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**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL:**

**A Chuuk Lagoon Marine Ecology Survey for Historic Preservation Planning**

The FSM Office of National Archives, Culture, and Historic Preservation (FSM NACH) hereby solicits for proposals from qualified and interested individuals, firms and organizations to conduct a Chuuk Lagoon Marine Ecology Survey for Historic Preservation Planning within six (6) months of notice to proceed. This project involves Federal Funds, which are subject to federal grant funds availability, and compliance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, rules and regulations is required. The project will be coordinated along with FSM NACH on an as needed basis. The production of a report and proposed plan meeting the Secretary of Interior's Standards is required at the conclusion of the project within a reasonable and negotiated time-frame.

There is an archaeological, heritage management component to this project, given the monitoring of the state of preservation of the material culture will be implemented at the same time.

There is a need for a continued locally driven effort that is externally supported in order to comprehensively reveal and monitor the sites by developing a biological, water quality and structural monitoring strategy, and this project will further this process. Capacity building and local education efforts embedded into the project so far will be further developed to ensure continuity and sustainability. Agencies can use data for site preservation and environmental impact mitigation. Long term monitoring provides data that would more likely be recognized by regional and global entities that are not responding to local ecological knowledge. Historical preservation issues such as natural and human impacts on the shipwrecks will also be conducted during this survey to provide HPO staff with a capacity to monitor these effects and to respond to any needs for preservation efforts.

Interested individuals or firms must have a qualified principal investigator (PI) who meets the DOI Secretary of Interior's Standards with at least a Master's degree in anthropology or related field and two (2) years of unsupervised field work experience in conducting marine ecological surveys on underwater heritage. Experience in Micronesia is preferred. Professional qualification requirements and standards should be stated to provide the selecting official with sufficient information to determine if the offer meets the 36 CFR 61 standards, understands the project and its purpose and is able to plan and organize to meet the purposes of the project.

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Submit a cover letter, resume, and project bid proposal (as one document with table of contents) with proposal budget to [fsmculture@gmail.com](mailto:fsmculture@gmail.com) and [guskohler1961@gmail.com](mailto:guskohler1961@gmail.com) (paper applications will not be accepted).

The first step in the selection process is to review the information (cover letter, resume, and bid proposal) provided by all job applicants to determine which applicants meet the minimum qualifications as stated in the job posting. No further consideration will be given to those who do not meet the minimum qualifications.

The RFP bidding will expire July 2, 2024. FSM NACH retains the right to reject any and all proposals or waive any irregularities with any proposal. Bids should be e-mailed or mailed to FSM NACH at the address provided below. For further questions, contact Director Augustine C. Kohler ([maynard1961@gmail.com](mailto:maynard1961@gmail.com)).