

Questions and Answers

1. QUESTION: RFP Sec. 2.1, first bullet: as a specific project/task order is conceived by USACE and agreed to under this cooperative agreement, it appears that "potential recipient" would be in charge of recruiting participants (at least 16 years of age). Are there other requirements for recruiting participants, e.g. must youth recruited be from WA or ID, a greater region, or must they be from the local area impacted by the specific USACE project?

ANSWER: Applicants have the flexibility to recruit how they normally do business.

2. QUESTION: Is the educational program open to all but with strong inclusive efforts, or are all youth targeted by this program to be disadvantaged or at risk (**this is a sensitive, but highly relevant question; educational approaches vary greatly between, e.g. Native students v. non-native, or at-risk youth generally).

ANSWER: Recruiting is task dependent depending on the skill set required for the work. Example: Level 2 surveys for bats might use college students studying wildlife biology; landscaping/weed removal jobs may require a different skill set.

3. QUESTION: What is the expected length of each project or task order under this agreement, i.e. how long will participants be in the field? Days, months, weeks?

ANSWER: This depends on the Operating Project, the need and the budget.

4. QUESTION: How many projects or tasks will be underway at any given time? Could "potential recipient" be managing multiple projects at multiple locations?

ANSWER: Multiple projects and tasks could be underway at any given time. There is a potential for Mud Mountain, Howard Hanson, Lake Washington Ship Canal, Chief Joseph and Albeni Falls Dam to all be using this Cooperative Agreement at the same time.

5. QUESTION: Does the USACE have any expectation of the number (or range) of participants desired for each project?

ANSWER: This also could vary based on the Operating Project and the work they want to have done. It can also vary based on the Operating Project's budget for work that year. With ever changing and decreasing budgets, this will be determined when they receive their budgets each year.

6. QUESTION: Will any of the projects require remote deployment (backcountry) of staff and youth?

ANSWER: Yes, Chief Joseph Dam's work is typically on their mitigation lands that are up the reservoir. They are boated into the site by Corps Staff. Overnight camping may be required.

7. QUESTION: The RFP states that "potential recipient" would be responsible for providing some vegetation management tools and PPE, but the Corps would provide some as well. How should we budget for this item given the nature of the equipment necessary might change based on the individual project/task order?

ANSWER: Applicant should have the standard array of shovels, rakes, and other standard equipment used to equip a team. They should also provide standard PPE in the case of hard hats, safety glasses, etc. The Corps will provide anything beyond the standard level of tooling.

8. QUESTION: What does the USACE envision for the project narrative in terms of length, detail, and citation of academic evidence/literature review to justify educational techniques and approaches?

ANSWER: No more than 10 pages.

9. QUESTION: I just want to make sure I am providing correct SF-424 forms for the funding opportunity W912DW-18-2-RFP1 and was hoping for some guidance. Our organization has a number of programs that have worked with ACOE across Washington and Idaho. These programs each have a unique budget with a weekly cost. This opportunity covers up to \$700,000 over six years. Each year we have worked with the ACOE we have and a slightly different combination of crews. This would make creating a single set of SF-424 forms for the entire amount challenging and potentially inaccurate once the planning stages begin. Would it make sense for me to create and submit an individual SF-424 set for each program as a budget templet for the programs that will be involved in the agreement?

ANSWER: The applicant would submit one complete SF-424 suite/package. They would include the cost for the overall program (all years) on the SF-424 and then breakdown those costs further in the SF-424A. The inclusion of 6 years could be done by:

- a. Utilizing a SF-424A for each budget year
- b. Adding an additional page 1 (items 1-4) in the SF-424A
- c. Adding an additional page 3 (items 16-19) in the SF-424A

Grants.gov may not allow for manipulation of the SF-424A, so you would have to submit the SF-424 with the overall budget and then email the continuation pages to the Grants Specialist, Monique Paano, at Monique.a.paano@usace.army.mil.