

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT (FOA)

<p>Funding Agency: US Army Corps of Engineers Alaska District PO Box 6898 JBER AK 99506</p>	<p>Funding Instrument: Cooperative Agreement Funding Opportunity W911KB-24-2-0008 No. CFDA No: 12.005 Program Authority 16 U.S.C. 670c-1 (Sikes Act)</p>
Issue Date: 9 August 2024	Application Due Date: 9 September 2024
<p>Overview: Eielson Air Force Base 354 CES/CEIE, Natural Resources Management, Wetlands/Floodplain – RAM FTQWA5324915-A – The primary objective of this project is to assist Eielson Air Force Base (EAFB) with the optimal management of training lands, protect and enhance biological diversity and ecological health on all EAFB lands, and to ensure compliance with all environmental laws and regulations. See full Funding Opportunity Description in Section I.</p>	
Estimated Total Funding: \$60,000.00	Estimated Number of Awards: 1
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<p>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 the Grants Specialist, casandra.a.hutchins@usace.army.mil.</p> <p>Instructions to Applicants: The complete Funding Opportunity Announcement, application forms, and instructions are available for download at Grants.gov.</p> <p>Applications in response to this Funding Opportunity Announcement shall be submitted by the application due date. Applications may be submitted electronically via email or through Grants.gov.</p> <p>Applicants shall have a Unique Entity Identification (UEI) number, registration with the System of Award Management (SAM), and registration with Grants.gov, if submitting application through Grants.gov.</p> <p>See Section IV of the Funding Opportunity Announcement for complete application submission information.</p>	

Section I: Funding Opportunity Description

STATEMENT OF WORK EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE 354 CES/CEIE, NATURAL RESOURCES

MANAGEMENT, WETLANDS/FLOODPLAIN – RAM FTQWA5324915-A

August 2024

Project Cost Ceiling: \$60,000.00

1.0 OBJECTIVES

The objective of this statement of work (SOW) is to assist Eielson Air Force Base (EAFB) with the optimal management of training lands, protect and enhance biological diversity and ecological health on all EAFB lands, and to ensure compliance with all environmental laws and regulations. Per the EAFB 2023 Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan (INRMP) Section 7.1 Fish and Wildlife Management: The primary objective, of the below tasks, is to develop habitat conditions favorable to the production of native fish and wildlife species. This project supports Goal 8.2 Protect Wetlands, Lakes, and Floodplains from Loss or Degradation to Promote Management of Sensitive Species and Ensure Compliance with Applicable State and Federal laws; Goal 4 Manage Native Fish, Wildlife, And Plant Species Using An Ecosystem-Management Approach While Reducing Bird Aircraft Strike Hazard (BASH) Risks And Ensuring Mission Success, and Objective 4.3 Develop, improve, and manage fish habitat on base lakes and streams to provide recreational and aesthetic opportunities. Four (4) areas on EAFB have been designated Wildlife Management Areas, to include Mullins Pit and Cathers Lake, in an effort to focus on increasing biological diversity and expanding opportunities for recreation.

1.1 Requirements

Recipient to furnish all labor, transportation, materials, engineering and equipment to perform work at EAFB.

2.0 LITTORAL ZONE CONSTRUCTION AND PIT PREPARATION, MULLINS PIT AND CATHERS LAKE

Recipient shall prepare and/or create littoral zones at Cathers and/or Mullins borrow pit and preparatory work for future littoral zones, such as stripping overburden from pit and stockpile, bailing of gravel and stockpiling for future littoral zones. Littoral Zone: Recipient shall contour the ground elevation to the water elevation and create a seven-to-one (7:1) slope extending approximately twenty-eight (28) feet from the created shoreline. Material excavated shall be deposited on site after final grading has occurred. Areas next to newly created littoral zones shall be contoured to finished grade and covered with topsoil and prepared for grass seeding, per Natural Resources staff specifications.

Recipient shall provide the appropriate equipment to perform all required tasks listed above. The work schedule shall be determined by the Recipient. This task shall be completed by 15 October of the calendar year. The efforts associated with this requirement are reoccurring in nature. The Government's intent is to compete and award a multi-year

cooperative agreement. Option periods will be awarded, subject to the availability of funds. See Section 8.0 for details.

