Funding Opportunity Announcement

Vandenberg AFB, CA

Funding Agency : US Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District 1616 Capitol Ave Omaha, NE 68102	**Funding Instrument:** Cooperative Agreement **Funding Opportunity No:** NWO-CESU-18-02 **CFDA No:** 12.632 **Program Title: Legacy Resource Management Program**
Issue Date: January 12, 2018	**Application Due Date:** February 13, 2018

Overview:

MGT, SPECIES, ESA LEAST TERN / SNOWY PLOVER MONITORING (BREEDING SRVY)

Conduct population and breeding surveys for federally threatened western snowy plover and endangered California least tern. Field work shall be conducted through the nesting season (March 1 through September 30). The snowy plover population on base shall be estimated from four base wide window surveys to be conducted bi-weekly between May and June. Areas where snowy plover breeding activity is observed or breeding is suspected shall be monitored a minimum of three times weekly.

POP: 15 Months

Estimated Total Funding: $241,628.00-$268,475.00	**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.

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 by mail, email, or via the internet through Grants.gov.

Applicants shall have a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number, register with the Central Contract Registry (CCR), and if submitting application via the internet, register with Grants.gov.

See Section IV of the Funding Opportunity Announcement for complete application submission information.

Section I: Funding Opportunity Description

MGT, SPECIES, ESA LEAST TERN / SNOWY PLOVER MONITORING (BREEDING SRVY)

Section II: Award Information

Cooperative Agreement; $267,100 - $268,900 Budget; 1 award; 15 month Period of Performance

Section III: Eligibility Information

Eligible Applicants – Californian CESU Network (http://www.cesu.psu.edu/unit_portals/CALI_portal.htm).

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, Stephanie.A.Rostermundt@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 I of the announcement.

   Application shall be submitted NO LATER THAN 13-FEB-2018

3. Submission Instructions
   Applications may be submitted e-mail and the internet.

   a. E-mail:
      Format all documents to print on Letter (8 ½ x 11") paper. E-mail proposal to Stephanie.A.Rostermundt@usace.army.mil

   b. Internet:
      Applicants are required to submit proposals through Grants.gov. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their Grants.gov proposal submission is received in its entirety. 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 using Grants.gov to submit proposals must be registered and have and account with Grants.gov. It may take up to three weeks to complete Grants.gov registration. For more information on registration, go to http://www.grants.gov/ForApplicants.

Section V: Application Review Information

1. **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). All proposals will be evaluated to determine the extent to which each offeror demonstrates a clear understanding of the requirements of the Scope of Work (SOW), and FOA. The offeror shall submit a proposal that completely addresses all evaluation criteria and specifically identifies how each requirement will be satisfied. The technical/cost proposal shall be no longer than 15-pages, font 12 (This page limitation is in addition to all required forms). All questions shall be submitted no later than 22 January 2018, 12:00 PM CST

2. **Basis of Award** The Best-Value Analysis Method will be used to select the Non Federal Entity (NFE) to whom this task order will be awarded. The selection decision will be based on the NFE offering the best overall value to the Government, with consideration given to all factors described below (weighted in descending order of importance). The selection will not be based on lowest proposed cost, it will be based on an analysis of each factor listed below. The proposal document shall be outlined as shown below.

3. **Factors**

The following criteria shall serve as the standard against which any response to this announcement will be evaluated.

a. Factor I: 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; and (3) all mandatory requirements are satisfied.

b. Factor II: Project Team & Technical Approach

i. The evaluation will ensure that the proposal outlines:
   1. The project team,
   2. A mobilization plan to meet nesting season requirements, and
   3. The technical approach to complete tasks outlined in the SOW.

ii. The evaluation will ensure that the proposal articulates the project team qualifications and past performance/experience working on a minimum of 2 technical projects that include:
   1. Population and breeding surveys for the Western Snowy Plover and California Least Tern,
   2. Compiling data, and
   3. Report writing.

Exceeding the minimum requirements of "Project Team & Approach" may result in a more favorable rating.

c. Factor III: Budget Review

i. The evaluation will ensure the total budget proposal is within the funding amount listed in Section II.

ii. The evaluation will ensure the budget line items are appropriate and reasonable with the level of effort needed to accomplish the tasks listed in the SOW.

Evaluation Ratings For proposed evaluation, 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

4. Review and Selection Process
   See above

5. Anticipated Award Date
   Announcement Issue Date: 12-JAN-2018
   Announcement Due Date: 13-FEB-2018
   Estimated Award Date: 20-FEB-2018

Section VI: Award Administration Information

1. Award Notices
   Written notice of award will be given in conjunction with issuance of a cooperative agreement signed by a Grants Officer. The cooperative agreement will contain the effective date of the agreement, the period of performance, funding information, and all terms and conditions. The recipient is required to sign and return the document before work under the agreement commences. **Work described in this announcement SHALL NOT begin without prior authorization from a Grants Officer.**

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

3. Reporting
   Omaha District POC listed below

Section VII: Agency Contact

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Section VIII: Other Information

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