

1.0 FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT (FOA)

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| Overview: 11 th Airborne Division and U.S. Army Alaska Land Rehabilitation and Maintenance (LRAM) (SOW 25-105), Richardson Training Area, Alaska - The primary objective of this requirement is to implement the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP) to provide healthy and resilient environments that are sustainable settings for military training and to protect and enhance biological diversity and ecological health on all Department of Defense (DoD) lands, and to ensure compliance with all environmental laws and regulations. See full Funding Opportunity Description in Section I. | |
| Estimated Total Funding: \$1,018,368.00 | Estimated Number of Awards: 1 |
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Section I: Funding Opportunity Description

**STATEMENT OF WORK
U.S. Army Alaska
Land Rehabilitation and Maintenance (LRAM) (SOW 25-105)
RICHARDSON TRAINING AREA, JBER, ALASKA
6 March 2025**

**Task 1. Richardson Training Area Training Area 401 Maneuver Corridor Maintenance
\$127,000.00**

Task 2. RTA TA 406 Observation Point Vital Trail Reconfiguration \$258,001.00

Task 3. RTA McLaughlin/Infantry Platoon Battle Course Trail Reconfiguration \$200,000.00

Task 4. RTA Geronimo Trail Maintenance \$218,367.00

Task 5. RTA Malemute Drop Zone Maintenance \$100,000.00

Task 6. RTA McLaughlin Range Vegetation Control \$115,000.00

Total Project Ceiling \$1,018,368.00

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Statement of Work (SOW) is to provide details of work to be performed by a Recipient in support of the U.S. Army Alaska (USARAK) Integrated Training Area Management (ITAM) Program through a cooperative agreement (CA) created by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) - Alaska District to implement the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP).

Tasks provided for execution under this CA by USACE do not include any functions to be performed that are inherently governmental. This determination is made with the assessment that places emphasis on the degree to which conditions and facts restrict the discretionary authority, decision-making responsibility, or accountability of Government officials using Recipient services or work products.

2.0 OBJECTIVES

The objective of this statement of work is to support implementation of the Land Rehabilitation and Maintenance (LRAM) component of the ITAM program to provide healthy and resilient environments that are sustainable high-quality settings for military training. Implicit in this objective is the protection and enhancement of biological diversity and ecological health on all USARAK training lands, ensuring compliance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations.

Specific sustainable range management objectives that apply to this scope include:

- Application of restoration ecology and engineering techniques to repair land damaged by maneuver training
- Manage natural infrastructure to promote realistic training environments
- Mitigate for natural disturbance drivers to include wildfire and climatic variability
- Conservation of soil and water resources
- Maintain/manage perennial vegetation to support mission requirements and enhance stewardship

3.0 MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Task 1. Richardson Training Area (RTA) Training Area (TA) 401 Maneuver Corridor Maintenance \$127,000

3.1.1 Project Location

The project is located in RTA TA 401 in the northern portion of the installation and is used by troops to maintain military readiness and preparedness.

3.1.2 Project Objective

USARAK attempts to maintain and enhance 250 acres of mounted and dismounted maneuver lands, and between 2.5 and 10 miles of maneuver trails annually. This project would help in achieving the goal of supporting mounted and dismounted training requirements for the 1-25th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 4-25th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 17th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion (CSSB), USARAK Aviation Task Force, and USARAK Echelons Above Brigade (EAB) Units. Project Identification was through these assessments: Maneuverability, Training Asset Accessibility, Range Facility Management Support System (RFMSS) Data Mapping, and Training Land Sustainability and Potential Development Zone. Completed activities will be analyzed through these assessments: RFMSS Data Mapping, Vegetation Recovery, and Training Land Sustainability and Potential Development Zone to monitor success, utilization, maintenance requirements, and impacts of the project.

