

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT (FOA)

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Overview: Sustainable Range Program (SRP) / Training Support Systems (TSS) Technical Support, U.S. Army National Guard, Various Locations, USA - This requirement is for services that provide planning, technical, and field support to the U.S. Army National Guard to ensure proper conservation and rehabilitation of the natural resources at a programmatic level while enabling a successful SRP/TSS program. It encompasses various locations throughout the United States. See full Funding Opportunity Description in Section I.	
Estimated Total Funding: \$2,113,000.00	Estimated Number of Awards: 1
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Contact Information: Questions relating to Grants.gov including the registration process and system requirements should be directed to the Grants.gov Contact Center at 1-800-518-4726. For assistance with the requirements of this Funding Opportunity Announcement, please contact the Grants Specialist, casandra.a.hutchins@usace.army.mil.	
Instructions to Applicants: The complete Funding Opportunity Announcement, application forms, and instructions are available for download at Grants.gov. Applications in response to this Funding Opportunity Announcement shall be submitted by the application due date. Applications may be submitted electronically via email or through Grants.gov. Applicants shall have a Unique Entity Identification (UEI) number, registration with the System of Award Management (SAM), and registration with Grants.gov, if submitting application through Grants.gov. See Section IV of the Funding Opportunity Announcement for complete application submission information.	

Section I: Funding Opportunity Description

**Statement of Work
Sustainable Range Program (SRP) / Training Support Systems (TSS)
Technical Support
U.S. Army National Guard
Various Locations, USA**

Project Cost Ceiling: \$ 2,113,000.00

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Statement of Work (SOW) provides the details of the work to be performed by the Recipient in support of U.S. Army National Guard (ARNG) Sustainable Range Program (SRP) through a cooperative agreement (CA) awarded and administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Alaska District. This CA establishes a cost effective, time efficient, and flexible capability to support the ARNG's Training Support Systems (TSS) program. This CA contains specific conservation requirements necessary to monitor, manage, protect, and conserve training areas and range facilities for optimal management of public lands under military control.

Projects for execution under this CA do not include any functions to be performed that are inherently governmental. This determination is made with the assessment that places emphasis on the degree to which conditions and facts restrict the discretionary authority, decision-making responsibility, or accountability of government officials using Recipient services or work products.

This CA shall not be used for performance of personal services. These tasks, provided by the customer for execution under this CA by USACE, do not include functions to be performed that are personal services.

Any modifications to the CA activities outlined in this SOW must be channeled through the Grants Officers Representative (GOR) and approved by the Grants Officer (GO) prior to Recipient implementation.

2.0 BACKGROUND

The ARNG manages lands in all states and territories, and as is the case with all government agencies, the ARNG must manage its lands in accordance with all environmental laws, such as, National Environmental Policy Act, National Historic Preservation Act, Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, etc. Compliance with these laws and implementing regulations requires stewardship of the natural and cultural resources and training facilities on military installations and application of the data in management decisions.

3.0 OBJECTIVE

To provide planning, technical, and field support to the ARNG to ensure proper conservation and rehabilitation of the natural resources at a programmatic level while enabling a successful SRP/TSS program.

4.0 MAJOR REQUIREMENTS AND TASKS

The assistance shall include: (a) SRP support; Integrated Training Area Management (ITAM) support; Range Facility Management Support System (RFMSS); Geographic Information System (GIS) support; TSS; Training Support Centers (TSC).

4.1 ARNG SRP/ITAM Technical Support. Provide subject matter expert technical assistance and support for SRP/ITAM (to include coordination of SRP-GIS, ITAM, and Range Training Land Program (RTLTP) to the ARNG and State training sites. Support shall include providing information sources, answering questions on ARNG and Department of Army (DA) policy implementation, and creating instructional briefings for courses and workshops. Compile and report data regarding training requirements, land usage, and range usage as well as ITAM requirements. Provide expertise in development of policies, procedures, best practices, and business rules. Recipient personnel should assume periodic attendance to individual and collective training(s), meeting(s), conference(s), and briefing(s) in support of ARNG Training Centers. These events normally take place at ARNG or other Army training sites and average (but are not limited to) 22 trips per period of performance (POP). They will also support the ARNG representative for SRP/ITAM at various working groups to include, but not limited to, the National Guard Range Sustainment Integration Council (NGRSIC), the Land Process Action Team (LPAT), Installation Status Report Community of Practice (ISR-COP), Training Site Working Group (TSWG), Range Complex Master Plan (RCMP) Working Group, and the Training Center Command Advisory Committee (TCCAC).

