

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT (FOA)

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| Funding Agency: US Army Corps of Engineers<br>Alaska District<br>PO Box 6898<br>JBER AK 99506                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Funding Instrument: Cooperative Agreement<br><br>Funding Opportunity W911KB-24-2-5800 No.<br><br>CFDA No:                   12.005<br><br>Program Authority   16 U.S.C. 670c-1<br>(Sikes Act) |
| Issue Date: 20 March 2024                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Application Due Date: 24 April 2024                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Overview:</b> Donnelly Training Area (DTA), Donnelly Flight Landing Strip, Fort Wainwright, Alaska SOW 23-107 - The objectives of the work to be performed under this project are to implement the INRMP to provide healthy and resilient environments that are sustainable, high-quality settings for military training and to protect and enhance biological diversity and ecological health on all Department of Defense (DoD) lands and to ensure compliance with all environmental laws and regulations. See full Funding Opportunity Description in Section I.<br><b>Note: Competition for this requirement will be limited to Federal and State agencies, per the authority afforded under 16 U.S.C. 670a(d)(2).</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Estimated Total   Funding: \$3,750,000.00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Estimated Number of Awards: 1                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>Instructions to Applicants:</b><br>The complete Funding Opportunity Announcement, application forms, and instructions are available for download at Grants.gov.<br><br>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.<br><br>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.<br><br>See Section IV of the Funding Opportunity Announcement for complete application submission information.                     |                                                                                                                                                                                               |

## **Section I: Funding Opportunity Description**

**Note: Competition for this requirement will be limited to Federal and State agencies, per the authority afforded under 16 U.S.C. 670a(d)(2).**

**DONNELLY TRAINING AREA (DTA)  
DONNELLY FLIGHT LANDING STRIP  
FORT WAINWRIGHT, ALASKA  
SOW 23-107**

**April 2, 2024**

**Project Ceiling for Task 1: \$3,750,000**

**(Provide cost information for Optional Tasks based on Project Ceiling provided per Task.)**

### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this Statement of Work (SOW) is to provide details of work to be performed by a Recipient in support of the U.S. Army Alaska (USARAK) Integrated Training Area Management (ITAM) Sustainable Range Program through a cooperative agreement (CA) to be awarded and administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Alaska District (USACE-AK) to implement the United States Army Garrison Fort Wainwright (USAG FWA) Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP).

Tasks provided for execution under this CA, by USACE-AK, 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.

### **2.0 OBJECTIVES**

The objective of this SOW is to implement the INRMP to provide healthy and resilient environments that are sustainable, high-quality settings for military training and to protect and enhance biological diversity and ecological health on all Department of Defense (DoD) lands and to ensure compliance with all environmental laws and regulations.

#### **2.1 Specific sustainable range management objectives that apply to this scope of work include:**

- Protect and enhance wetlands and watersheds.
- Repair, revegetate, and enhance training areas.
- Protect soil, water, and vegetative resources by preventing or mitigating soil erosion through conservation practices.
- Improve water quality and increase short and long-term effectiveness of land use for military training purposes.
- Maintain quality training lands by repairing training areas and sites that have been damaged; reconfigure areas and sites to provide improved soldier training environments for sustainability.

**2.2 Military support objectives:** Support the execution of the Regional Combat Training Center (CTC) concept by enhancing capabilities of the Joint Pacific Multi-National Readiness Center (JPMRC) exercises. This project would help in achieving the goal of supporting training requirements for the 11<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division: 1-11 Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 2-11 Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 1-25th Attack Battalion, 1-52 General Support Aviation Battalion, and Arctic Support Command.

