

**PERFORMANCE WORK STATEMENT (PWS)
Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA)
Mountaineer Training**

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1. Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) provides the fullest possible accounting for missing personnel from past conflicts to their families and to the United States nation. Within this mission, DPAA searches for missing personnel from World War II (WWII), the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, the Gulf Wars, and other recent conflicts. Our research and operational missions include coordination with hundreds of countries and municipalities around the world.

1.2 DPAA 15-2IN Recovery Team has been tasked with conducting recovery efforts at a recovery site in India, which is located at an altitude between 10,000 to 11,000 feet above sea level. To reach the site will require driving on unimproved roads for two days followed by a two day foot movement to the recovery site. In the event of an emergency the team will be required to stabilize the patient and transport via litter team from the base camp back down the mountain for two days to the trailhead where a physician and ambulance will be staged. As such, in the case of a MEDEVAC (Medical Evacuation) situation the team will face extraordinary challenges not typically faced by DPAA teams. As a part of the risk assessment/mitigation, the event will require that the team shall receive specific training to prepare for this mission.

2.0 SCOPE/OBJECTIVE

2.1. The Government seeks a contractor to provide comprehensive mountaineer training to include rigging and rescue techniques. The training must be customizable to the specific needs of the mission. Course content shall be a combination of theory, demonstration, practical application, and a Final Training Exercise (FTX) for assessment purposes. The first week of training (24 August to 29 August 2015) will take place on the Island of Oahu. This will be an introductory part of a training plan and will provide the foundation for the second week of training. During the second week of training (30 August to 04 September 2015) will take place at the Army's Pohukuloa Training Area (PTA) on the Big Island of Hawaii. PTA offers federal training sites with altitudes of over 10,000 feet which is necessary to directly simulate the recovery site. Training at PTA will give the team the much needed familiarization of working at altitudes comparable to the mission. More importantly, it will provide the environment necessary to identify any weaknesses and/or causes for concern in equipment and/or personnel prior to mission deployment.

3.0 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

3.1 The Contractor shall provide training for fifteen (15) personnel. The training shall be based upon mission requirements: altitude illness prevention and treatment, basic anchors,

basic belay techniques, casualty evacuation in low and high angle terrain, cold weather and mountain environment prevention, mountain operation risk management, and mountain movement techniques. Additionally the course will provide DPAA team members with the necessary annual refresher/enhancement training required by the risk mitigation plan based upon mission requirements.

The training will consist of two (2) phases: a Rope Rescue class and a Rope Practical Application. This will be concluded with the Final Training Exercise. Teams will travel in rental vehicles to PTA. All training site coordination will be through PTA staff.

Phase 1 Rope Rescue Classes (Island of Oahu) (POP: 24 August to 28 August 2015) – Class must have 1 classroom day that consists of rope theory and equipment familiarization. This talk and walk through shall be assisted with the use of essential equipment. The remainder of this phase shall consist of outdoor/practical application at various locations throughout the Island of Oahu. These topics shall include; rope rescue, system capabilities and limitations, mountain medicine, and medical evacuation procedures.

Phase 2 Rope Practical Application (Island of Hawai'i) (POP: 31 August to 04 September 2015) - Class will conclude with the FTX to determine the overall knowledge in conjunction with evacuation procedures. The FTX is to determine physical fitness, skill and knowledge base, team building, and rope safety/theory combined with a high-altitude/mountainous environment. The practical exercise shall demonstrate all of the skills learned in Phase 1 at an elevation between 10,000-11,000 feet above sea level.

4.0 PLACE OF PERFORMANCE

4.1 The first week training will be from 24 August to 29 August on the Island of Oahu, Hawaii. The first week of training will take place in the classroom and various locations throughout Oahu that best provide a practical knowledge base.

4.2 The second week of training will be from 30 August to 04 September on the Island of Hawaii. Training will take place at the U.S. Army's training facility (PTA) located on the Big Island of Hawaii.

5.0 PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

5.1 The Period of Performance will be from 24 August 2015 to 04 September 2015.

6.0 POINT OF CONTACT:

6.1 Point-of-Contact: Captain David Gooch, 808-471-1408, Email: david.r.gooch2.mil@mail.mil.

7.0 ENTERPRISE-WIDE CONTRACTOR MANPOWER REPORTING APPLICATION

7.1 The contractor shall report ALL contractor labor hours (including subcontractor labor hours)

required for performance of services provided under this contract via a secure data collection site. Contracted services excluded from reporting are based on Product Services Codes (PSCs). The Excluded PSCs are:

- (1) W, Lease of Equipment;
- (2) X, Lease/Rental of Facilities;
- (3) Y, Construction of Structures and Facilities;
- (4) S, Utilities ONLY;
- (5) V, Freight and Shipping ONLY.

The contractor is required to completely fill in all required data fields using the following web address <https://doncmra.nmci.navy.mil> . Reporting inputs will be for the labor executed during the period of performance during each Government fiscal year (FY), which runs October 1 through September 30. While inputs may be reported any time during the FY, all data shall be reported no later than October 31 of each calendar year. Contractors may direct questions to the help desk, linked at <https://doncmra.nmci.navy.mil>."