4.2 GIS Support for ARNG. Task includes duties associated with the management of the Training Division's GISs Program in support of ARNG training staffs, facilities, and sites. Task assignments related to the application of GIS in support of training land management, inventories of training land, and ranges and the creation and use of surface danger zones. The GIS support and inventories will ensure all natural resources will not be impacted or if they are impacted, they will be restored to their prior condition. Natural resources may include, but are not limited to wetlands, threatened and endangered species, migratory birds, eradication of invasive species, restoration of native vegetation communities, sedimentation and erosion. GIS support will also ensure there shall be no impacts to cultural resources such as disturbances to archaeological sites, tribal relations, historic buildings, etc. The Recipient shall utilize the GIS data to assign buffers for all natural and culturally sensitive areas and provide GIS training to ARNG Training Site personnel at ARNG-TRS classes and workshops (i.e., RCMP workshops, Training Center University, etc.). Work with ARNG Training Site and DA personnel to meet DA requirements for GIS data development and submittal. The Recipient shall have experience with GIS software. The Recipient shall possess professional knowledge of military training requirements, standards, and operating procedures and be able to interpret the training support requirements and GIS capabilities to meet ARNG requirements.

4.3 ARNG ITAM Project Coordination Support. The Recipient shall support the ARNG ITAM program manager to coordinate ITAM program component with the Training Division's GIS technician and the Range and Training Land (RTL) program manager; the Environmental Programs Division's Conservation, Natural Resource, Cultural Resources, Compliance, National Environmental Policy Act program and Land Use Requirements Studies (LURS) managers; and the Installation Division's Installations and Real Property program managers. Coordination between all the programs listed above will protect natural and cultural resources at each installation while the ARNG executes different projects under the ITAM program. Technical support as the ARNG-TRS subject matter expert (SME) shall also include assistance with the ITAM workplans, project(s) validation, roll-up of individual workplans into the NGB MACOM submission, and provide training to ARNG Training Site

ITAM personnel on the ITAM workplans. Recipient personnel must be U.S. citizens, with a BS/BA in natural sciences or related field(s) and should have experience working with military training and the support of military training, preferably with the Army National Guard.

4.4 ARNG ITAM Environmental Coordination Support. Recipient personnel shall support the coordination of the ITAM program component with the Environmental Programs Division's Conservation, Natural Resource, Cultural Resources, Compliance, National Environmental Policy Act program and Land Use Requirements Studies (LURS) managers, and the Installation Division's Installations and Real Property program managers. Coordination between all the programs listed above will protect natural and cultural resources at each installation while the ARNG executes different projects under the ITAM program. Recipient personnel must be U.S. citizens, with a BS/BA in natural sciences or related field(s) and should have experience working with military training and the support of military training, preferably with the Army National Guard.

4.5 ARNG SRP Training Center Coordination Support. Recipient personnel shall provide Garrison Training Center (GTC) subject matter expertise support to the Range Team Chief and the Training Facility Staff Officer for the Training Support Branch of the Training Division, ARNG Directorate, National Guard Bureau (ARNG-TRS) to support the planning, application and operations of the ARNG's Garrison Training Center Program. Review, organize, and develop regulation review and rewrites pertaining to Garrison Training Centers. The Recipient shall provide Army Training Requirements and Resource System (ATRRS) expertise for ARNG-TRS proponent courses (provide student output status to ARNG-TRS within fifteen days of training course completion). Coordinate with Army organizations on the development of reports, conferences/workshops, and new initiatives. Programmatic training shall ensure accurate ecosystem management planning is being executed at each installation.

