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SUBJECT: Request for Pre-proposals for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Legacy Program Funding

This memo announces the DoD Legacy Resource Management Program (Legacy) Request for Pre-proposals (RFP) for FY 2017. We request your assistance identifying fundable proposals for multi-Service, national, and regional natural and cultural resources projects, including those that enable on-base mission activities by moving at least some of the conservation burden to off-installation locations. All proposals must clearly articulate how outcomes will benefit or enable mission objectives. Specific areas of interest and the proposal timeline are described in the attached FY 2017 Areas of Emphasis.

This RFP will be widely distributed to other agencies, universities, nongovernmental organizations, and the general public. Only proposals submitted via the DoD Legacy Tracker website www.dodlegacy.org, and coordinated with appropriate installation and headquarters personnel will be eligible for funding.

All proposals must specify products that will be delivered within twelve months of award, even if the period of performance is more than one year. Also, all funds must be fully obligated, though do not have to be fully expended, by the end of the fiscal year in which they are awarded.

Applicants should visit www.dodlegacy.org/legacy/intro/guidelines.aspx to access updated 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 4, 2016**.

My staff point of contact is Mr. Peter Boice at l.p.boice.civ@mail.mil or 571-372-6905. For more information about the Legacy Program or this process, please contact DodLegacy@bah.com or 571-372-6906.

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Attachment:
As stated

DoD Legacy Resource Management Program
FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2017 – 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;
- the transferability, applicability, and ability to implement project results beyond the scope of the proposed effort;
- 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 2017, 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. This means that DoD must adopt more effective and efficient conservation strategies that sustain the resource 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. This includes facilitating coordination and implementation of recommendations from the [2014 DoD Climate Change Adaptation Roadmap](#).

Planning to Address and Adapt to New and Emerging Threats

The installation of the future must fully integrate ecosystem and landscape-scale approaches to natural and cultural resources management—planning 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 for impacts from global climate change;
- mitigate possible future restrictions to training, testing, or operations resulting from species declines, habitat loss, and regulatory actions;
- implement new or innovative archaeological monitoring and predictive modeling techniques or technologies;
- implement effective cultural resources management strategies for impacts from encroachment and redevelopment on DoD lands;
- manage potential changes to training land sustainability and resiliency; and
- holistically address wildland fire prevention, coordination, and mitigation.

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, methods to improve archaeological data recovery procedures, or collections and curation management strategies. 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; identify innovative and cost effective rehabilitation measures for historic building types; or facilitate coordination and implementation of recommendations from the [2014 DoD Climate Change Adaptation Roadmap](#).

Training and Communication

Effective training, communication, and guidance help DoD promote natural and cultural resources and ensure appropriate compliance with myriad laws and policies. Guaranteeing sufficient numbers of professionally trained natural resource managers is required by the Sikes Act. Additionally, educating military personnel about the resources that installations manage

and protect can improve the support for and effectiveness of 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., invasive species, illegal wildlife trade, avoidance of cultural sites). Proposals will leverage existing programs and systems (e.g., [DENIX](#), current Military Service Installation Commander 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 2017 Proposal Schedule

February 17, 2016: Request for Proposals distributed via listservs and posted on www.dodlegacy.org, www.denix.osd.mil, and www.grants.gov.

April 4: Pre-proposals are due to the Legacy Program, submitted via www.dodlegacy.org.

June 27: Legacy Program will request full proposals via www.dodlegacy.org.

August 1: Full proposals are due to the Legacy Program, submitted via www.dodlegacy.org.

December 21: 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.