3.1.3 Project Description

Thee Recipient will conduct general land/soil stabilization and maneuver damage repair using a variety of methods including, but not limited to, aerial seeding, band fertilizer, broadcast fertilizer, broadcast seeding, chiseling, diversion ditches, diversion terraces, drill seeding, fabrics & netting, filter stripping, grading & shaping, grassed waterways, gravel/rock, mulch, hydro-seeding, limestone & gypsum, moldboard plowing, non-traditional material, offset disking, riprap, straw mulch, crimped straw mulch, disked sub-soiling, tandem disking, terracing, trenching, brush plowing, hydro-axing, reducing maneuver/training inhibiting vegetation, clearing other natural or manmade material, bulldozing, chaining, furrowing/shredding, applying herbicide aerially or on ground, root plowing, or applying emulsions to control dust. Additionally, woody vegetation will be reduced or thinned to allow greater room for maneuverability. The recipient will conduct rehabilitation and maintenance of other use areas into training areas and converting land used for non-training or non-maneuver purposes to maneuver area. Minor land repair and maintenance of drop zones, landing zones, pickup zones, aircraft hover points, and landing pads.

The recipient will conduct erosion control measures to include employing techniques to prevent or reduce the effects of wind erosion and control dust on and off roads. Methods include but are not limited to windrows, revegetation, and applying water or other emulsions to exposed soil.

The recipient will improve habitat, including, but not limited to cutting woody vegetation, developing or maintaining food plots, or planting herbaceous or woody vegetation. Wildfire prevention includes, but is not limited to, repair and maintenance of fire/fuel breaks, other fuels

modifications, or fuel reduction. The recipient will reduce woody encroachment and perform maintenance of training lands through participation in prescribed burns under a wildland fire mitigation program and/or herbicide application. The project includes developing prescriptions for invasive weed control within the gravel pit areas of the training lands to maintain weed free gravel used for projects.

3.1.4 Environmental Documentation, Permitting, and Consultation

Repair, maintenance, and recovery projects such as these were analyzed in the 2023 JBER INRMP, 2013 INRMP Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) and the 2009 U.S. Army Garrison Alaska's Range Complex and Training Land Upgrades PEA. An Air Force National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Categorical Exclusion (CATEX) will be approved by the JBER NEPA Coordinator, if necessary. The training area was surveyed for cultural resources, and there are no concerns. A construction general permit and Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) will be obtained by the Recipient if necessary.

3.1.5 Project Requirements

Arctic Warrior Maneuver Corridor Access Point Improvements will provide for the reduction and/or prevention of usage impacts that can lead to significant erosion problems and environmental damage. This project will include reconfiguration, and gravel hardening, approximately 11 vehicle entry points to the existing maneuver corridor within TA 401. The total area of all the gravel work and ground disturbance is 0.8 acres in size. The total vegetation control for this project will consist of cutting the regrowth within the existing maneuver corridor trails equaling approximately 8.18 miles in length and approximately 19.83 acres in size.

3.2 Task 2. RTA TA 406 Observation Point (OP) Vital Trail Reconfiguration \$258,001

3.2.1 Project Location

The project is located in the RTA TA 406 in the northern portion of the installation and is used by troops to maintain military readiness and preparedness.

3.2.2 Project Objective

USARAK attempts to maintain and enhance 250 acres of mounted and dismounted maneuver lands, and between 2.5 and 10 miles of maneuver trails annually. This project would help in achieving the goal of supporting mounted and dismounted training requirements for the 1-25th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 4-25th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 17th CSSB, USARAK Aviation Task Force, and USARAK EAB Units. Project Identification was through these assessments: Maneuverability, Training Asset Accessibility, RFMSS Data Mapping, and Training Land Sustainability and Potential Development Zone. Completed activities will be analyzed through these assessments: RFMSS Data Mapping, Vegetation Recovery, and Training Land Sustainability and Potential Development Zone to monitor success, utilization, maintenance requirements, and impacts of the project.

