

Funding Opportunity Announcement

Fort Carson and Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site, Colorado

Funding Agency : US Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District 1616 Capitol Ave Omaha, NE 68102	Funding Instrument: Cooperative Agreement Funding Opportunity No: NWO-CESU 18-11 CFDA No: 12.632 Program Title: Sikes Act 670c-1
Issue Date: 25-MAY-2018	Application Due Date: 29-JUNE-2018
Overview: CULTURAL RESOURCE SUPPORT AT USAG FORT CARSON & PINON CANYON MANEUVER SITE The purpose of this project is to provide technical support to the Fort Carson’s cultural resources management program for the development of research designs for “needs data” archaeological sites. Specifically, the NFE will develop research designs for the evaluation of archaeological sites and draft a data recovery plan describing the necessary work to be completed at 24 National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligible archaeological sites in sufficient detail to support the mitigation of these sites in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). POP: 18 Months	
Estimated Total Funding: \$162,000.00 - \$180,000.00	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 stephanie.a.rostermundt@usace.army.mil or Shanna.M.Comparato@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 via the internet through Grants.gov to Stephanie.a.rostermundt@usace.army.mil and shanna.m.comparato@usace.army.mil . Applicants shall have a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number, register with the System for Award Management (SAM.gov). See Section IV of the Funding Opportunity Announcement for complete application submission information.	

Section I: Funding Opportunity Description

CULTURAL RESOURCE SUPPORT AT USAG FORT CARSON & PINON CANYON MANEUVER SITE

Section II: Award Information

\$162,000.00 - \$180,000.00; 1 award; 18 month Period of Performance

Section III: Eligibility Information

Eligible Applicants - Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (CESU) Nationwide (<http://www.cesu.psu.edu/>)

1. Cost Sharing – 100% USACE Funded
2. Other – n/a

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 Stephanie Rostermundt, 402-995-2083

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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.

Application shall be submitted NO LATER THAN **29-JUNE-2018**

3. Submission Instructions

Applications must be uploaded onto Grants.Gov. The complete funding opportunity announcement, application forms, and instructions are available for download at Grants.gov.

Section V: Application Review Information

Evaluation for Selection To receive consideration for award, the proposal must meet the requirements set forth in this FOA and be presented with adequate detail to assure the evaluator(s) have a good understanding of the proposed requirement(s). The **Technical proposal shall be no longer than 10-pages, font 12 (This page limitation is in addition to all required forms)**. All questions shall be submitted no later than **8 JUNE 2018 at 2 PM CST**.

Basis of Award: All proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the Department of Defense Grants and Agreements Regulations (DoDGARs) § 22.315 Merit-Based, Competitive Procedures. Additionally, all proposals will be evaluated to determine the extent to which each NFE demonstrates a clear understanding of the requirements of the announcement, the Performance Work Statement (PWS), and the FOA. The offeror shall submit a proposal that completely addresses all evaluation criteria and specifically identifies how each requirement will be satisfied.

All factors will be used to assess the merits of the NFE who will receive the award of the Cooperative Agreement. The selection decision will be based upon the merits of each proposal in comparison to each factor.

Note: Each evaluation factor shall be weighed in descending order of importance. The NFE shall address all factors within their submitted proposal.

Initial Review: The Government will perform an initial review to determine that the applicant is:

- (1) eligible in accordance with Section III of the announcement
- (2) all information required by Section IV has been submitted
- (3) all mandatory elements of the PWS are satisfied within the NFE proposal.

Evaluation Criteria:

a. Technical Factor I: Past Project Performance

- i. The NFE will ensure that the proposal outlines the NFE's proven ability to successfully perform programmatic activities and submit reports on time. The NFE shall submit a minimum of two (2) completed projects that demonstrate their ability and knowledge of developing research designs and mitigation plans of archaeological sites. Experience with archaeology of the Southern Plains is desirable for this support. Information collected will be evaluated for:
 1. Relevance (Scope, Location, Value);
 2. Technical Complexity;
 3. Technical Team; and
 4. Confirmation of the applicants' performance through installation Point of Contact

b. Technical Factor II: Technical Approach and Schedule

The NFE shall obtain all necessary permits required by the state and federal agencies to perform the tasks associated within the PWS. The NFE will ensure that the proposal outlines the project team for each project.