### **2.3 Descriptions applicable to all tasks:**

**2.3.1 Soil, water, and vegetation protection and repair.** Conduct general land / soil stabilization and maneuver damage repair using a variety of methods including but not limited to aerial seeding, band fertilizer, broadcast fertilizer, broadcast seeding, chiseling, diversion ditches, diversion terraces, drill seeding, fabrics & netting, filter stripping, grading & shaping, grassed waterways, gravel/rock, mulch, hydro-seeding, limestone & gypsum, moldboard plowing, non-traditional material, offset disking, riprap, straw mulch, crimped straw mulch, disked sub-soiling, tandem disking, terracing, trenching, brush plowing, hydro-axing, reducing maneuver/training inhibiting vegetation, clearing other natural or manmade material, bulldozing, chaining, furrowing/shredding, applying herbicide, root plowing, or applying emulsions to control dust. Reconfigure training areas to protect sensitive areas and benefit the training mission to include but not limited to creating maneuver corridors, planting trees and shrubs, creating hard stands, developing tactical concealment areas, closing, or reducing maneuver roads or trails, and constructing tactical road and low water crossings. Reduce or thin woody vegetation to allow greater room for maneuverability. Harden lanes or trails to allow for greater accessibility and access. Prepare approaches to existing roads for tactical vehicle crossings. Project also includes but is not limited to installing signs, Seibert Stakes, posts, or other obstacles to discourage maneuver through wetlands or other sensitive areas. Create, repair, upgrade, and maintain heavy use areas to limit erosion including but not limited to bivouac areas, firing points, staging areas, and travel lanes. Conduct road or trail closure and rehabilitation to training areas. Close range roads or range road segments and return the land to natural condition to permit maneuver and training. Reduce degraded range roads (e.g., expanded width due to vehicles bypassing) to original configuration and dimensions. Conduct rehabilitation and maintenance of other use areas into training area and converting land used for non-training or non-maneuver purposes to maneuver area. Conduct training area closure for permanent or semi-permanent purposes. Project includes but is not limited to blocking trails or roads, developing earthen berms, emplacing markings systems, installing bollards, and emplacing other barriers to restrict access into closed areas. Minor land repair and maintenance of drop zones, landing zones, pickup zones, aircraft hover points and landing pads.

**2.3.2 Erosion control.** Conduct erosion control measures on and around maneuver area roads and trails. Also includes reducing a degraded maneuver trail to original configuration or dimensions to limit wet area impacts. Project can include but is not limited to grading roadway, installing fabric, installing gravel, installing culverts, and repairing, clearing, or developing ditches. Conduct dust erosion control for maneuver area roads and trails by emplacing water, oil, or other emulsion on the road or trail surface. Install erosion control measures, such as sediment basins, check dams, gabions, retaining walls, sediment barriers, sediment fences, and sediment traps. Employ techniques to prevent or reduce the effects of wind erosion and control dust on and off roads. Methods include but are not limited to windrows, revegetation, and applying water or other emulsions to exposed soil.

### **2.4 Project Location:**

The Donnelly Flight Landing Strip (FLS) is in TA 511 within the Donnelly Drop Zone and parallel to the Richardson Highway.

### **3.0 MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

#### **3.1 Task 1 Repair Donnelly Flight Landing Strip:**

##### **3.1.1 Description.**

The existing flight strip shall be resurfaced with six inches (6") of E-1 aggregate to reduce maintenance and improve foreign object debris (FOD) management. Taxiways, aprons, and parking areas shall be made larger to accommodate wider turning radii. Drainage will be improved to eliminate ponding and aid reduction of seasonal run on. Materials will be obtained from on-site material borrow pits in the DTA.

Install ADOT&PF approved dust abatement additive to all E-1 surface aggregate. Surface aggregate shall be treated at an application of one (1) gallon per twenty (20) square feet (SF) to be blended into the six-inch (6") depth and compacted to 100-105% maximum dry density (MDD) with a select volume of the product to be used as a final surface sealing.

##### **3.1.2 Project Requirements.**

**3.1.2.1** Recipient shall design, administer, and execute repairs along Donnelly FLS. Recipient shall design and prepare plans and specifications. The Recipient shall execute the project and prepare plans and specifications in accordance with all applicable standards.

