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# REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERVICES

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### **Background**

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, requires that federal agencies take into account how each undertaking could affect historic properties; and to afford the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation the opportunity to comment on the agency's undertaking. Professional archaeologists are involved in identification and evaluation of archaeological resources that may be impacted by the proposed undertaking.

While many agencies have professional staff on board qualified to carry out the research and investigations necessary to fulfill the requirements of the Section 106 review process, other project sponsors may need to contract with professional archaeologists for these services on a case-by-case basis. To assist project sponsors in the task of locating qualified archaeologists, this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) has been developed to identify individuals and firms qualified and capable of carrying out this type of archaeological work. Individuals and firms who successfully meet the requirements outlined in this RFQ will be entered on a list of consultants that will be made available on request to state agencies, local political subdivisions, and other interested parties undertaking archaeological work in conjunction with Section 106 in the State of Missouri.

### **Scope of Services**

Archaeologists responding to this RFQ who successfully meet the qualifications described below will provide the following types of professional services:

**Phase I Survey** will require review and research of previous investigations relevant to the project area to develop a research design which will, at minimum, include objectives, methods and expected results. Intensive field investigations should include thorough on-foot inspection and sufficient subsurface shovel testing to verify previously recorded sites and to determine the occurrence of new sites. The final project report should present all findings, correct or confirm the research design, recommend further action based on preliminary findings of significance and meet Historic Preservation Program and National Park Service guidelines.

**Phase II Evaluation** will require synthesis of data collected by Phase I Survey to prepare a research design for subsurface testing that will yield information sufficient to make a final determination of the eligibility of the site(s) for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Testing should be kept to the minimum necessary to yield an understanding of the site, and should include floral, faunal, and other analyses required to interpret the site(s).

**Phase III Registration/Mitigation** will require a detailed research design to yield information sufficient to prepare a nomination of the site(s) to the National Register of Historic Places. Mitigation will require excavations and analyses sufficient to 1) fully document the site(s) before destruction by project activities or to 2) prepare a plan to protect and preserve the site or portion of site from project activities.

## **Qualifications**

Archaeologists responding to this RFQ must meet the professional qualifications outlined in 36CFR61 as listed below. In addition to these basic qualifications, the principal investigator may be required to demonstrate experience with or knowledge of the cultural resources and existing database of a specific project area.

The minimum professional qualifications in archaeology are a graduate degree in archaeology, anthropology, or closely related field plus:

1. At least one year of full-time professional experience of equivalent specialized training in archaeological research, administration or management;
2. At least four months of supervised field and analytic experience in general North American archaeology; and
3. Demonstrated ability to carry research to completion.
4. Demonstrated understanding of Missouri prehistory and history.

**The consultants' list is provided by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources as a service to individuals, local governments, agencies, and businesses seeking the professional assistance of consultants with experience in archaeological services.** This list is not intended to be all inclusive; however, all consultants who request inclusion and who meet the professional qualifications outlined in 36CFR61, Appendix A, will be included. The department assumes no responsibility for the accuracy of this list and does not attest to the personal or corporate qualifications of persons or firms appearing on the list. The department does not quote the fees of these or any other consultants, whose level of experience and fees vary.

**The inclusion of a consultant on this list is not an endorsement, sanction, or certification of that consultant by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources nor by the State of Missouri.**