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SUBJECT: Request for Pre-proposals (RFP) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Legacy Program Funding

This memo announces the DoD Legacy Resource Management Program (Legacy) RFP for FY 2016. We request your assistance identifying fundable proposals for multi-Service, national, and regional natural and cultural resources projects. 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 2016 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](http://www.dodlegacy.org), and coordinated with appropriate installation and headquarters personnel will be eligible for funding.

Although projects may take more than one year to complete, all proposals must specify and complete concrete deliverables within the fiscal year that the award is made. Additionally, 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](http://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 3, 2015.

If you have specific questions not answered in the Legacy Guidance, please contact the Legacy support team at [dodlegacy@bah.com](mailto:dodlegacy@bah.com).

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Attachment:  
As stated

## DoD Legacy Resource Management Program

### FISCAL YEAR 2016 – AREAS OF EMPHASIS

The primary objective of the DoD Legacy Resource Management Program (Legacy Program) is to identify and fund 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 one or more 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 related or similar work completed or currently underway.

All proposals are evaluated for:

- relevance to military mission objectives, including clear articulation of direct benefits to testing, training, and operational objectives;
- anticipated increase in program efficiencies from management improvements and cost savings, including steps to quantify costs described in dollars and/or time and effort, to the Military Services for implementing proposed solutions;
- the transferability, applicability, and ability to implement project results beyond basic scientific research;
- the project's strategy to engage partners and leverage resources; and
- significance and applicability to more than one Military Service and at an ecosystem, regional, or other broad scale.

The Legacy Program Guidelines ([www.dodlegacy.org/Legacy/intro/guidelines.aspx](http://www.dodlegacy.org/Legacy/intro/guidelines.aspx)) provide detailed instructions for submitting pre-proposals. We recommend that all applicants 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 have already been funded will consequently receive lower appraisals.

For fiscal year 2016, the Legacy Program will consider proposals that address the following AOEs:

#### **Readiness and Range Sustainment**

The military's ability to fight and win our nation's wars is tied directly to readiness resulting from realistic testing and training. Encroachment from a variety of sources can reduce DoD's testing and training capabilities. We will invest in projects that promote improved coordination between military testers and trainers and natural and cultural resources managers. Successful proposals will ensure the continued availability of DoD lands for necessary testing and training, including how installations can sustain military ranges and operating areas for future use while simultaneously promoting long-term stewardship, such as 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 in place for accomplishing the mission-essential activities needed for military readiness. Some known emerging threats that can be addressed include adaptive strategies to prepare for impacts from global climate change; mitigating or reversing species declines, habitat loss, and possible future effects of declining species on training; implementing new or innovative archaeological monitoring and predictive modeling techniques; managing potential changes to training land sustainability and resiliency; and holistically addressing 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. DoD seeks proposals that will help cultural resources managers balance mission needs with environmental compliance requirements through the development of streamlined management procedures and innovative programmatic tools. Proposals should have multi-Service applicability and can include historic contexts, management solutions, case studies, pilot projects, methods to improve archaeological data recovery procedures, or collections and curation management. 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 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 those partners. Successful proposals will integrate adaptive use of historic real property into mainstream installation property management; develop innovative methods and tools for energy efficient retrofits to historic properties; identify alternate uses for common 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 outreach help DoD promote and interpret natural and cultural resources. Ensuring sufficient numbers of professionally trained natural resource management personnel is required by the Sikes Act and, for both natural and cultural resources managers, adequate training is crucial to ensure appropriate compliance with myriad laws and policies. Additionally, educating military personnel and civilian neighbors about the resources that installations manage and protect can increase the support for and effectiveness of conservation efforts. Successful proposals will focus on using remote teaching options to train personnel (both civilian and military) about critical natural or cultural resources issues (e.g., illegal wildlife trade, avoidance of cultural sites); and 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.

## Department of Defense

### Legacy Resource Management Program

## Fiscal Year 2016 Proposal Schedule

**February 20, 2015:** Request for Proposals distributed via listservs and posted on [www.dodlegacy.org](http://www.dodlegacy.org), [www.denix.osd.mil](http://www.denix.osd.mil), and [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

**April 3:** Pre-proposals are due to the Legacy Program, submitted via [www.dodlegacy.org](http://www.dodlegacy.org).

**June 1:** Legacy Program will request full proposals via [www.dodlegacy.org](http://www.dodlegacy.org).

**July 27:** Full proposals are due, submitted via [www.dodlegacy.org](http://www.dodlegacy.org).

**November 2:** 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.**