow on work in subsequent fiscal years to the successful Recipient/Awardee

Background:

This work requires an onsite support person located at the AFCEC Travis Installation Support Section, Travis Air Force Base (AFB), California. The work involves assistance with the support of Cultural Resources Programs at Beale AFB and Travis AFB through tracking of plan and permit status, updates to plans, assistance in Tribal and State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) consultations, surveys/evaluations, and other technical support as needed. The Mission Essential Task List developed by AFCEC assigns multiple Cultural Resource Management duties to the ISS that cannot be accomplished by current staff. Approximately 15% local travel to Beale AFB will be required.

Type of Award:

This project is awarded under the authority of 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 one of the following CESU Unit to be qualified to be considered: California, W9126G-13-2-0012, and or Rocky Mountains, W9126G-14-2-0012.

Brief Description of Anticipated Work:

This research focuses on the following objectives:

- Interface with the AFCEC/CZOW Cultural Resources Subject Matter Specialist, Edwards ISS Cultural Resources Program Manager, Travis ISS Chief, and Environmental Quality Team Lead on a regular basis to forecast and prioritize short-suspense requirements;
- Attend weekly meetings with the Travis ISS to update the team on project status
- Attend monthly meetings the Travis ISS and Beale and Travis AFBs to discuss new issues and status of current issues;
- Develop and implement a database to track the performance of ongoing and forthcoming cultural resources projects;
- Assist in project programming; participate in discussions with AFCEC and installation CRM staff to identify future requirements, then assist with entry of project narratives and justifications;
- Assist in project development; flesh out project requirements from existing cultural and natural resource management plans, building on previous work;
- Assist in project execution; assemble Authority to Release documents for submittal to AFCEC;
- Support AFCEC review of project deliverables, such as work plans, schedules, and technical reports;
- Support development or review of National Historic Preservation Act Section 106/110 reviews and the preparation of Section 106/110 consultation documentation;
- Development of Archaeological Resources Protection Act/Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act plans of action that address inadvertent discoveries;
- Collate, review, and enter data when necessary for periodic data calls;
- Support installation CRM staff to complete annual reviews of Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan (ICRMP); assist with completing periodic updates and ICRMP consultations with stakeholders;
- Assist AFCEC staff with tracking milestone dates of plans and permits issued to the installations; coordinate with staff as deadlines approach and facilitate completion of reviews or submittals; enter status updates into tracking system in accordance with the required schedule;
- Assist with the identification and evaluation of built environment features and structures, archaeological sites, and Traditional Cultural Properties;
- Assist with the inspection of curated collections and facilitate professional access to curated materials for research purposes;
- Provide support to government staff for development, review, and revision of Air Force-wide cultural resource policy documents, including Air Force Instructions, guidance, and policy memos;
- Provide technical review and provide recommendations to Air Force Cultural Resource representatives regarding proposals for the DoD Legacy Resource Management Program;
- Provide technical expertise and support for media and advocacy materials such as fact sheets;
- Provide technical expertise in geospatial mapping related to the management of cultural and archaeological resources.

- Travel from Travis AFB to Beale AFB will be required approximately 40 times per 12 month POP.

Period of Performance. The base Period of agreement will extend 12 months from award. Four option periods extending for 12 months each are anticipated pending availability of funds.

Materials Requested for Statement of Interest/Qualifications:

Please provide the following via e-mail attachment to:

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(Maximum length: 2 pages, single-spaced 12 pt. font).

1. Name, Organization, **Cage Code**, **Duns Number**, Contact Information, **Email address**.
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: At this time we are only requesting that you demonstrate available qualifications and skills for performing similar or same type of work. 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 **2 July 2020**.

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