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### **2018 READINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INTEGRATION (REPI) PROGRAM CHALLENGE --REQUEST FOR PRE-PROPOSALS--**

#### **U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities, Greenville, SC**

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The U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) today announced that it is accepting pre-proposals for the *2018 Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program Challenge*. The Request for Pre-Proposals and the downloadable PDF pre-proposal form are available on the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Community's (the Endowment) [webpage](#) or by contacting [Peter@usendowment.org](mailto:Peter@usendowment.org). The deadline for pre-proposal submission is 8 p.m. EST, Friday, January 26, 2018. Up to \$15 million is available for one or multiple awards. Final awards are planned to be announced in July of 2018.

The REPI Challenge, established in 2012, is a competitive process to seek projects that accelerate land conservation and military mission protection efforts through innovative partnerships and shared financing. The 2018 REPI Challenge includes several focus areas, including: land conservation or management activities that leverage species crediting approaches to relieve current or anticipated environmental restrictions on military testing, training, or operations; targeted land conservation within watersheds important to the safe and adequate supply of water to DoD installations and ranges; and acquisition of water rights that directly sustains or enhances military mission activities as a key element of a land protection project that limits incompatible development or preserves habitat.

The REPI Challenge seeks to engage the private sector to access and tap unconventional and high-leverage sources of funding, attract additional philanthropic sources, and take advantage of market-based approaches to advance program goals.

The 2017 REPI Challenge resulted in \$9.2 million in awards that leveraged nearly \$10.1 million in non-DoD partner funding to the Eastern North Carolina Sentinel Landscape Partnership. This partnership represents a coordinated effort between the Army, Marine Corps, Air Force, other Federal agencies, state and local governments, and non-profit organizations to protect rural and natural lands important to the Nation's defense mission across 33 counties in the state.

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