



## **Request for Proposals**

### ***Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition***

#### **I. Summary and Background**

##### *Purpose of Proposal*

The Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition is seeking a technical partner to develop a land management plan for the 1.9 million-acre Bears Ears Landscape in southeastern Utah. The technical partner would provide guidance, expertise, and technical capacity to develop a plan informed by Tribal Resource Departments, Tribal Leaders, and Native communities in accordance with Tribal cultural values, processes, and protocols.

##### *Coalition Background*

The Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition (the Coalition) is comprised of five member Tribes—Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Ute Indian Tribe, and Pueblo of Zuni—that advocated for the creation of the Bears Ears National Monument and were tasked with collaborative management of the Monument by President Obama’s Proclamation 9558. In December 2017, President Trump’s Proclamation 9681 unlawfully modified the boundaries of the Monument to a total of 201,867 acres (an 85% decrease of the original monument size), restructured the Tribal Commission, and limited the focus of the Commission to the so-called Shásh Jaa' area in the Monument. In response to Proclamation 9681, the Coalition Tribes sued President Trump to have the revocation of the monument declared illegal. Meanwhile, the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition has resumed its planning and management work and intends to proceed with the development of a comprehensive land management plan for the 1.9 million-acre landscape that was incorporated into the Coalition’s original proposal to the Obama administration. The Coalition’s intent is to develop a land management plan that is grounded in a Native perspective but also easily implementable into the federal agency planning process and land management decisions.



## II. Proposal Guidelines

- 1) Proposals will be accepted until 5:00 PM (Mountain Time) **January 22, 2019**. Please submit to Keala Carter at: [kcarter@bearscoalition.org](mailto:kcarter@bearscoalition.org).
- 2) Clearly state all areas where you expect to subcontract out work.
- 3) Body of proposal not to exceed 10 pages (page count does not include attachments). Please include as attachments résumés of your core team and a budget proposal (1-2pgs).

## III. Project Purpose and Description

### *Project Purpose*

The purpose of this project is to develop a land management plan for the 1.9 million-acre Bears Ears Landscape originally proposed by the Tribes for the Bears Ears National Monument in southeastern Utah.

### *Project Description*

In depicting your approach to the Bears Ears land management planning, please highlight how you would elevate tribal values and perspective in the design, collection of data, and writing of the land management plan. Also, address how your organization would manage some, if not all, of the priorities listed below:

- a) promote inter-Tribal coordination
- b) illustrate benefit of integrating traditional knowledge with land management
- c) honor the individual Tribal identities while also reflecting the unified Coalition
- d) manage culturally sensitive information
- e) allow flexibility for input from Tribes at various stages
- f) include community outreach/engagement at various stages
- g) allow for periodic review by the Coalition throughout planning process
- h) balance Tribal perspectives with federal agency expectations
- i) include outside organizations in plan development (*we have a network of NGO partners that have varied expertise and capacity to assist during the development of the land management plan. We intend to include them in the planning process, where appropriate*)
- j) inclusion of tribal staff and ethnographic research in the development of the management plan, including directing resources to support these staff.



#### IV. Project Scope

Propose a phased approach for plan development that is informed by the Coalition and allows for Tribal participation at all stages of *Planning, Development, Review, and Reporting*. Plan development to begin no later than February 28, 2019 with a target date for plan completion by November 30, 2020. The dates and stages of development listed in the example below **DO NOT** need to be reflected in your projected phases, but please do indicate phases of project development accompanied by a projected timeline.

#### EXAMPLE:

##### A) Phase I - Scoping (February 28, 2019 – May 31, 2019) 3 months

- 1) Determine Tribal Protocols
  - may include presentations to Tribal Councils
- 2) Tribal Community Outreach
- 3) Identify Tribal Partners
- 4) Identify Additional Partners
- 5) Data Inventory – Baseline Data Compilation
- 6) Identify Data Needs

##### B) Phase II – Data Development (June 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019) 7 months

- 1) Data Development – Based on needs and Tribal priorities
  - include community engagement
  - coordination with partners
  - establish data-sharing protocols
- 2) Data Compilation – Compile new data with baseline data
  - include community engagement
  - coordination with partners
  - assign roles to partners (responsibilities)

##### C) Phase III – Analysis (January 1, 2020 – April 30, 2020) 4 months

- include community engagement
- include coordination with partners

##### D) Phase IV – Peer Review (May 1, 2020 – July 31, 2020) 3 months

- includes community engagement/coordination with partners



- Coalition review/comment
- may include presentations to Tribal Councils

E) **Phase V** – Final Review (August 1, 2020 – October 31, 2020) *3 months*

F) **Phase VI** – Report Complete (November 1 – November 30, 2020) *1 month*

V. **Request for Proposal Schedule and Project Timeline**

- 1) Solicitation of proposals: January 2, 2019 – January 22, 2019
- 2) Evaluation of proposals: January 23 – January 30, 2019
- 3) Selection of a Technical Partner immediately thereafter
- 4) Notification to bidders not selected one week after selection complete
- 5) Project initiation phase – No later than February 28, 2019
- 6) Project completion – November 30, 2020

VI. **Budget (To not exceed \$400,000 in Coalition resources for 22 months)**

As an attachment to the proposal, include a proposed budget for plan development with completion by November 2020 (preferably you can delineate the cost associated with each phase of the planning process)

VII. **Bidder Qualifications**

- 1) Please provide a summary of previous applicable work/projects

**EXAMPLE:**

- a) large scale land management planning
- b) stakeholder mediation
- c) facilitation skills
- d) conservation experience on the Colorado Plateau
- e) previous work with Tribes (specify the circumstances if you have experience working with any of the Coalition Tribes: Hopi, Navajo, Ute Mountain, Ute, and Zuni)
- f) nuanced understanding of Tribal cultural traditions, structures, and protocols



- 2) Resume/Vitae of Project Team (include as an attachment)
- 3) Description of any potential Subcontractors – Organization overview, past work, team skillsets/resumes

#### VIII. **Proposal Evaluation Criteria**

The proposal will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- 1) Regional Proximity (preference for organizations based in the Four Corners Region)
- 2) Overall Proposal Suitability
- 3) Organization Values/Mission
- 4) Previous Work Experience
- 5) Technical Expertise/Capacity
- 6) Value/Cost

Resource Legacy Fund acts as fiscal sponsor for the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition. A potential partner will be additionally vetted through Resource Legacy Fund's process before final selection.

Reminder: Submit Proposals to Keala Carter at [kcarter@bearscoalition.org](mailto:kcarter@bearscoalition.org) by 5:00 PM (MT) **January 22, 2019**



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