4.6 RFMSS Program Technical Support

4.6.1 Range Facility Management Support System (RFMSS) Technical Support. The Recipient shall provide RFMSS subject matter expertise support to the Range Team Chief for the Training Support Branch of the Training Division, ARNG Directorate, National Guard Bureau (ARNG-TRS) to support the planning, provide direction to conserve and rehabilitate the natural resources, and application and operations of the ARNG's RFMSS Program. The Recipient shall be responsible for coordinating with the Department of Defense (DOD), DA, Army Major Command, ARNG and State policies and programs to maximize the support of ARNG live training at federal and state owned, leased, and permitted training lands in the 54 States and Territories. This will include support to ARNG representatives at various meetings, working groups, and conferences. The RFMSS resolves scheduling, safety and environmental conflicts as they arise. Support for this task shall require travel for training and site visits. The Recipient should anticipate approximately 18 trips, during the POP, in support of RFMSS Program technical support.

4.6.2 RFMSS Data Management Support. The Recipient shall provide RFMSS subject matter expertise support to collect, consolidate, and analyze RFMSS data for NGB and Garrison Training Center evaluation. The Recipient shall consolidate RFMSS data for all ARNG RFMSS servers (48 servers) into the ARNG-TRS enterprise RFMSS data warehouse a minimum of three (3) times per month to ensure scheduling, planning, and operational requirements are met to avoid environmental conflicts and to properly conserve and rehabilitate the natural and cultural resources. RFMSS data will specifically address range ammunition expenditure, range and training land usage, and utilization of training facilities

other than ranges.

4.6.3 RFMSS Technical Support. The Recipient shall provide RFMSS subject matter expertise support for the technical support of the National Guard RFMSS program to include support for the RFMSS application, system architecture, network architecture, and operating environment for the current RFMSS baseline. The Recipient shall support fielding of new systems in coordination with US Army Program Executive Office Enterprise Information Systems and Army National Guard. The Recipient shall provide network and server administration support for ARNG RFMSS servers operating on ARNG domain which requires IT-II security clearance level. The Recipient shall provide RFMSS subject matter expertise to support RFMSS users training and training courses. The Recipient shall assist with annual update of training course material(s) to include course presentations, hands-on scenarios, training videos, and training information packets. This on-going technical support will assist in resolving scheduling, safety and environmental conflicts to conserve and rehabilitate the natural resources.

4.7 TSS Program Technical Support

4.7.1 TADSS Management Technical Support. The Recipient shall coordinate TSCs, SimFacs, and provide SME support for a team of Instructor Operators for the ARNG from initiation to full operational capability as determined by Branch Chief, Deputy Branch Chief and STSP Manager, and/or Training Support Branch. Project management technical support shall also include training on the proper use of TADSS to prevent wildfires, and adverse effects on the environment in support of the Sikes Act. The project SME support shall also include identification and tracking of project milestones, charrettes, emerging issues, and assisting in the development of Integrated Natural Resources Management Plans (INRMP). Emerging issues consist of supporting the military's mission of training and readiness while protecting and maintaining the environmental resources. The Recipient shall integrate with PEO-STRI and Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCoE) to maintain concurrency as well as advise on new equipment development to ensure ARNG equities are addressed. Assist with other TSS functions as required. Support for this task shall require travel for training and site visits. The Recipient should anticipate approximately 12 trips, during the POP, to support TSS TADSS management as well as providing assistance to coordinate Bi-Annual TADSS Management Review with the Program Executive Office for Simulations Training and Instrumentation (PEO-STRI).

4.7.2 GIS Support (GISMO) Technical Support. Support for the GISMO Interactive Map Website for the ARNG required activities that take place. This GISMO support shall help ensure all natural resources will not be impacted or if they are impacted, they will be restored to their prior condition. Natural resources may include, but are not limited to wetlands, threatened and endangered species, migratory birds, eradication of invasive species, restoration of native vegetation communities, sedimentation and erosion. There shall be no impacts to cultural resources such as disturbances to archaeological sites, tribal relations, historic buildings, etc. The specific tasks include: 1) Development of an updated GIS data requirements document which identifies the GIS data and its attributes required for the interactive map, 2) Update GISMO interactive map website GIS data from site managers and field work as necessary, 3) Deployment of updated GIS data to the GISMO website for several Army National Guard sites.

Support for this task shall require travel for training and attendance at a professional conference. The Recipient should anticipate three (3) trips, during the POP, for GISMO technical support.