2.1. Reports and Deliverables

For each applicable period of performance, provide a report detailing the type(s) and number(s) of equipment used; type(s) and number(s) of supplies; and photos detailing before, during, and after status of the project area. Recipient shall update EAFB Natural Resources staff weekly on project progress.

3.0 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements are common to all project tasks.

3.1 General Notes

3.1.1 The Recipient is responsible for contacting EAFB (as appropriate) for access before beginning work.

3.1.2 The Recipient may be asked to suspend work because of heightened Threat Condition (THREATCON) levels. These THREATCON actions may include delays in accessing EAFB and/or denial of access.

3.1.3 The Recipient is responsible for ensuring that personnel and their sub-recipient/sub-contractor personnel all possess the necessary documents to gain access to EAFB. The list may include, but is not limited to, a valid Alaska driver's license, current vehicle registration, proof of insurance, and commercial driver's license endorsements appropriate to the equipment being operated.

4.0 RECIPIENT EMPLOYEE GOVERNMENT ACCESS REQUIREMENTS

4.1 All Recipient and all associated sub-recipient/sub-contractor employees shall comply with applicable installation, facility, and area commander installation/facility access and local security policies and procedures. The Recipient shall also provide all information required for background checks to meet installation access requirements to be accomplished by the installation Security Forces Squadron.

4.2 The Recipient shall ensure all personnel and associated sub-recipient/sub-contractor employees entering Air Force-controlled installations or facilities have obtained access badges and passes in accordance with facility regulations. Badges and passes shall be obtained in advance so as not to delay the accomplishment of tasks.

5.0 GOVERNMENT FURNISHED MATERIAL

EAFB shall provide necessary access to Air Force lands for project development and implementation. The Government shall not furnish any facilities or equipment for any work that needs to be accomplished in this SOW. The Recipient shall furnish all supplies needed to perform this cooperative agreement according to all its terms.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: The Recipient shall comply with base regulations regarding Hazardous Material (HAZMAT) for all issues of hazardous material and ensure procedures

meet all applicable policies, publications, and protocols within this agreement. Provide Bio-Environmental Engineer Service with a Safety Data Sheet (SDS) on all first time purchases of hazardous items obtained through local sources of supply and obtain approval prior to purchase.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE: The Government shall provide emergency medical treatment and emergency patient transportation service for Recipient personnel who are injured or become critically ill while at EAFB. Treated personnel shall be responsible for reimbursing the Government, for the cost of medical treatment and patient transportation, at the current inpatient or outpatient treatment rate.

HOURS OF OPERATION: Services shall typically be performed Monday thru Friday from 7:00am to 5:00pm (local time) or in coordination with the local point(s) of contact.

POWER LINES: In some areas, there are power lines interspersed amongst the trees. If the Recipient breaks any of the power lines in the area, the work shall stop immediately, and the Recipient must contact the EAFB Point of Contact (POC) at (907) 377-3110. All work must cease, in the general area, until the power lines are repaired.

SECURITY REQUIREMENTS: The Recipient shall ensure each employee obtains a pass and identification items, as applicable, for Recipient personnel and recipient-owned vehicles. The Security Forces Pass and Identification office is located at 2677 Wabash Ave. (Building 3125).

6.0 COORDINATION AND MEETINGS

6.1 A kick-off meeting shall be held within thirty (30) calendar days of award to discuss the project, address concerns, and provide details of the tasks required for this project. Schedule for remaining deliverables shall be defined during the project kick-off meeting. Attendees, at the kick-off meeting, shall include at a minimum: the Eielson Technical POC, the Recipient, and coordinating agency representatives (if applicable).

The Eielson Technical POC and the Recipient shall hold regular meetings to discuss needs, priorities, and updates, as deemed necessary by parties to this agreement. The timing and frequency of the meetings shall be determined by the project needs and Eielson staff. Quarterly Progress Status Reports shall be provided to the USACE Project Manager.

6.2 The following actions must be coordinated with the Eielson Technical POC:

- Access to the installation.
- All photography.
- All fieldwork shall be scheduled with and approved by the Eielson Technical POC.
- The Recipient shall not make available to the news media or publicly disclose any data generated or reviewed under this project. When approached by the news media, the Recipient shall refer them to the Eielson Technical POC for response. Project reports and data generated, under this agreement, shall become the property of the Government, and distribution to any other source by the Recipient is prohibited.

