REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF INTEREST FOR PROJECT TO BE INITIATED THROUGH A COOPERATIVE ECOSYSTEM STUDIES UNIT

Project title: Conduct an Ethnographic Overview and Assessment for Canaveral National Seashore, Titusville, FL.

Responses to this Request for Statement of Interest will be used to identify potential collaborators for a project funded by the National Park Service (NPS) to conduct an Ethnographic Overview and Assessment (EOA) for Canaveral National Seashore (CANA), Titusville, FL. The NPS is requesting information on your interest and qualifications to conduct this EOA. The NPS hopes to develop a scope of work and begin the project by September 30, 2010, and complete the work by September 30, 2011.

Available funding: $30,000 for FY2010; additional funds may be available in FY2011.

Scope of Technical Assistance
CANA seeks collaborators to research and conduct an EOA for the park. The goal of the project is to produce an ethnographic overview and assessment to aid in the development of further cultural and natural resource studies, interpretation program objectives, and park management decisions. The National Park Service defines an ethnographic overview and assessment to be a comprehensive background study of types, uses, and users of ethnographic resources (See NPS, Director’s Orders-28, Cultural Resource Management Guideline, Ch. 10, Management of Ethnographic Resources). The study will review existing information and identify new data needs. The overview component of the project reviews and summarizes existing ethnographic data for people and resources associated with the park. The assessment component evaluates these data and resources and identifies data gaps. Information is to be derived primarily from existing archival written and oral records, and published materials. While these ethnographic groups include both Native American tribes and non-indigenous groups, this phase of the study will only address groups not affiliated with Native American peoples associated with the park. The project will be developed in close cooperation with the park’s Resource Management Division.

Materials Requested for Statement of Interest/Qualifications
Please prepare a 2-3 page summary of how you would envision this project. Include your name, organization, and contact information, as well as information about any relevant experience, past projects, and staff, faculty, or students who would be available to work on the project. Please submit electronic Statements of Interest to Allison_Pena@nps.gov by April 15, 2010. Note: A proposed budget is NOT requested at this time.

For more information, please contact Allison H. Peña at 504-589-3882, ext. 113. See also the CANA website http://www.nps.gov/CANA. For additional information on the CESU program, see http://www.cesu.psu.edu or contact Carol Daniels, South Florida Caribbean CESU Coordinator at 305-421-4904.