REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST

NUMBER W9126G-19-2-SOI-8874

PROJECT TO BE INITIATED IN 2019

Project Title: Cultural Resource Support, Fort Hood, TX.

Responses to this Request for Statements of Interest will be used to identify potential investigators for a project to be funded by Fort Hood which provides professional and technical support for its Cultural Resource Program in order to facilitate successful implementation of research required to determine historic eligibility and to determine if curation and protection measures are required. Approximately $181,300.00 is expected to be available to support this project. Additional funding may be available for follow on work in subsequent fiscal years to the successful Recipient/Awardee.

Background:

Fort Hood, Texas is located in region that encompasses a variety of unique natural and cultural resources. This work requires onsite cultural resource support personnel to complete field work necessary for site investigations, archeology and cultural resources data analysis, artifact and records management, and research report publication.

Type of Award:

In accordance with section 6305 – Using cooperative agreements of the Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreements Act of 1977 (31 U.S.C. § 6301 et seq.), all CESU projects must carry out a public purpose of support or stimulation, instead of acquiring goods or services for the exclusive direct benefit of the United States Government.

In accordance with section 6305 – Using cooperative agreements of the Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreements Act of 1977 (31 U.S.C. § 6301 et seq.), substantial involvement is expected between the federal partner and the nonfederal partner when carrying out the activities specified in the project agreement. The exact nature of the government’s involvement will be defined in the statement of objectives, issued with a request for full proposal.
As a result, it is anticipated that a cooperative agreement through the CESU program will be awarded. Such awards may be administered through a CESU only upon mutual agreement and official authorization by both parties of the acceptance of the application of the CESU Network IDC rate (17.5%).

Note: Must be a non-federal partner in the CESU Unit to be qualified to be considered.

**Brief Description of Anticipated Work:**
This research focuses on the following objectives:

1) Objective 1: National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility testing on thirteen archaeological sites located within Fort Hood training lands (Table 1).

Thirteen sites are currently managed as being unknown or potentially eligible for the NRHP with none having been formally tested. Task 1 is to conduct testing on all thirteen sites identified below to determine: 1) is the site NRHP eligible or 2) is the site not eligible. Some of the sites have been impacted by illegal looting activities in the past. On these sites, additional backhoe trenching may be required in order to ascertain if the site contains intact deposits.

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2) Objective 2: **Work Plan.**
Fort Hood Archeological Research Report # 13 is to be used as a guide for defining archeological sites and the criteria outlined in Report # 31 - *Significance Standards for Prehistoric Cultural Resources: A Case Study from Fort Hood, Texas* (Technical Report CRC94/04 from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Construction Engineering Research Laboratory) will be used for guidance to assess NRHP eligibility. Test unit and/or backhoe trench density requirements will be negotiated with the Fort Hood Cultural Resource Manager prior to fieldwork. The aerial photograph series for the areas (1938-present) will be examined to identify landscape changes and assist in the plan development. Permanent site datums will be set at each identified site, on which accurate sub meter GPS readings will be taken as a reference point to map site boundaries and any internal natural or cultural features of relevance. In addition, the locations of all excavation unit datums and backhoe trench locations will be shot in using sub meter GPS data. Work plan shall include time for prefield studies and excavations of backhoe trenches prior to excavation in order to find intact areas for testing and recording of the sites geologic setting. All newly identified and previously recorded sites that are revisited will be recorded on a Texas Archeological Research Laboratory (TARL) site form and will be submitted as such to TARL for a permanent site number or revisit documentation.

Evaluations of the significance of any cultural resources in regard to being recommended eligible or not eligible to the NRHP will be conducted to the maximum extent possible. Fieldwork during testing shall be geared in such a way to generate as much data as possible to determine whether recorded sites are either 1) eligible, or 2) not eligible to the NRHP. Findings of potentially eligible should be avoided.

A work plan and schedule will be developed by the Cooperator and submitted to the Fort Hood Technical Representative prior to fieldwork. The performing organization shall complete fieldwork within 6 months after the task order has been awarded. Final product will be completion of a final report containing methods and results of the investigations and recommendations for all of the sites identified during the survey.

3) Objective 3: **Fieldwork.**

Fieldwork will consist of the excavation of a maximum 36 cubic meters on thirteen sites listed in Table 1 above. If NRHP eligibility can be determined using less cubic meters as allotted in Table 1, then the remaining amount should be applied to another site or a possible alternative site after consultation with Fort Hood POC. The spatial location of all datums, units, backhoe trenches, features encountered will be plotted on recent aerial imagery and recorded via a sub meter GPS data collector and location sent to Fort Hood CRM. The placement of test units at each site will be left to the discretion of the Field Supervisor in consultation with the Principal Investigator and the Fort Hood CRM. On sites with heavy disturbance, the use of a backhoe trench is advised to find suitable intact areas for testing. Backhoe trenches are also required for geomorphologic interpretations. The project will support a maximum testing amount of 36 cubic meters (hand excavated 1-x-1 units). All cultural materials (excluding FCR) recovered will be documented on appropriate field data forms and collected for further analysis and curation by the contractor.
The spatial GPS data will be recorded in accordance with the coordinate system used at Fort Hood (WGS84). Spatial data will be submitted with completed TARL forms for each recorded site.