5.0 GOVERNMENT FURNISHED MATERIAL (GFM)

ARNG will provide access on each installation, office space, a workspace with desk, administrative supplies, local and long-distance telephone service, network access and computers, and GIS computer system for use by Recipient personnel. The Recipient may utilize GSA government or military vehicles if available. Recipient personnel may be required to utilize government-provided fixed or rotary wing aircraft to carry out official duties if those aircraft are available. The government will not provide field communication capabilities, so for safety reasons, cellular phones are required for Recipient personnel to operate in the field. ARNG shall facilitate cooperation from selected ARNG sites to support collection of all spatial and aspatial digital data as identified in the GISMO Functional Requirements Document.

6.0 RECIPIENT FURNISHED MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, AND EQUIPMENT

The Recipient shall be responsible to supply all other materials, supplies, and equipment not covered under 5.0 (GFM). The Recipient may assume the need for additional supplies, field equipment/equipment, computers, software, and materials and provide maintenance and repair of equipment that is required to carry out the purpose of this project. Cell phones and internet connection subscription are required for regional offices. The equipment purchased under this project will be used to satisfy the objectives of this project. ARNG-TR will reimburse the Recipient for the purchase price of required equipment and materials and cost of the maintenance and repair of said equipment necessary for project completion. ARNG-TR will reimburse moving expenses up to \$7,500.00 for any new hires.

7.0 WORKPLACE HAZARDS

The Recipient may be required to work under conditions that expose personnel to potential hazards, many of them unique to military installations. Tasks that the incumbent may be required to perform that add associated risks include but are not limited to:

- travel in government passenger vehicles and trucks, as a driver or passenger
- travel in military wheeled and tracked vehicles
- travel in military and private aircraft, fixed wing and rotary wing
- travel in vehicles on unpaved roads and off-road
- travel on public transportation
- field work in rough and remote terrain in weather extremes such as thunderstorms, high heat and humidity, severe cold, and wind
- field work in the proximity of unexploded ordnance
- field work in the proximity of military training exercises
- exposure to stinging and biting insects, ticks, spiders, venomous snakes, poisonous plants, spines, and thorns

8.0 REPORTS, DELIVERABLES

The Recipient shall support the Chief, Training Support Branch, Training Division, National Guard Bureau (ARNG-TRS). The USACE Project Manager (PM), GOR, and ARNG managers will review the Recipient's accomplished work and deliverables for completeness of coverage, soundness of conclusions, conformance to professional standards, and established policy.

8.1 Monthly Progress Reports. The Recipient shall submit monthly progress reports no later than the 10th of the subsequent month, to the USACE Alaska District GOR and the

designated ARNG POC, summarizing activities outlined in each task section above and as follows:

- Number of days, locations, and activities in travel status
- List of plans, reports, and briefings prepared or reviewed
- List of meetings attended including purpose/objective and attendees
- List of major action item(s) support and task(s) accomplished
- Percentage of work complete as compared to this SOW
- Status of project progress, problems identified, solutions implemented, and schedule adjustments if appropriate
- Any critical communications not reported in other sections

8.2 Final Report. The Recipient shall produce a report detailing all work completed since project award. A draft report will be prepared and submitted to the designated ARNG POC no later than 31 December for review and comment. The report should be finalized and provided to the USACE PM and GOR and the designated ARNG POC no later than 31 January.

9.0 MEETINGS, REVIEWS, AND COORDINATION

Post Award Planning Meeting shall take place within one (1) month of award between the ARNG-TRS, USACE PM/GOR, and Recipient.

10.0 PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE AND PLACE OF SERVICE

The projects shall be completed at ARNG readiness center, State and Territory Army National Guard sites, and the Recipient's ordinary place of business. ARNG has 109 recognized training centers with the primary support being provided to the 82 Garrison Training Centers (I-V on G3 TC List). Refer to Attachment 1 - ARNG Garrison Training Centers & Classifications for details.

The period of performance for this cooperative agreement is twelve (12) months from date of award with the potential for up to four (4) option periods if all requirements are acceptably met and future funding is approved and available.