3.2.3 Project Description

The recipient will conduct general land/soil stabilization and maneuver damage repair using a variety of methods including, but not limited to, aerial seeding, band fertilizer, broadcast

fertilizer, broadcast seeding, chiseling, diversion ditches, diversion terraces, drill seeding, fabrics & netting, filter stripping, grading & shaping, grassed waterways, gravel/rock, mulch, hydro-seeding, limestone & gypsum, moldboard plowing, non-traditional material, offset disking, riprap, straw mulch, crimped straw mulch, disked sub-soiling, tandem disking, terracing, trenching, brush plowing, hydro-axing, reducing maneuver/training inhibiting vegetation, clearing other natural or manmade material, bulldozing, chaining, furrowing/shredding, applying herbicide aerially or on ground, root plowing, or applying emulsions to control dust. Reduce or thin woody vegetation to allow greater room for maneuverability. Conduct rehabilitation and maintenance of other use areas into training areas and converting land used for non-training or non-maneuver purposes to maneuver area. Minor land repair and maintenance of drop zones, landing zones, pickup zones, aircraft hover points, and landing pads.

The recipient will conduct erosion control measures. Employ techniques to prevent or reduce the effects of wind erosion and control dust on and off roads. Methods include but are not limited to windrows, revegetation, and applying water or other emulsions to exposed soil.

This project will include improving habitat, including, but not limited to cutting woody vegetation, developing or maintaining food plots, or planting herbaceous or woody vegetation. Wildfire prevention includes but is not limited to repair and maintenance of fire/fuel breaks, other fuels modifications, or fuel reduction. Reduce woody encroachment and perform maintenance of training lands through participation in prescribed burns under a wildland fire mitigation program and/or herbicide application. Develop prescriptions for invasive weed control within the gravel pit areas of the training lands to maintain weed free gravel used for projects.

3.2.4 Environmental Documentation, Permitting, and Consultation

Repair, maintenance, and recovery projects such as these were analyzed in the 2023 JB ER INRMP, 2013 INRMP PEA and the 2009 U.S. Army Garrison Alaska's Range Complex and Training Land Upgrades PEA. An Air Force NEPA CATEX will be approved by the JB ER NEPA Coordinator. The training area was surveyed for cultural resources, and there are no concerns.

3.2.5 Project Requirements

RTA TA 406 OP Vital Trail Reconfiguration will provide for the reduction and/or prevention of usage impacts that can lead to significant erosion problems and environmental damage. The treatments utilized for this project include laying approximately 2 feet of pit run gravel from Neihbur gravel pit to upgrade the trail base (0.7 miles long by 11 feet wide) and vegetation removal of approximately 0.84 acres of shoulder areas (or approximately 5 feet wide on each side of the trail). The gravel access trail surface will be graded and crowned at 2 percent (%), and ruts/depressions will be leveled and filled, as required.

3.3 Task 3. RTA McLaughlin/Infantry Platoon Battle Course (IPBC) Trail Reconfiguration \$200,000

3.3.1 Project Location

The project is located in RTA in the northern portion of the installation and is used by troops to maintain military readiness and preparedness.

3.3.2 Project Objective

USARAK attempts to maintain and enhance 250 acres of mounted and dismounted maneuver lands, and between 2.5 and 10 miles of maneuver trails annually. This project would help in achieving the goal of supporting mounted and dismounted training requirements for the 1-25th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 4-25th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 17th CSSB, USARAK Aviation Task Force, and USARAK EAB Units. Project Identification was through these assessments: Maneuverability, Training Asset Accessibility, RFMSS Data Mapping, and Training Land Sustainability and Potential Development Zone. Completed activities will be analyzed through these assessments: RFMSS Data Mapping, Vegetation Recovery, and Training Land Sustainability and Potential Development Zone to monitor success, utilization, maintenance requirements, and impacts of the project.