7.0 COORDINATION AND COMMUNICATION

A post award kick-off meeting shall take place within thirty (30) calendar days of award between the Recipient and Eielson POC. The Technical POC for this project is:

John Haddix
Natural Resources Chief 354 CES/CEIEA
2310 Central Ave Ste 100 Eielson AFB
Phone: (907) 377-5182
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This project is administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Programmatic questions must be directed to USACE Programs & Project Management Division. The POC for USACE Project Management is Kathryn Russell. Any questions pertaining to this SOW and/or any ensuing agreement documentation must be addressed through the USACE Grants Officer, Tammy Davis. Correspondence should be addressed as follows:

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8.0 PERIODS OF PERFORMANCE AND OPTION PERIODS

This SOW includes a base period for the tasks outlined in this SOW and two (2) additional option periods, subject to the availability of funds.

8.1 Management, Wetlands/Floodplain

1. Base Period - period of performance is 18 months from award date.
2. Option Period One - period of performance is 18 months from award date.
3. Option Period Two - period of performance is 18 months from award date.

Section II: Award Information

This Funding Opportunity Announcement is for a competed, potentially multiyear, cooperative agreement. The period of performance for this requirement is eighteen (18) months from award date with the option to extend for up to two (2) option periods subject to the availability of funds and at the Government's discretion. Each option period shall be for an additional eighteen (18) months. This does not obligate the Government to extend this agreement beyond the initial 18-month period of performance. The total Project Cost Ceiling for the base period of performance is \$60,000.00. **Provide proposed cost information for the base and each option period.** The Government will have substantive involvement throughout the execution of this requirement.

Announcement Issue Date: 9 August 2024

Application Due Date: 9 September 2024

Estimated Award Date: On or About 13 September 2024

Section III: Eligibility Information

1. Eligible Applicants – Open to all that meet the criteria of this announcement. Award shall be limited to States, local governments, Indian tribes, non-governmental organizations, and individuals, pursuant to the authority of 16 U.S.C. 670c-1(a).
2. Cost Sharing – This action will be 100% funded by USACE.
3. Other Information – None noted.

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 the Grants Specialist, Casandra Hutchins, casandra.a.hutchins@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 VI Scope of Work of this announcement.

3. Application shall be submitted **NO LATER THAN 9 September 2024; 2:00 PM (Alaska Time)** via email or through Grants.gov.

4. Submission Instructions

Applications may be submitted by email or via the internet through Grants.gov. Choose ONE (1) of the following submission methods:

Via Email: Format all documents to print on Letter (8 ½ x 11") paper. E-mail proposal to the Grants Specialist, Casandra Hutchins, at casandra.a.hutchins@usace.army.mil.

Via Grants.gov: Applicants are not required to submit proposals through Grants.gov. However, if applications are submitted via the internet, applicants are responsible for ensuring that their Grants.gov proposal submission is received in its entirety and within the date and time required. 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 choosing to use Grants.gov to submit proposals must be registered and have an account with Grants.gov. ***It may take up to three (3) weeks to complete Grants.gov registration.*** For more information on registration, go to <http://www.grants.gov/ForApplicants>.

Section V: Application Review Information

Offer Submission Evaluation Criteria and Basis of Award

**EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE
354 CES/CEIE, NATURAL RESOURCES**

MANAGEMENT, WETLANDS/FLOODPLAIN – RAM FTQWA5324915-A

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The Government will evaluate technical submissions in accordance with the criteria described herein and award a cooperative agreement to the responsible offeror whose submission is determined to represent the best overall value to the Government. The Government will not award a cooperative agreement to an offeror whose submission contains a deficiency.