11.0 REFERENCES

- Army Regulation 350-19 - The Army Sustainable Range (30 Aug 2005)
- AR 385-63 Range Safety (30 Jan 2012)
- DoD Directive 4715.11, Environmental and Explosives Safety Management on Department of Defense Active and Inactive Ranges Within the United States (24 Apr 2007)
- ALARACT 087/2017: Procedures for Utilization Reporting of Training Support System (TSS) Training Enablers (02 Oct 2017)
- 10 U.S.C. § 2684a Agreements to limit encroachments and other constraints on military training, testing, and operations
- 10 U.S.C. § 2701(d) Environmental Restoration Program

- 16 U.S.C. § 670c-1 Cooperative and Interagency Agreements for Land Management on Installations (Sikes Act)

12.0 GOVERNMENT POINTS OF CONTACT (POCs)

The POC for USACE Project Management is Katie Russell. Cooperative Agreement questions should be directed to the Grants Officer, Michell Mandel. Correspondence should be addressed as follows:

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The Technical POC for the program is CPT Dylan Kuhn. Correspondence should be addressed as follows:

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13.0 ATTACHMENT(S)

- Attachment 1 - ARNG Garrison Training Centers & Classifications (2 pages)

Section II: Award Information

This Funding Opportunity Announcement is for a competed, potentially multiyear, cooperative agreement. The period of performance for this cooperative agreement is twelve (12) months from date of award with the potential for up to four (4) option periods if all requirements are acceptably met and future funding is approved and available. This does not obligate the Government to extend this agreement beyond the initial 12-month period of performance. The total Project Cost Ceiling for the Base Period is \$2,113,000.00.

Announcement Issue Date: 11 July 2023

Application Due Date: 14 August 2023

Estimated Award Date: On or About 1 September 2023

Section III: Eligibility Information

1. Eligible Applicants – Open to all that meet the criteria of this announcement.
2. Cost Sharing – This action will be 100% funded by USACE.
3. Other Information – None noted.

Section IV: Application and Submission Information

1. Address to Request Application Package:

The complete Funding Opportunity Announcement, application forms, and instructions are available for download at Grants.gov. USACE is not responsible for any loss of internet connectivity or for an applicant's inability to access documents posted at the referenced website.

The administrative point of contact is the Grants Specialist, Casandra Hutchins, casandra.a.hutchins@usace.army.mil.

2. Content and Form of Application Submission

All mandatory forms and any applicable optional forms must be completed in accordance with the instructions on the forms and the additional instructions below.

- a. SF 424 - Application for Federal Assistance
- b. SF 424 A – Budget Information for Non-construction Programs
- c. SF 424 B – Assurances – Non-Construction Programs
- d. Program Narrative – Brief program description illustrating applicant's ability to meet the goals and objectives described in Section VI Scope of Work of this announcement.

3. Application shall be submitted **NO LATER THAN 14 August 2023; 2:00 PM (Alaska Time)** via email or through Grants.gov.

4. Submission Instructions

Applications may be submitted by email or via the internet through Grants.gov. Choose ONE (1) of the following submission methods:

Via Email: Format all documents to print on Letter (8 ½ x 11") paper. E-mail proposal to the Grants Specialist, Casandra Hutchins, at casandra.a.hutchins@usace.army.mil.

Via Grants.gov:

Applicants are not required to submit proposals through Grants.gov. However, if applications are submitted via the internet, applicants are responsible for ensuring that their Grants.gov proposal submission is received in its entirety and within the date and time required. The Government bears no responsibility for data errors resulting from transmission of conversion processes associated with electronic submissions. The Government will bear no responsibility for delays in submissions due to technical difficulties at or with the Grants.gov website. All applicants choosing to use Grants.gov to submit proposals must be registered and have an account with Grants.gov. ***It may take up to three (3) weeks to complete Grants.gov registration.*** For more information on registration, go to <http://www.grants.gov/ForApplicants>.

Section V: Application Review Information

Offer Submission Evaluation Criteria and Basis of Award

Sustainable Range Program (SRP) / Training Support Systems (TSS) Technical Support U.S. Army National Guard Various Locations, USA

June 2023

The Government will evaluate technical submissions in accordance with the criteria described herein and award a cooperative agreement to the responsible offeror whose submission is determined to represent the best overall value to the Government. The Government will not award a cooperative agreement to an offeror whose submission contains a deficiency.