3.3.3 Project Description

The recipient will conduct general land/soil stabilization and maneuver damage repair using a variety of methods including, but not limited to, aerial seeding, band fertilizer, broadcast fertilizer, broadcast seeding, chiseling, diversion ditches, diversion terraces, drill seeding, fabrics & netting, filter stripping, grading & shaping, grassed waterways, gravel/rock, mulch, hydro-seeding, limestone & gypsum, moldboard plowing, non-traditional material, offset disking, riprap, straw mulch, crimped straw mulch, disked subsoiling, tandem disking, terracing, trenching, brush plowing, hydro-axing, reducing maneuver/training inhibiting vegetation, clearing other natural or manmade material, bulldozing, chaining, furrowing/shredding, applying herbicide aerially or on ground, root plowing, or applying emulsions to control dust. Reduce or thin woody vegetation to allow greater room for maneuverability. Conduct rehabilitation and maintenance of other use areas into training areas and converting land used for non-training or non-maneuver purposes to maneuver area. Minor land repair and maintenance of drop zones, landing zones, pickup zones, aircraft hover points, and landing pads.

The recipient will conduct erosion control measures. Employ techniques to prevent or reduce the effects of wind erosion and control dust on and off roads. Methods include but are not limited to windrows, revegetation, and applying water or other emulsions to exposed soil.

This project will include improving habitat, including, but not limited to cutting woody vegetation, developing or maintaining food plots, or planting herbaceous or woody vegetation. Wildfire prevention includes but is not limited to repair and maintenance of fire/fuel breaks, other fuels modifications, or fuel reduction. Reduce woody encroachment and perform maintenance of training lands through participation in prescribed burns under a wildland fire mitigation program and/or herbicide application. Develop prescriptions for invasive weed control within the gravel pit areas of the training lands to maintain weed free gravel used for projects.

3.3.4 Environmental Documentation, Permitting, and Consultation

Repair, maintenance and recovery projects such as these were analyzed in the 2023 JBER INRMP, 2013 INRMP PEA and the 2009 U.S. Army Garrison Alaska's Range Complex and Training Land Upgrades PEA. An Air Force NEPA CATEX will be approved by the JBER NEPA Coordinator. The training area was surveyed for cultural resources, and there are no concerns. The project area will be surveyed for wetlands. A construction general permit and SWPPP will be obtained by the Recipient, if necessary.

3.3.5 Project Requirements

RTA McLaughlin/IPBC Trail Reconfiguration will provide for the reduction and/or prevention of usage impacts that can lead to significant erosion problems and environmental damage. The treatments utilized for this project include laying approximately 2 feet of pit run gravel from Neihbur gravel pit to upgrade the trail base for (0.5 miles long by 15 feet wide) and vegetation removal of approximately 0.6 acres of shoulder areas (or approximately 5 feet wide on each side of the trail). The gravel access trail surface will be graded and crowned at 2%, and ruts/depressions will be leveled and filled, as required.

3.4 Task 4. RTA Geronimo Trail Maintenance \$218,367

3.4.1 Project Location

The project is located in RTA in the southern portion of the installation and is used by troops to maintain military readiness and preparedness.

3.4.2 Project Objective

USARAK attempts to maintain and enhance 250 acres of mounted and dismounted maneuver lands, and between 2.5 and 10 miles of maneuver trails annually. This project would help in achieving the goal of supporting mounted and dismounted training requirements for the 1-25th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 4-25th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 17th CSSB, USARAK Aviation Task Force, and USARAK EAB Units. Project Identification was through these assessments: Maneuverability, Training Asset Accessibility, RFMSS Data Mapping, and Training Land Sustainability and Potential Development Zone. Completed activities will be analyzed through these assessments: RFMSS Data Mapping, Vegetation Recovery, and Training Land Sustainability and Potential Development Zone to monitor success, utilization, maintenance requirements, and impacts of the project.

3.4.3 Project Description

The recipient will conduct general land/soil stabilization and maneuver damage repair using a variety of methods including, but not limited to, aerial seeding, band fertilizer, broadcast fertilizer, broadcast seeding, chiseling, diversion ditches, diversion terraces, drill seeding, fabrics & netting, filter stripping, grading & shaping, grassed waterways, gravel/rock, mulch, hydro-seeding, limestone & gypsum, moldboard plowing, non- traditional material, offset disking, riprap, straw mulch, crimped straw mulch, disked sub- soiling, tandem disking, terracing, trenching, brush plowing, hydro-axing, reducing maneuver/training inhibiting vegetation, clearing other natural or manmade material, bulldozing, chaining, furrowing/shredding, applying herbicide aerially or on ground, root plowing, or applying emulsions to control dust. The recipient will reduce or thin woody vegetation to allow greater room for maneuverability. The recipient will conduct rehabilitation and maintenance of other use areas into training areas and converting land used for non-training or non-maneuver purposes to maneuver area. The recipient will perform minor land repair and maintenance of drop zones, landing zones, pickup zones, aircraft hover points, and landing pads.