**3.1.2.2** Recipient shall be responsible for obtaining any required permits such as a dig permit, Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), etc. except where the permit cannot be directly obtained by the Recipient. When the permit cannot be obtained by the Recipient directly such as for a wetlands permit, the Recipient shall coordinate with the Government and provide to the Government any information necessary to complete the permit.

**3.1.2.3** Recipient shall design and implement all improvements to the flight strip. All areas of cut/fill must be pre-stripped to remove all vegetative materials before placement. The sub-base course materials shall be placed, as required, to meet the new surface alignment. The final surface materials of the assault strip will have a minimum thickness of six inches (6") and be compacted to a minimum 98% as determined by a modified proctor.

**3.1.2.4** Materials required to execute the repairs and improve the overall safety of Donnelly FLS shall be recovered from one (1) or more approved borrow material sites in the DTA. Recipient shall submit material borrow site development plans to Range Control for approval prior to any development. The plan shall contain, at a minimum, a site safety plan, a mining plan, a site layout plan, and a proposed closure plan to include safety measures to help reduce accidents to military and civilian personnel when the site is no longer in use. Materials shall be recovered according to the development plan and maintained according to the safety plan while in operation. The materials may require crushing and will likely require a classifier to meet material specifications. All material used shall be non-frost susceptible (NFS) and shall be classified in accordance with ADOT&PF standard specifications. Surface course materials shall meet ADOT&PF standard specifications. Existing stockpiles may be used if the materials meet the required specifications.

Borrow material must be Pit Run and conform to the following specifications:

|                  |                            |         |
|------------------|----------------------------|---------|
| L.A. Wear, %     | AASHTO T 96                | 50 max. |
| Liquid Limit     | WAQTC FOP for AASHTO T 89  | 25 max  |
| Plasticity Index | WAQTC FOPs for AASHTO T 90 | 6 max.  |
| Degradation      | ATM 313 4                  | 0 min.  |

### **3.2 Optional Task 2 Improve Taxiways and Tiedown Locations (Project Ceiling for Optional Task 2: \$500,000):**

#### **3.2.1 Description.**

Improve taxiways to promote drainage and prevent ponding. Borrow aggregate will be added to harden the surface and improve bearing capacity. Remove vegetation and boulders from runway shoulders. Grade shoulders to accommodate snow removal in accordance with runway regulations.

#### **3.2.2 Project Requirements.**

**3.2.2.1** Recipient shall design, administer, and execute repairs along Donnelly FLS. The Recipient shall design and prepare plans and specifications. The Recipient shall execute the project and prepare plans and specifications in accordance with all applicable standards.

**3.2.2.2** Recipient shall be responsible for obtaining any required permits such as a dig permit, Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), etc. except where the permit cannot be directly obtained by the Recipient. When the permit cannot be obtained by the Recipient directly such as for a wetlands permit, the Recipient shall coordinate with the Government and provide to the Government any information necessary to complete the permit.

**3.2.2.3** Recipient shall design and implement all improvements to the flight strip. All areas of cut/fill shall be pre-stripped to remove all vegetative materials before placement. The sub-base course materials shall be placed as required to meet the new surface alignment. The final surface materials of the assault strip shall have a minimum thickness of six inches (6") and be compacted to a minimum 98% as determined by a modified proctor.

**3.2.2.4** Materials required to execute the repairs and improve the overall safety of Donnelly FLS shall be recovered from one (1) or more approved borrow material sites in the DTA. The Recipient shall submit material borrow site development plans to DPW PM and Range Control for approval prior to any development. The plan shall contain, at a minimum, a site safety plan, a mining plan, a site layout plan, and a proposed closure plan to include safety measures to help reduce accidents to military and civilian personnel when the site is no longer in use. Materials shall be recovered according to the development plan and maintained according to the safety plan while in operation. The materials may require crushing and will likely require a classifier to meet material specifications. All material used shall be non-frost susceptible (NFS) and shall be classified in accordance with ADOT&PF standard specifications. Surface course materials shall meet ADOT&PF standard specifications. Existing stockpiles may be used if the materials meet the required specifications.