The evaluation factors for this action are:

- Factor 1, 40%: Experience (most important technical factor)
- Factor 2, 35%: Technical Approach (2nd most important technical factor)
- Factor 3, 25%: Cost (reviewed after the technical package for fairness and reasonableness, and is the third most important factor)

After listing submission strengths, weaknesses, and deficiencies, the Government will assign an adjective rating of Outstanding, Good, Acceptable, Marginal, or Unacceptable to each technical factor which reflects the Government's confidence in each offeror's ability, as demonstrated in its submission, to perform the requirements stated in the Statement of Work (SOW). The adjectival ratings shall be assigned, using the following criteria, which incorporate a submission risk assessment:

Weight	Adjectival Rating	Description
4	Outstanding	Submission indicates an exceptional approach and understanding of the requirements and contains multiple strengths.
3	Good	Submission indicates a thorough approach and understanding of the requirements and contains at least one (1) strength.
2	Acceptable	Submission indicates an adequate approach and understanding of the requirements.
1	Marginal	Submission has not demonstrated an adequate approach and understanding of the requirements or contains an element of risk.
0	Unacceptable	Submission does not meet requirements of the solicitation and, thus, contains one (1) or more deficiencies and is unawardable.

OFFER EVALUATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Each Offeror shall be evaluated in accordance with the selection criteria below. The selection criteria are listed in descending order of importance.

Factor 1 Experience

The Offeror shall demonstrate prior project experience relevant to the attached SOW, completed within the last five (5) years of this Funding Opportunity Announcement, and other qualifications and technical competence in all of the following areas:

- (1) Experience supporting sustainable range programs and training support systems, understanding conservation elements necessary to monitor, manage, protect, and conserve training areas and range facilities for optimal management of public lands under military control.
- (2) Support for Integrated Training Area Management (ITAM) and Range Training Land Programs.
- (3) Planning and managing time critical work, performing studies, projects or plans in accordance with applicable guidance and regulations.
- (4) Experience writing training or guidance documents and coordinating material from multiple multi-disciplinary subject matter experts into consolidated, concise documents.
- (5) Experience coordinating GIS natural resource data such as wetlands, threatened and endangered species, migratory birds, eradication of invasive species, restoration of native vegetation communities, sedimentation and erosion, etc.

The Offeror shall provide examples of up to four (4) past projects of similar size, scope, and complexity that best demonstrate the above qualifications. Submit projects that are at least 25% complete or were completed within the past five (5) years. The example project summaries shall be limited to one (1) page each. The example project summaries shall identify:

- Title/Subject
- Location
- Duration
- Brief description
- Roles and work self-performed
- Date project began and if completed
- Complexities or key accomplishments
- Client contact information

The Government will utilize the example project summaries to evaluate the capability and experience as a basis for comparing offerors to determine best value.

Factor 2 Technical Approach

The Offeror shall provide a brief narrative of their technical approach and a milestone schedule. The narrative shall be no more than one (1) page per main task and must include:

- A discussion of the technical approach to accomplish the Statement of Work requirements, detailing number of hours anticipated to complete the project deliverables.
- A discussion of the quality assurance, quality control, and other technical activities that will be implemented to ensure that quality data is collected to support project data quality objectives.
- A discussion of applicable regulatory requirements and how project requirements will be implemented.
- A discussion of all assumptions.

The Offeror shall also provide an organizational chart with the proposed project team with defined roles, responsibilities, and lines of communication for all key personnel and sub-recipients.

The evaluation standard has been met when the Offeror demonstrates an understanding of the work that adequately addresses the requirements outlined in the SOW. The inclusion of numerous assumptions that significantly "assume away" Offeror risk, with regard to major issues or problems that may be encountered on the project, will be considered unacceptable.

Factor 3 Cost

Provide proposed cost to the Government. Allowable costs incurred by institutions of higher education are determined in accordance with the provision of OMB Circular A-21, "Cost Principles for Educational Institutions," ONR negotiated rates, and institutional policies. OMB's cost principles are contained in 2 CFR 200.400-.475 et seq.

Cost is considered less important than non-cost factors and will be evaluated for fairness and reasonableness per OMB cost principles. If more than one (1) offer is rated as having equal non-cost factors, the lowest cost tender of the offers received would be granted as the preferred tender unless there are extraordinary reasons for not doing so.

Section VI: Award Administration Information

Reserved.

Section VII: Agency Contacts

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Section VIII: Other Information

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All questions or inquiries regarding this Funding Opportunity Announcement shall be directed to the agency contact(s) noted in Section IV.