The evaluation factors for this action are:

- Factor 1: Experience (most important technical factor)
- Factor 2: Technical Approach (2nd most important technical factor)
- Factor 3: Cost (3rd most important factor)

After listing submission strengths, weaknesses and deficiencies, the Government will assign an adjective rating of Outstanding, Good, Acceptable, Marginal, or Unacceptable to each technical factor which reflects the Government's confidence in each offeror's ability, as demonstrated in its submission, to perform the requirements stated in the Statement of Work (SOW). The adjectival ratings shall be assigned, using the following criteria, which incorporate a submission risk assessment:

Adjectival Rating	Description
Outstanding	Submission indicates an exceptional approach and understanding of the requirements and contains multiple strengths.
Good	Submission indicates a thorough approach and understanding of the requirements and contains at least one (1) strength.
Acceptable	Submission indicates an adequate approach and understanding of the requirements.
Marginal	Submission has not demonstrated an adequate approach and understanding of the requirements or contains an element of risk.
Unacceptable	Submission does not meet requirements of the solicitation and, thus, contains one (1) or more deficiencies and is unawardable.

OFFER EVALUATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Each offeror shall be evaluated in accordance with the selection criteria below. The selection criteria are listed in descending order of importance.

Factor 1 Experience

The offeror shall demonstrate prior project experience relevant to the attached SOW, completed within the last five (5) years of this Funding Opportunity Announcement, and other qualifications and technical competence in all of the following areas:

1. Experience supporting Department of Defense (DoD) Natural resource management programs and understanding conservation elements necessary to monitor, manage, protect, and conserve military lands for optimal management of public lands under military control. Offeror(s) may receive greater consideration for previous experience partnering with the Government in an aforementioned capacity.
2. Experience and understanding of assessing wetland areas, vegetation signatures, soil maps, hydrologic and climactic conditions as part of the conservation program.
3. Experience with improving and managing fish habitats on Air Force installation lakes and streams.
4. Experience working on the military training lands to protect and enhance the biological diversity and ecological health to meet requirements of the SOW.
5. Experience planning and managing time critical work, performing studies, projects or plans in accordance with applicable guidance and regulations.

The offeror shall provide examples of up to four (4) past projects of similar size, scope and complexity that best demonstrate the above qualifications. Submit projects that are at least 50% complete or were completed within the past five (5) years. The example project summaries shall be limited to one (1) page each. The example project summaries shall identify:

- Title/Subject
- Location
- Duration
- Brief description
- Roles and work self-performed
- Date project began and if completed
- Complexities or key accomplishments
- Client contact information

The Government will utilize the example project summaries to evaluate the capability and experience as a basis for comparing offerors to determine best value.

Factor 2 Technical Approach

The offeror shall provide a brief narrative of their technical approach and a milestone schedule.

The narrative shall be no more than two (2) pages per main task and must include:

- A discussion of the technical approach to accomplish the SOW requirements.
- A discussion of the quality assurance, quality control, and other technical activities that will be implemented to ensure that quality data are collected to support project data quality objectives.
- A discussion of applicable regulatory requirements and how project requirements will be implemented.
- A discussion of all assumptions. The inclusion of numerous assumptions that significantly “assume away” offeror risk regarding major issues or problems that may be encountered on the project will be considered unacceptable.

Recipient personnel must be able to comply with all applicable regulations to obtain a Common Access Card (CAC). Personnel are required, at a minimum, to complete a NACI/SF85 and successfully pass a federal background check. The Recipient shall employ no foreign nationals without prior approval of the Government.

The offeror shall also provide an organizational chart with the proposed project team with defined roles, responsibilities, and lines of communication for all key personnel and sub-recipients. The Government will review, evaluate, and compare the technical approach documentation received from each offeror to determine best value.

Factor 3 Cost

Provide proposed cost to the Government for each period of performance, to include optional periods of performance, as this data must be reviewed and evaluated to aid in determining fairness, reasonableness, and best value. In accordance with Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations, non-Federal entities may not earn or keep any profit (or comparable fees) resulting from Federal Financial Assistance actions. Therefore, any offers that contain profit and/or fees will be excluded from consideration because the government cannot compensate for profit or fees on Federal Financial Assistance awards (i.e., Grants and Cooperative Agreements).

Cost is considered less important than non-cost factors and will be evaluated for fairness and reasonableness, per OMB cost principles. If more than one (1) offer is rated as having equal non-cost factors, the lowest cost tender of the offers received would be granted as the preferred tender unless there are extraordinary reasons for not doing so.

Section VI: Award Administration Information

Reserved.

Section VII: Agency Contacts

Reserved.

Section VIII: Other Information

Reserved.

All questions or inquiries regarding this Funding Opportunity Announcement shall be directed to the agency contact(s) noted in Section IV.