- i. The technical approach presented shall demonstrate the Offeror's understanding of the archaeology of the Southern Plains.
- ii. The NFE will ensure that the proposal outlines the requirements of the PWS. This factor will be considered satisfactory when the applicant specifically outlines:
 1. Technical Approach; and
 2. Timeline for project completion within the 18 month Period of Performance

c. Factor III: Cost Review

The NFE shall ensure the total budget proposal does not exceed the funding amount listed in Section II and that the associated costs for the proposal are clear and easily ascertainable by the evaluator(s).

- i. The NFE shall ensure the budget line items are appropriate and reasonable with the level of effort needed to accomplish the tasks listed in the PWS. Cost information shall include:
 1. Key Personnel with labor rates;
 2. Equipment/Vehicle lease or purchase (with completion of Lease vs. Buy template for each); and
 3. Associated travel costs per location, to include (if applicable):
 - a. Estimated flights,
 - b. Hotel Costs,
 - c. Estimated days in travel status,
 - d. Per diem,
 - e. Applicable leases,
 - f. Estimated fuel costs

d. Factor IV: Past Performance

The NFE shall ensure they can exhibit a record of acceptable past performance.

- i. Past Performance information considered shall include:
 1. SAM (www.SAM.gov) to check for suspension and/or debarment,
 2. FAPIIS (<https://www.fapiis.gov>),
 3. Past Performance history known to the agency.

Evaluation Ratings For evaluation of technical factors, the following adjectival ratings will be used:

1.1 PROPOSAL MERIT RATING SCALE

Combined Technical/Risk Ratings

Outstanding	Proposal meets requirements and indicates an exceptional approach and understanding of the requirements. Strengths far outweigh any weaknesses. Risk of unsuccessful performance is very low.
Good	Proposal meets requirements and indicates a thorough approach and understanding of the requirements. Proposal contains strengths which outweigh any weaknesses. Risk of unsuccessful performance is low.
Acceptable	Proposal meets requirements and indicates an adequate approach and understanding of the requirements. Strengths and weaknesses are offsetting or will have little or no impact on contract performance. Risk of unsuccessful performance is no worse than moderate.
Marginal	Proposal does not clearly meet requirements and has not demonstrated an adequate approach and understanding of the requirements. The proposal has one or more weaknesses which are not offset by strengths. Risk of unsuccessful performance is high.
Unacceptable	Proposal does not meet requirements and contains one or more deficiencies. Proposal is not awardable.

1.2 QUESTIONS

All questions, comments, concerns, or suggestions shall be submitted to Contracting no later than **8 JUNE 2018 at 2 PM CST**.

4. Review and Selection Process
See above

5. Anticipated Award Date
Announcement Issue Date: **25-MAY-2018**
Announcement Due Date: **29-JUNE-2018**
Estimated Award Date: **6-JULY-2018**

Section VI: Award Administration Information

1. Award Notices and Documents

The recipient is required to review, sign, and return the draft award document. Notice of award is granted in conjunction with issuance of a cooperative agreement signed by the Grants Officer. The cooperative agreement will contain the effective date of the agreement, the period of performance, funding information, and all terms and conditions. Work described in this announcement SHALL NOT begin without prior authorization from a Grants Officer. Only in the instance of pre-award costs being authorized by the Grants Officer, shall work commence before all signatures have been obtained.

2. Administrative Requirements

The cooperative agreement issued as a result of this announcement is pursuant to the administrative requirements in reporting.

3. Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA)

The NFE shall submit a copy of their current NICRA with their application. If a NICRA does not yet exist or your entity has chosen to use a default rate, please advise.

4. Internal Policies

The NFE shall submit a copy of or link to all internal policies that will be utilized in the performance of this cooperative agreement with their applications Policies to include (but not limited to) timekeeping, travel, personnel, etc.

Section VII: Agency Contact

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Section VIII. Substantial Involvement

1. The Government will be substantially involved during the performance of these activities. The recipient can expect substantial agency collaboration, participation, or intervention in project performance. Government will review all draft deliverables prior to moving to final stage.
2. 2 site visits will be performed by the Agency to collaborate/participate with the recipient in performing the project.