

SCOPE OF WORK (SOW)
Support for AFCEC CZTQ
Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act Compliance Strategy
Project # AFCE576171
NWO-CESU-17-17

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with FAR 7.503(e), projects provided by the Army for execution under this CA by USACE 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 Non-Federal Entity (NFE) services or work products.

In accordance with FAR 37.104, 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 Cooperative Agreement activities as outlined by this SOW/PWS must be channeled through the Grants Officer's Technical Representative (GOTR) and Grants Officer (GO) prior to NFE implementation.

NFE personnel shall also wear a distinctive NFE furnished security (ID) badge/lanyard readily identifying the individual as a NFE employee. The badge shall be worn in a conspicuous place at all times when performing work under the Cooperative Agreement including attendance at Government meetings and conferences that take place outside of the Government facility.

NFE personnel shall identify themselves as an NFE employee when answering or placing calls on a Government telephone and when leaving outgoing or incoming messages on voice mail. Use of acronyms in this identification is insufficient to meet this requirement.

All NFE email signatures shall identify them as such and will include their employer's name.

1. GENERAL

This scope of work (SOW) defines requirements for natural resources management support to the United States Air Force Civil Engineer Center, Environmental Management Directorate, Technical Support Division, (AFCEC/CZTQ), as it is the center of expertise for the administration and management of natural resources on Air Force installations. The AF manages lands in all states and territories in accordance with Federal environmental laws and regulations, including the Sikes Act, National Environmental Policy Act, National Historic Preservation Act, Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, and others. The NFE shall provide assistance in consolidating, summarizing, historical data on Golden Eagle monitoring in order to develop a strategy on how to determine best management practices and approach for Air Force installations to comply with Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA; 16 U.S.C. 668-668c). The Government shall not exercise any supervision or control over the sub-NFEs

performing the services herein. Such sub-NFEs shall be accountable solely to the NFE who, in turn is responsible to the Government.

1.2. Scope

The NFE shall provide updates to the 2012 Study of Golden Eagle Activity on Air Force Bases in the Western United States (USACE Project, 2012) through data consolidation from Air Force installations that currently have Golden Eagles, including Air Force Ranges. Specifically, the NFE shall provide assistance in consolidating, summarizing, historical data on Golden Eagle monitoring in order to develop a strategy on how to determine best management practices and/or strategies for Air Force installations to comply with Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.

The NFE will also identify data gaps in installation Golden Eagle data and determine/identify the best possible method for filling these data gaps with eagle monitoring methods, such as, but not limited to GPS trackers, cellphone backpacks, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV), visual, game cameras, remains found, and nest surveys or other innovative eagle monitoring methodology. The information from this effort will be used to develop strategy to assist installations with compliance with BGEPA and BGEPA incidental take permits requirements.

1.2.1. Applicable Laws and Regulations

The Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668-668c) and the specific reference to incidental take permits are noted here 'In accordance with 50 C.F.R. §22, installations must obtain a permit from the USFWS if an activity may result in "take" of a bald or golden eagle as defined in the regulations'.

1.2.2. Common Access Card card for access to AFCEC and Access to E-Plan Application.

NFE will be required to obtain a Common Access Card (CAC) in order to access Air Force net to support AFCEC/CZTQ. An NFE who does not currently possess the required credentials and access to the Air Force server must coordinate with AFCECE to obtain the necessary CAC access credentials and network access.

2.0 SCOPE

2.1. Update the 2012 Study of Golden Eagle Activity on Air Force Bases in the Western United States (USACE Project 2012) through data consolidation from Air Force installations that currently have Golden Eagles, especially Air Force Ranges. This includes data from other installation projects, information from other reports, and information on what installations have collected with respect to eagle monitoring, specifically to comply with Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. Monitoring methods that have been used or that are being used include GPS trackers, cellphone backpacks, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV), visual, game cameras, remains found, nest surveys, etc. Summarize information for each installation that includes any take summary report information to verify that if there are incidental take permits (in compliance with BGEPA) for the installation, that the information gathered keeps them in compliance with

the regulations for these permits. Identify any data gaps that need to be filled and timeframe for the filling necessary for reporting to USFWS regulators. Consolidate historical data from installations to confirm compliance with Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.

2.2. This task order will provide support to the installations below:

- Nellis AFB, NV
- Nellis Test and Training Range, NV
- Creech AFB, NV
- Barry M. Goldwater AF Range, AZ
- Hill AFB, UT
- Utah Test and Training Range, UT
- Mountain Home AFB, ID
- Saylor Creek Range, ID
- Juniper Butte Range, ID
- Vandenberg AFB, CA
- Edwards AFB, CA

2.3. Verify that there is annual monitoring including monitor eagle distribution, population levels, productivity, training disturbance probability, and training impacts.

2.4. Develop strategy to assist installations with compliance with BGEPA and BGEPA incidental take permits.

2.5. The NFE shall submit quarterly progress reports to the USACE GOTR and the AFCEC POC summarizing activities as follows:

- List of data, reports, and briefings reviewed
- Progress on summarizing/consolidating data from installations.
- List Data gaps identified when found and solutions to fulfill the data gaps
- Number of days, locations, and activities in travel status
- Any critical communications not reported in other sections

3.0. PLACE OF PERFORMANCE

Place of performance can occur off Air Force installation but there may be need to travel to installation for data/report information gathering.

4.0. AIR FORCE FURNISHED PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

The Air Force will provide access to data necessary to fulfill tasks noted.

5.0. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The Period of Performance for this task order will be for 18-months administrative and 12-months technical.

6.0. GOVERNMENT POINTS OF CONTACT (POC)

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