

Request for information/questions and answers

Question 1: Explain what is indicated by the **SOO, Section C** in terms of the work location "at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms." I anticipate that the Location is referring to where the fieldwork and scope of the GIS dataset bounds and analysis are to be set, but that we are able to physically locate our work in our offices (off installation).

Answer 1: Fieldwork, GIS extent, and MCAGCC-specific actions are on/would take place on base/installation (as conceptualized, ground-truthing and monitoring activities that require field observation or equipment placement), but all administration, lab, GIS activities, or any other contract related work that does not logically require local ground presence can be performed wherever the Cooperator chooses.

Question 2: The material available for review (SOO, Section G), such as the GeoFidelis SDSFIE would be able to be worked on at our regular working locations (off installation/base) as opposed to on the grounds at the Combat Center.

Answer 2: The GIS required will have to be requested from MCAGCC with a NDA signature. The Cooperator may have to provide a hardware to facilitate manual transfer of the data initially. Some useful data is multiple terrabytes in size and will not be able to be transmitted remotely. MCAGCC will work with the Cooperator during the kickoff meeting and subsequent work plan development process to find mechanisms for sharing the material available for review.

Question 3: What habitats/species will be included in the modeling updates (the list provided lists both common and uncommon species).

Answer 3: The species provided are the focal points. They are sensitive to the mission for one reason or another, but many of them due to protected status. The objective is to find habitats or points on the landscape using tools available (recently flown sub-meter accuracy LiDAR and orthophotography, reports, and other materials provided at the kickoff meeting or shortly thereafter) and the Recipient's knowledge to bundle high priority targets for surveys and monitoring. The Recipient will not be providing pointed surveys for single species protocols, but rather work to develop efficient mechanisms for as much of the 30 species list as possible with minimized and highly strategic effort.

Question 4: Is there a way to see or review past monitoring protocols to discern approximate needed time in the field.

Answer 4: The protocols will be designed by the Recipient to meet the objectives stated in the purpose as best as possible. There is 30+ years of full-time natural resources support on base, and protocols are many and varied.

Question 5: Are we updating existing monitoring protocols or creating new ones?

Answer 5: Creating new monitoring protocols to fit the priorities identified during the course of the modeling project.

Question 6: regarding the funding availability, the NOFO specifies about \$292K anticipated in FY25. Should we assume that is what is anticipated for funding for Year 1 tasks, and years 2 and 3 would have similar amounts attached them?

Answer 6: The Base Period of performance is 36 months from date of award, the anticipated \$292,628.00 is to cover the full Base Period of Performance. At this time no additional funding is anticipated.

Question 7: Could we obtain a copy of the INRMP for the MCAGCC?

Answer 7: The INRMP is a public document, and there is not a distribution method that is appropriate with this RFI to distribute to all interested parties.