The recipient will conduct erosion control measures including employing techniques to prevent or reduce the effects of wind erosion and control dust on and off roads. Methods include but are not limited to windrows, revegetation, and applying water or other emulsions to exposed

soil.

The recipient will improve habitat, including, but not limited to cutting woody vegetation, developing or maintaining food plots, or planting herbaceous or woody vegetation. Wildfire prevention includes but is not limited to repair and maintenance of fire/fuel breaks, other fuels modifications, or fuel reduction. The recipient will reduce woody encroachment and perform maintenance of training lands through participation in prescribed burns under a wildland fire mitigation program and/or herbicide application. The recipient will develop prescriptions for invasive weed control within the gravel pit areas of the training lands to maintain weed free gravel used for projects.

3.4.4 Environmental Documentation, Permitting, and Consultation

Repair, maintenance and recovery projects such as these were analyzed in the 2023 JBER INRMP, 2013 INRMP PEA and the 2009 U.S. Army Garrison Alaska's Range Complex and Training Land Upgrades PEA. An Air Force NEPA CATEX will be approved by the JBER NEPA Coordinator. The training area was surveyed for cultural resources, and there are no concerns. A construction general permit and SWPPP will be obtained by the Recipient if necessary.

3.4.5 Project Requirements

Geronimo Trail Maintenance will provide for the reduction and/or prevention of usage impacts that can lead to significant erosion problems and environmental damage. The treatments utilized for this project include trail drainage improvements and selective and invasive weed management along the clearing limits of the established Geronimo Trail and access trail networks as needed. The trail drainage improvements are required to help slow the velocity flows of spring runoff on the steeper portions of the trail and reduce or eliminate the ongoing rill erosion that is observed. In addition, an herbicide will be tested on approximately 26.2 acres of open field near Oilwell Bivouac site to determine if the herbicide will be suitable to use as a vegetation control practice within the established clearing limits of Geronimo Trail and access trail networks, once the test proves successful then the herbicide will be applied to control the vegetation throughout the trail network.

3.5 Task 5. RTA Malemute Drop Zone (DZ) Maintenance \$100,000

3.5.1 Project Location

The project is located in RTA in the northern portion of the installation and is used by troops to maintain military readiness and preparedness.

3.5.2 Project Objective

USARAK attempts to maintain and enhance 250 acres of mounted and dismounted maneuver lands, and between 2.5 and 10 miles of maneuver trails annually. This project would help in achieving the goal of supporting mounted and dismounted training requirements for the 1-25th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 4-25th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 17th CSSB, USARAK Aviation Task Force, and USARAK EAB Units. Project Identification was through these assessments: Maneuverability, Training Asset Accessibility, RFMSS Data Mapping, and Training Land Sustainability and Potential Development Zone. Completed activities will be analyzed through these assessments: RFMSS Data Mapping, Vegetation Recovery, and Training Land Sustainability and Potential Development Zone to monitor success, utilization,

maintenance requirements, and impacts of the project.

3.5.3 Project Description

The recipient will conduct general land/soil stabilization and maneuver damage repair using a variety of methods including, but not limited to, aerial seeding, band fertilizer, broadcast fertilizer, broadcast seeding, chiseling, diversion ditches, diversion terraces, drill seeding, fabrics & netting, filter stripping, grading & shaping, grassed waterways, gravel/rock, mulch, hydro-seeding, limestone & gypsum, moldboard plowing, non-traditional material, offset disking, riprap, straw mulch, crimped straw mulch, disked subsoiling, tandem disking, terracing, trenching, brush plowing, hydro-axing, reducing maneuver/training inhibiting vegetation, clearing other natural or manmade material, bulldozing, chaining, furrowing/shredding, applying herbicide aerially or on ground, root plowing, or applying emulsions to control dust. Reduce or thin woody vegetation to allow greater room for maneuverability. The recipient will conduct rehabilitation and maintenance of other use areas into training areas and converting land used for non-training or non-maneuver purposes to maneuver area. The recipient will conduct minor land repair and maintenance of drop zones, landing zones, pickup zones, aircraft hover points, and landing pads.