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| Degradation      | ATM 313 4                  | 0 min.  |

### **3.2.2.5 Treatment**

#### **Pad:**

1. Cut/Fill sub-base and grade to conform to the plans.
2. Compact sub-base to a minimum of Class C Compaction.
3. Install three-inch (3") minus base material in lifts no greater than six inches (6") un-compacted and compact to 98% based on the modified proctor.
4. Side slopes to be no steeper than 4:1, with constructed uniform pad edges.
5. Pad to be graded to provide appropriate drainage.
6. Pad shall have a seamless tie with the taxiways.

#### **Shoulders:**

1. Hydro axe all vegetation prior to grubbing.
2. Grub all wooded vegetation and boulders from the areas required to be graded.
3. Grade runway shoulder to promote drainage and allow snow to be placed in such a way that it does not interfere with landing safe zones.

### **3.3 Optional Task 3 Improve Taxiways and Tiedown Locations (Project Ceiling for Optional Task 3: \$2,000,000):**

#### **3.3.1 Description.**

Cap all remaining taxiways and tiedown locations with E-1 surface aggregate. Treat all remaining areas with dust abatement additive. Apply additional dust additive to areas previously treated that appear to be experiencing high wear or surface degradation.

#### **3.3.2 Project Requirements.**

**3.3.2.1** Recipient shall design, administer, and execute repairs along Donnelly Drop Zone. The Recipient shall design and prepare plans, specifications, and cost estimate to complete the work. The Recipient shall execute the project and prepare plans and specifications in accordance with all applicable standards.

**3.3.2.2** Recipient shall be responsible for obtaining any required permits such as a dig permit, Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), etc. except where the permit cannot be directly obtained by the Recipient. When the permit cannot be obtained by the Recipient directly such as for a wetlands permit, the Recipient shall coordinate with the Government and provide to the Government any information necessary to complete the permit.

**3.3.2.3** Recipient shall design and implement all improvements to the flight strip. All areas of cut/fill must be pre-stripped to remove all vegetative materials before placement. The sub-base course materials shall be placed as required to meet the new surface alignment. The final surface materials of the assault strip shall have a minimum thickness of six inches (6") and be compacted to a minimum 98% as determined by a modified proctor.

**3.3.2.4** Materials required to execute the repairs and improve the overall safety of Donnelly FLS shall be recovered from one (1) or more approved borrow material sites in the DTA. The Recipient shall submit material borrow site development plans to DPW PM and Range Control for approval prior to any development. The plan must contain, at a minimum, a site safety plan, a mining plan, a site layout plan, and a proposed closure plan to include safety measures to help reduce accidents to military and civilian personnel when the site is no longer in use. Materials shall be recovered according to the development plan and maintained according to the safety plan while in operation. The materials may require crushing and will likely require a classifier to meet material specifications. All material used shall be non-frost susceptible (NFS) and shall be classified in accordance with ADOT&PF standard specifications. Surface course materials shall meet ADOT&PF standard specifications. Existing stockpiles may be used if the materials meet the required specifications.

Borrow material must be Pit Run and conform to the following specifications:

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| Degradation      | ATM 313 4                  | 0 min.  |

### **3.3.2.5 Treatment**

#### **Pad:**

1. Install a six-inch (6") compacted cap of E-1 to all areas not previously covered
2. Install ADOT&PF approved dust abatement additive to all E-1 surface aggregate. Surface aggregate shall be treated at an application of one (1) gallon per 20 SF to be blended into the six-inch (6") depth.
3. Compacted to 100-105% MDD with a select volume of the product to be used as a final surface sealing.

### **3.4 Environmental Documentation, Permitting, and Consultation:**

Repair, maintenance, and recovery projects such as these were analyzed in the 2020 INRMP, 2013 INRMP Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) and the 2009 U.S. Army Garrison Alaska's Range Complex and Training Land Upgrades PEA. A draft environmental checklist shall be completed in accordance with the provisions of the PEA for approval by the FWA National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Coordinator. The area has been surveyed for cultural resources and wetlands, and there are no conflicts. A construction general permit and SWPPP shall be obtained by the Recipient. No vegetation clearing would occur during the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) sensitive nesting time period of 1 May – 15 July.

