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SUBJECT: Request for Pre-proposals for Fiscal Year 2018 Legacy Program Funding

This memo announces the DoD Legacy Resource Management Program (Legacy) Request for Pre-proposals (RFP) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018. We request your assistance identifying proposals for multi-Service, national, and regional natural and cultural resources projects that directly benefit our installations. All proposals must clearly articulate how outcomes will benefit or enable mission objectives. Areas of interest and proposal timelines are in the attached FY 2018 Areas of Emphasis.

This RFP will be widely distributed to other agencies, universities, nongovernmental organizations, and the general public. Consideration shall be given only for proposals submitted via the DoD Legacy Tracker website (www.dodlegacy.org) and coordinated with installation and headquarters personnel, as appropriate.

Proposals may request funding for up to two years; however, all proposals must specify and complete concrete deliverables within the fiscal year that the award is made and, pending interim evaluation, will be awarded one year of funding at a time. Note that all project funds must be fully obligated, though do not have to be fully expended, by the end of the awarded fiscal year.

Applicants should visit www.dodlegacy.org/legacy/intro/guidelines.aspx to access guidance on the proposal process and requirements for Legacy-funded projects. Pre-proposals must be submitted to DoD via the DoD Legacy Tracker no later than April 21, 2017.

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Attachment:
As stated

DoD Legacy Resource Management Program
FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2018 – AREAS OF EMPHASIS

The DoD Legacy Resource Management Program (Legacy Program) provides funding to high priority conservation projects that foster mission sustainment while promoting long-term stewardship of our nation's natural and cultural heritage. All projects must address at least one of the Areas of Emphasis (AOEs) and support the mission-relevant priorities that form the basis of DoD's Natural and Cultural Resources Programs. Proposals must identify any relationship between the proposed work and other similar efforts that are currently underway or completed.

All proposals are evaluated for:

- relevance to military mission objectives, including clear articulation of direct benefits to testing, training, and operational activities;
- anticipated increase in program efficiencies from management improvements and cost savings (i.e., current costs vs. projected costs under a new framework described in dollars and/or time and effort) to the Military Services for implementing proposed solutions;
- the project's strategy to engage partners, leverage resources, and coordinate efforts with other agencies or organizations;
- transmittal and communication of products to the appropriate DoD Component work groups, leadership, and installation commands in order to best inform policy, guidance, and implementation;
- significance and applicability to more than one Military Service; and
- significance and applicability at an ecosystem, regional, or other broad scale.

The Legacy Program Guidelines (www.dodlegacy.org/Legacy/intro/guidelines.aspx) provide detailed instructions for submitting pre-proposals. All applicants should carefully review these Guidelines, and complete all sections of their pre-proposal in accordance with the instructions. Pre-proposals that do not adhere to the Guidelines or contain concepts that the Legacy Program has already funded will receive lower appraisals.

For FY 2018, the Legacy Program will consider proposals that address the following AOEs:

Mission Enhancement and Range Sustainment

The military's ability to fight and win our nation's wars is tied directly to readiness resulting from realistic testing, training, and operational activities. Yet, DoD lands are experiencing an increased burden to protect species under duress and to evaluate increasing numbers of aging real property assets for historic significance with a shrinking work force. This means that DoD must adopt more effective and efficient conservation strategies that address these challenges while enabling the mission. Proposals should therefore ensure coordination among military testers and trainers and natural and cultural resources managers and, as applicable, should leverage partnerships or integrate with relevant efforts at a cross-boundary, landscape, regional, or national scale. Successful proposals will protect compatible land uses, including sustaining military ranges and operating areas for future use while simultaneously promoting long-term stewardship of natural and cultural resources.

Planning to Address and Adapt to New and Emerging Threats

The installation of the future must plan today to address and mitigate for tomorrow's conditions. By being responsive to changing conditions—adaptively managing resources through maintenance and repair, rehabilitation, restoration, and reuse, and engaging partners from surrounding communities—installation resource managers can help ensure DoD has the tools and mechanisms to accomplish the mission-essential activities needed for military readiness. Proposals can support the following approaches to address known emerging threats:

- create adaptive strategies to prepare and mitigate for possible future restrictions to training, testing, or operational activities resulting from species declines, habitat loss, increased fire frequency and intensity, and the introduction and spread of invasive species;
- implement new or innovative archaeological monitoring and predictive modeling techniques or technologies;
- develop adaptive strategies, including the use of monitoring technology and training modules, to help improve Component integration under the *Conservation Law Enforcement Program* policy, DoDI 5525.17, and compliance with the Archaeological Resources Protection Act;
- implement effective cultural resources management strategies to address impacts from encroachment and redevelopment on DoD lands; and
- manage potential changes to training land sustainability and resiliency.

Efficiencies in Cultural Resources Management

DoD must ensure strategies are in place to manage its cultural resources in a manner that supports the military mission. Proposals should help cultural resources managers and other installation personnel balance mission needs with environmental compliance requirements through the development of streamlined management strategies and innovative programmatic tools. Proposals can include historic contexts, management solutions, case studies, pilot projects, creative mitigation strategies and solutions (e.g. improved use and synthesis of relevant grey literature), methods to improve archaeological data recovery procedures (e.g. development of strategic efficiencies through regional gap analysis and defining significant research questions), or collections and curation management efficiencies. Successful proposals will engage environmental teams, and testing, training, and planning personnel with leadership and outside partners, including State Historic Preservation Officers, Tribes and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, the National Park Service, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. This coordination will help ensure compliance under Sections 110 and 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and other relevant statutes and regulations.

Asset Resiliency through Historic Preservation

With the largest inventory of historic real property in the federal government, DoD must find ways to use its historic real property to better support the military mission through strategic reuse and rehabilitation. Proposals should leverage existing federal and stakeholder initiatives to produce innovative management and program tools while improving relationships with stakeholders. Successful proposals will integrate adaptive use of historic real property into mainstream installation property management, or identify innovative and cost effective rehabilitation measures for historic building types.

Training and Communication

Effective training, communication, and guidance helps to ensure that DoD complies with all applicable environmental laws, regulations, and policies. Guaranteeing sufficient professionally trained personnel, including natural and cultural resources managers, is required by the Sikes Act and by DoDI 4715.16, *Cultural Resources Management*. Additionally, educating military personnel about the resources that installations manage and protect directly benefits conservation efforts. Successful proposals will focus on using remote teaching options to train civilian and military personnel about critical natural or cultural resources issues (e.g., species and habitat management, illegal trade in wildlife and cultural property protection of cultural sites).

Proposals will leverage existing programs and systems (e.g., [DENIX](#), existing courses) to develop innovative and effective tools and procedures to promote and improve communication and coordination with key stakeholders, including tribes with cultural or historic affiliations to installation lands, and leadership.

Fiscal Year 2018 Proposal Schedule

March 15, 2017: Request for Proposals distributed via listservs and posted on www.dodlegacy.org, www.denix.osd.mil, and www.grants.gov.

April 21: Pre-proposals are due to the Legacy Program, submitted via www.dodlegacy.org.

June 30: Legacy Program will request full proposals via www.dodlegacy.org.

September 8: Full proposals are due to the Legacy Program, submitted via www.dodlegacy.org.

December 14: Turn down notices sent.

TBD: Funding announcements are made when funds are available and releasable.

Legacy Program funds are dependent upon Congressional approval of the National Defense Authorization Act, and the subsequent release of appropriated funds to the Legacy Program.

Generally, funding announcements are made between February and April of the following year.