The recipient will conduct erosion control measures including employing techniques to prevent or reduce the effects of wind erosion and control dust on and off roads. Methods include but are not limited to windrows, revegetation, and applying water or other emulsions to exposed soil.

The recipient will improve habitat, including, but not limited to cutting woody vegetation, developing or maintaining food plots, or planting herbaceous or woody vegetation. Wildfire prevention includes but is not limited to repair and maintenance of fire/fuel breaks, other fuels modifications, or fuel reduction. The recipient will reduce woody encroachment and perform maintenance of training lands through participation in prescribed burns under a wildland fire mitigation program and/or herbicide application. The recipient will develop prescriptions for invasive weed control within the gravel pit areas of the training lands to maintain weed free gravel used for projects.

3.5.4 Environmental Documentation, Permitting, and Consultation

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3.5.5 Project Requirements

RTA Malemute DZ Maintenance will provide for the reduction and/or prevention of usage impacts that can lead to significant erosion problems and environmental damage. The treatments utilized for this project include the filling, contouring, grading and revegetating and reseeding of approximately 79,842 feet of heavy maneuver damage rutting and 172.56 acres of heavy digging operations damage within Malemute DZ. The damage areas vary in size and are depicted on the attached map that will be provided to the Recipient. These areas will be prepared for revegetation and reseeding as needed. The vegetation and seed utilized will

be an Alaska native type and seed mix in order to reduce any potential negative impact of invasive or noxious plant species.

3.6 Task 6. RTA McLaughlin Range Vegetation Control \$115,000

3.6.1 Project Location

The project is located in RTA in the northern portion of the installation and is used by troops to maintain military readiness and preparedness.

3.6.2 Project Objective

USARAK attempts to maintain and enhance 250 acres of mounted and dismounted maneuver lands, and between 2.5 and 10 miles of maneuver trails annually. This project would help in achieving the goal of supporting mounted and dismounted training requirements for the 1-25th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 4-25th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 17th CSSB, USARAK Aviation Task Force, and USARAK EAB Units. Project Identification was through these assessments: Maneuverability, Training Asset Accessibility, RFMSS Data Mapping, and Training Land Sustainability and Potential Development Zone. Completed activities will be analyzed through these assessments: RFMSS Data Mapping, Vegetation Recovery, and Training Land Sustainability and Potential Development Zone to monitor success, utilization, maintenance requirements, and impacts of the project.

3.6.3 Project Description

The recipient will conduct general land/soil stabilization and maneuver damage repair using a variety of methods including, but not limited to, aerial seeding, band fertilizer, broadcast fertilizer, broadcast seeding, chiseling, diversion ditches, diversion terraces, drill seeding, fabrics & netting, filter stripping, grading & shaping, grassed waterways, gravel/rock, mulch, hydro-seeding, limestone & gypsum, moldboard plowing, non- traditional material, offset disking, riprap, straw mulch, crimped straw mulch, disked sub- soiling, tandem disking, terracing, trenching, brush plowing, hydro-axing, reducing maneuver/training inhibiting vegetation, clearing other natural or manmade material, bulldozing, chaining, furrowing/shredding, applying herbicide aerially or on ground, root plowing, or applying emulsions to control dust. Reduce or thin woody vegetation to allow greater room for maneuverability. Conduct rehabilitation and maintenance of other use areas into training areas and converting land used for non-training or non-maneuver purposes to maneuver area. Minor land repair and maintenance of drop zones, landing zones, pickup zones, aircraft hover points, and landing pads.