## **4.0 GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS**

### **4.1 Recipient's General Notes:**

- The Recipient is responsible for coordinating with the appropriate Range Control before beginning activities in the training lands.

- The Recipient may be asked to suspend activities because of heightened Force Protection Condition (FPCON) levels. These FPCON actions may include delays in accessing Post and even denial of access.
- The Recipient is responsible for ensuring that all personnel and/or sub-recipient personnel possess all the necessary documents to gain access to FWA or DTA as needed. The list may include but is not limited to: A valid Alaska driver's license, current vehicle registration, proof of insurance, and Commercial Driver's license endorsements appropriate to the equipment being operated.
- The Recipient and/or their sub-recipients are responsible for all damages they incur during construction. Examples include but are not limited to: repairing damage caused by repeated trips to the construction areas by heavy equipment; or repairing areas damaged by turn-around points, staging areas, and/or maintenance and refuel areas.
- Project sites shall be marked prior to construction start up.

#### **4.2 Recipient Employee Government Access Requirements:**

**4.2.1** *This standard language is for Recipient employees with an area of performance within an Army controlled installation, facility, or area.* All Recipient employees, to include sub-recipient employees, requiring access Army installations, facilities, and controlled access areas shall complete AT Level I awareness training within 90 calendar days after award or effective date of incorporation of this requirement into the agreement, whichever is applicable. The Recipient shall submit certificates of completion for each affected Recipient employee and sub-recipient employee, to the Grants Officers Representative (GOR) or to the Grants Officer, if a GOR is not assigned, within 90 calendar days after completion of training by all employees and sub-recipient personnel. AT level I awareness training is available at the following website: <http://ko.jten.mil>

**4.2.2** *This standard language is for Recipient employees with an area of performance within an Army controlled installation, facility, or area.* Recipient and all associated sub-recipient employees shall provide all information required for background checks to meet installation access requirements to be accomplished by installation Provost Marshal Office, Director of Emergency Services, and/or Security Office. Recipient workforce shall comply with all personal identity verification requirements as directed by DoD, HQDA, and/or local policy. Should the Force Protection Condition (FPCON) at any individual facility or installation change, the Government may require changes in Recipient security matters or processes.

**4.2.3** *iWATCH Training. This standard language is for Recipient employees with an area of performance within an Army controlled installation, facility, or area.* The Recipient and all associated sub-recipients shall brief all employees on the local iWATCH program (training standards provided by the requiring activity ATO). This local developed training will be used to inform employees of the types of behavior to watch for and instruct employees to report suspicious activity to the GOR. This training shall be completed within 60 calendar days of award and within 60 calendar days of new employees commencing performance with the results reported to the GOR no later than 90 calendar days after award.

**4.2.4** Per AR 530-1 *Operations Security*, the Recipient employees must complete Level I OPSEC Awareness training. New employees must be trained within 30 calendar days of their reporting for duty and annually thereafter.

#### **5.0 GOVERNMENT FURNISHED MATERIAL**

The Government shall supply access to Army-managed lands, as necessary, to complete these tasks. The Government may supply use of government-provided fixed or rotary wing aircraft to tasks when available and deemed appropriate and after Recipient personnel acquire proper training.

## **6.0 REPORTS AND DELIVERABLES**

Complete project requirements within 18 months from date of award of each task and provide a report detailing the types and number of equipment used; type and number of supplies; before, during, and after photos of the project areas; and site maps of the areas.

## **7.0 MEETINGS, REVIEWS AND COORDINATION**

A post award planning meeting shall take place within one (1) month of award between the Army, the GOR or designee, and the Land Rehabilitation and Maintenance (LRAM) Coordination Program representative.

