REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST
NUMBER W9126G-15-2-SOI-0033
PROJECT TO BE INITIATED IN 2015

Project Title: Invasive Plant Surveys for U.S. Navy Lands at Lualualei for INRMP Support, JBPHH, Oahu, Hawaii

Responses to this Request for Statements of Interest will be used to identify potential investigators for a project to be funded by Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) which provides professional and technical support for its Natural Resources INRMP Program in order to facilitate successful implementation of the Sikes Act. Approximately $50,500 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:

Considerable work has been done on US Navy managed lands at Lualualei to map vegetation types and populations of rare and endangered plants, and to identify next steps for vegetation management. Among the actions needed to manage invasive plants, identified in the 2011 Joint Base Pearl Harbor–Hickam (JBPHH) Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan (INRMP), are: 1) Perform ground surveys for incipient invasive plants; 2) Evaluate and prioritize invasive plants to be controlled, with emphasis on biocontrol of prickly pear cactus, and control of newly emerging weeds; and 3) Incorporate the prevention and control of weed populations into written updates to the INRMP. The object of this project is to accomplish some of these actions.

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 objectives:

1) **Objective 1:** Perform surveys to assess the invasive plant threat to rare and endangered species in the Pahoa and Kauhiuhi subdistricts.

2) **Objective 2:** Develop threat assessments for invasive plants identified in the surveys.

3) **Objective 3:** Provide a final report of survey results and threat assessments to include a GIS geodatabase.

**Period of Performance.** The base year of agreement will extend one year from award. Four option periods extending for one year are anticipated pending funds.

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

Please provide the following via e-mail attachment to: angela.zahid@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 01 September 15.