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The recipient will improve habitat, including, but not limited to cutting woody vegetation, developing or maintaining food plots, or planting herbaceous or woody vegetation. Wildfire prevention includes but is not limited to repair and maintenance of fire/fuel breaks, other fuels modifications, or fuel reduction. Reduce woody encroachment and perform maintenance of training lands through participation in prescribed burns under a wildland fire mitigation program and/or herbicide application. Develop prescriptions for invasive weed control within the gravel pit

areas of the training lands to maintain weed free gravel used for projects.

3.6.4 Environmental Documentation, Permitting, and Consultation

Repair, maintenance and recovery projects such as these were analyzed in the 2023 JBER INRMP, 2013 INRMP PEA and the 2009 U.S. Army Garrison Alaska's Range Complex and Training Land Upgrades PEA. An Air Force NEPA CATEX will be approved by the JBER NEPA Coordinator. The training area was surveyed for cultural resources, and there are no concerns. A construction general permit and SWPPP will be obtained by the Recipient if necessary.

3.6.5 Project Requirements

RTA McLaughlin Range Vegetation Reduction will provide for the reduction and/or prevention of usage impacts that can lead to significant erosion problems and environmental damage. The treatments utilized for this project includes vegetation reduction and herbicide application to control woody vegetation within the established 115-acre footprint of McLaughlin Range located within TA 403.

4.0 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Recipient requirements:

The following requirements are common to all tasks listed above in Section 3.0.

4.1.1 Supplies and Materials

Provide supplies and materials as necessary to conduct vegetation management and maneuver damage repair. Provide native plants, seed mix, and soil amendments appropriate for the location, soil type, and anticipated acreage. For safety reasons, cellular phones are required for Recipient to operate in the field.

4.1.2 Equipment

Provide equipment necessary to conduct vegetation management and maneuver damage repair. Provide repair and maintenance of equipment, including cleaning and maintenance kits, fuel, filters, and lubricants for equipment. Office equipment necessary to complete project tasks shall be provided by the recipient.

4.1.3 Transportation

Provide 4x4 vehicle to move equipment and house maintenance equipment and heavy equipment trailer to mobilize to and from work site.

4.1.4 Travel

Travel within the training areas is required to accomplish vegetation management, firing point reconfiguration and maneuver damage repair. Recipient personnel are required to provide their own means of travel and transport throughout USARAK range and training lands.

4.2 Recipient's General Notes:

- The Recipient is responsible for contacting Range Control before beginning work, and then each day before and after work starts, and finishes.
- The Recipient may be asked to suspend work because of heightened Force Protection Condition (FPCON) levels. These FPCON actions may include delays in accessing Post and even denial of access.
- The Recipient is responsible for ensuring that he and his sub-recipients all possess all the necessary documents to gain access to the installations. The list may include but is not limited to: A valid driver's license, current vehicle registration, and proof of insurance.

4.3 Recipient Employee Government Access Requirements

4.3.1 All Recipient employees, to include sub-recipient employees, requiring access Army installations, facilities and controlled access areas shall complete Anti-Terrorism (AT) Level I awareness training within 90 calendar days after CA start date or effective date of incorporation of this requirement into the CA, whichever is applicable. The Recipient shall submit certificates of completion for each affected Recipient employee and sub-recipient employee, to the Grants Officer Representative (GOR) or to the Grants Officer (GO), if a GOR is not assigned, within 90 calendar days after completion of training by all employees and sub-Recipient personnel. AT Level I awareness training is available at the following website: <http://jko.jten.mil>.

4.3.2 Recipient and all associated sub-recipient employees shall provide all information required for background checks to meet installation access requirements to be accomplished by installation Provost Marshal Office, Director of Emergency Services or Security Office. Recipient workforce must comply with all personal identity verification requirements as directed by DOD, HQDA and/or local policy. In addition to the changes otherwise authorized by this agreement, should the Force Protection Condition (FPCON) at any individual facility or installation change, the Government may require changes in Recipient security matters or processes.