## **8.0 POINTS OF CONTACT (POCs)**

Technical Representative Point of Contact is:

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DTA ITAM Coordinator  
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The QA/QC Technical Representative for this project is Steven Tucker, TSA-AK ITAM Program Coordinator:

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The POC for USACE Project Management is Kathryn Russell. Cooperative Agreement questions should be addressed to the Grants Officer, Tammy Davis. Correspondence should be addressed as follows:

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## **9.0 PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE**

The period of performance is 18 months from date of award. Execution of the optional tasks may extend the period of performance up to 18 months each.

## **Section II: Award Information**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement is for a competed, potentially multiyear, cooperative agreement. The period of performance is 18 months from date of award. Execution of the optional tasks may extend the period of performance up to 18 months each. This does not obligate the Government to extend this agreement beyond the initial 18-month period of performance. The total Project Cost Ceiling for the base period of performance is \$3,750,000.00. **Provide cost information for all Tasks based on Project Ceiling provided per Task.** The Government will have substantive involvement throughout the execution of this requirement.

**Note: Competition for this requirement will be limited to Federal and State agencies, per the authority afforded under 16 U.S.C. 670a(d)(2).**

Announcement Issue Date: 20 March 2024

Application Due Date: 24 April 2024

**Estimated Award Date: On or About 1 May 2024**

### **Section III: Eligibility Information**

1. Eligible Applicants – Federal and State agencies having responsibility for the conservation or management of fish or wildlife.

**Note: Competition for this requirement will be limited to Federal and State agencies, per the authority afforded under 16 U.S.C. 670a(d)(2).**

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](mailto: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 24 April 2024; 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](mailto: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**

**DONNELLY TRAINING AREA (DTA)  
DONNELLY FLIGHT LANDING STRIP  
FORT WAINWRIGHT, ALASKA  
SOW 23-107**

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: Experience (most important technical factor)
- Factor 2: Technical Approach (2<sup>nd</sup> most important technical factor)
- Factor 3: Cost (3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

| <b>Adjectival Rating</b> | <b>Description</b>                                                                                                             |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Outstanding              | Submission indicates an exceptional approach and understanding of the requirements and contains multiple strengths.            |
| Good                     | Submission indicates a thorough approach and understanding of the requirements and contains at least one (1) strength.         |
| Acceptable               | Submission indicates an adequate approach and understanding of the requirements.                                               |
| Marginal                 | Submission has not demonstrated an adequate approach and understanding of the requirements or contains an element of risk.     |
| 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 Statement of Work (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 DoD Natural resource management programs understanding conservation elements necessary to monitor, manage, protect, and conserve training areas and range facilities for optimal management of public lands under military control. Offeror(s) may receive greater consideration for previous experience partnering with the Government in an aforementioned capacity.
2. Experience with management/treatment of vegetation control/modification, erosion control/soil stabilization, fuel breaks, seeding/re-vegetation, fertilization, culvert management, and trail maintenance on military lands.
3. Experience maintaining quality training lands by repairing training areas and sites that have been damaged and provide improved Soldier training environments for sustainability.
4. Experience improving water quality and short and long-term effectiveness of land use for military training purposes.
5. Experience planning and managing time critical work, performing studies, projects or plans in accordance with applicable guidance and regulations.

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 50% 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**

#### Technical Requirement(s):

- Recipient personnel must be able to comply with all applicable regulations to obtain a Common Access Card (CAC). Personnel are required, at a minimum, to complete a NACI/SF85 and successfully pass a federal background check. The Recipient shall employ no foreign nationals without prior approval of the Government.

The offeror shall provide a brief narrative of their technical approach and a milestone schedule. The narrative shall be no more than two (2) pages per main task and must include:

- A discussion of the technical approach to accomplish the SOW 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 are 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 inclusion of numerous assumptions that significantly "assume away" offeror risk regarding major issues or problems that may be encountered on the project will be considered unacceptable.

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 Government will review, evaluate, and compare the technical approach documentation received from each offeror to determine best value.

#### **Factor 3      Cost**

Provide proposed costs, **for all Tasks based on Project Ceiling provided per Task**, 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**

Reserved.

**Section VIII: Other Information**

Reserved.

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