4) **Objective 4: Archeology and Cultural Resources Data Analysis.**

The Cooperator will conduct an analysis of archeological data and interpret the history of the discovered cultural materials and identified archeology sites. Site characteristics that shall be addressed to the extent data allow include (but are not limited to): site age and number of temporal components; features and artifacts; overall site function as defined by artifact and feature assemblages; and any areas of the site having potential for buried cultural deposits.

5) **Objective 5: Artifacts and Records.**

All artifacts recovered and records generated will be curated by site number (TARL#) in a manner similar to past archeological projects that are described in the Fort Hood Archeological Resource Management Series Reports (e.g., #50) with the exception of those artifacts and samples submitted by the Recipient/Cooperator for laboratory analysis. Curation databases and Catalogue/Accession numbers must be coordinated with the Technical POC at Fort Hood. Copies of the laboratory notes and other supporting documents for any analysis shall be furnished to the Government.

6) **Objective 6: DRAFT AND FINAL RESEARCH REPORT.**

Results of the archeological investigations will be written and compiled into a research report in the Fort Hood Archeological Resource Management Series. Draft and final research reports will contain, but shall not necessarily be limited to, separate sections or chapters discussing field survey methods, research results, recovered artifact interpretations, summary, and NRHP eligibility recommendations. An executive summary addressing management-oriented issue in direct language avoiding jargon and a one-page abstract directed at professional archeologists are also required. Descriptive data may be included as a separately bound appendix (data compendium) or as a CD insert. However, nothing in this paragraph should be interpreted as requiring a data compendium as a specific deliverable. No specific site location data will be included in the main body of the report.

7) **Objective 7: SHPO REVIEW OF DRAFT RESEARCH REPORT.**

One digital and one unbound loose hardcopy of the draft report will be submitted to the fort hood technical representative. When the draft report has been reviewed by the fort hood technical representative and found acceptable, with or without revisions, it will be forwarded to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) by the government. Any changes to the report findings or wording changes suggested by the SHPO will be negotiated by the government. Should all changes suggested by the government be acceptable to the contractor,
preparation of the final report may proceed on that basis. Disagreements about the content, conclusions, or wording of the final report will be discussed at a pre-publication conference between the fort hood technical representative and the contractor. The final content of the report is the professional responsibility of the contractor’s principal investigator; however, the government reserves the right to have published under the same cover a foreword or appendix written by the fort hood technical representative and addressing any issues which cannot be resolved at the pre-publication conference.

8) Objective 8: FINAL RESEARCH REPORT REPRODUCTION.
The cooperator/recipient will prepare 10 bound reproductions of the final research report after it has been accepted by the government. The format of these reports shall be consistent with other reports in the archeological resource management series that have been previously printed. The color and format of the cover, title page, and internal format style will remain consistent with that of research reports # 45, #47, #48, and #50. The first page of each printed report shall reproduce a completed standard form 298, (report documentation page). A copy of that form and instructions for its completion will be furnished to the contractor by the fort hood technical representative.

Period of Performance. The base period of this agreement will extend one year from award. One 12 month optional period is anticipated for this effort and will start at the end of the base period of performance.

Materials Requested for Statement of Interest/Qualifications:

Please provide the following via e-mail attachment to: Alisa.Marshall@usace.army.mil and Kathy.S.Mitchell@usace.army.mil

(Maximum length: 2 pages, single-spaced 12 pt. font).

1. Name, Organization, Cage Code, Duns number, and Contact Information
2. Brief Statement of Qualifications (including):
   a. Biographical Sketch,
   b. Relevant past projects and clients with brief descriptions of these projects,
   c. Staff, faculty or students available to work on this project and their areas of expertise,
   d. Any brief description of capabilities to successfully complete the project you may wish to add (e.g. equipment, laboratory facilities, greenhouse facilities, field facilities, etc.).

Note: A full study proposal and proposed budget are NOT requested at this time.

Review of Statements Received: All statements of interest received will be evaluated by a board comprised of one or more people at the receiving installation or activity, who will determine which statement(s) best meet the program objectives. Based on a review of the Statements of Interest received, an investigator or investigators will be invited to prepare a full study proposal. Statements will be evaluated based on the investigator’s specific experience
and capabilities in areas related to the study requirements.

Please send responses or direct questions to:

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**Timeline for Review of Statements of Interest:** The RSOI are required to be out for a minimum of 10 working days. Review of Statements of Interest will begin **August 8, 2019**.

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