4.3.3 Recipient and all associated sub-recipient employees shall comply with adjudication standards and procedures using the National Crime Information Center Interstate Identification Index (NCIC-III) and Terrorist Screening Database (TSDB) (Army Directive 2014-05/AR 190-13), applicable installation, facility and area commander installation/facility access and local security policies and procedures (provided by government representative), or, at OCONUS locations, in accordance with status of forces agreements and other theater regulations.

4.3.4 iWATCH Training. This standard language is for Recipient employees with an area of performance within an Army controlled installation, facility or area. The Recipient and all associated sub-recipient shall brief all employees on the local iWATCH program (training standards provided by the requiring activity ATO). This local developed training will be used to inform employees of the types of behavior to watch for and instruct employees to report suspicious activity to the GOR. This training shall be completed within 60 calendar days of award and within 60 calendar days of new employees commencing performance with the results reported to the GOR no later than 90 calendar days after award.

4.3.5 Per AR 530-1 *Operations Security*, the Recipient employees must complete Level I OPSEC Awareness training. New employees must be trained within 30 calendar days of their reporting for duty and annually thereafter.

4.3.6 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.

5.0 GOVERNMENT FURNISHED MATERIAL

The Government shall supply access to Army-managed lands as necessary to complete this task. The Government may supply use of GSA government or military vehicles, to include skid steer/tractor equipment, attachments, and trailers, to accomplish tasks, when available and deemed appropriate and after Recipient personnel acquire proper training. The Government may supply use of government-provided fixed or rotary wing aircraft when available and deemed appropriate.

6.0 REPORTS AND DELIVERABLES

Complete RTA tasks 1-6 by 12 months from date of award and provide a report detailing the treatments completed with site maps of the project areas, and a summary of acres, miles and/or sites treated, as applicable.

7.0 MEETINGS, REVIEWS AND COORDINATION

A post award planning meeting shall take place within one (1) month of award between the RTA Technical Point of Contact (POC) and Recipient POC.

Technical Coordination Meetings shall take place twice. The first meeting shall take place within a month of award and the second meeting shall take place at the completion of the projects for review and acceptance.

Provide quarterly progress reports to the RTA Technical POC and USACE.

8.0 POINTS OF CONTACTS

Technical POC these project tasks are: TBD

The QA/QC Technical Representative for this project is: TBD

The POC for USACE Project Management is TBD. Cooperative Agreement questions should be addressed to Tammy Davis. Correspondence should be addressed as follows:

Tammy Davis
Grants Officer
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Alaska District
Alaska District, Pacific Ocean Division
Phone: (907) 753-2502
Email: tammy.davis@usace.army.mil

9.0 Period and Place of Service

The projects will be completed on the JBER Richardson Training Area. The time of service for these services is 12 months from date of award.

Section II: Award Information

This Funding Opportunity Announcement is for a competed cooperative agreement. The period of performance for this requirement is twelve (12) months from the date of award. The total Project Cost Ceiling for this requirement is \$1,018,368.00. Provide proposed cost information. The Government will have substantive involvement throughout the execution of this requirement.

Announcement Issue Date: 20 March 2025

Application Due Date: 20 May 2025

Estimated Award Date: On or About 30 May 2025

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, Pamela Iverson, pamela.iverson@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 20 May 2025; 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, Pamela Iverson at pamela.iverson@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

Land Rehabilitation and Maintenance (LRAM) RICHARDSON TRAINING AREA, JBER, ALASKA SOW 25-105

March 2025

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 training areas and range facilities 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 with management/treatment of vegetation control/modification, erosion control/soil stabilization, fuel breaks, forest management, seeding/re-vegetation, fertilization, culvert management, and trail maintenance on military lands.
3. Experience maintaining quality training lands by repairing training areas and sites that have been damaged and provide improved soldier training environments for continued mission use.
4. Experience improving water quality and short- and long-term effectiveness of land use for military training purposes.
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.

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 during the Period 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).

Allowable costs incurred by Recipients shall be in accordance with 2 CFR 200.

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.