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2019 READINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INTEGRATION (REPI) PROGRAM CHALLENGE --REQUEST FOR PRE-PROPOSALS--

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The U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) today announced that it is accepting pre-proposals for the *2019 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 [webpage](#) or by contacting Peter@usendowment.org. The deadline for pre-proposal submission is 8 p.m. EST, Friday, January 25, 2019. Up to \$15 million is available for one or multiple awards. Final awards are planned to be announced in June of 2019.

The REPI Challenge, established in 2012, is a competitive process to seek projects that accelerate land conservation and military mission protection through innovative partnerships and shared financing.

The goal of the 2019 REPI Challenge is to support land conservation or management activities that limit incompatible development, enhance military installation resilience, or relieve current or anticipated environmental restrictions at locations hosting key capabilities identified in the [National Defense Strategy](#). Competitive proposals will demonstrate actions that improve military readiness and build a stronger joint force by protecting investments to assets and platforms in support of one or more of the key capabilities listed in the Request for Proposals.

Partners are strongly encouraged to coordinate closely with local installation or range staff to verify the presence of key National Defense Strategy capabilities prior to proposal development.

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

Last year, the 2018 REPI Challenge resulted in \$4.8 million in awards that leveraged nearly \$15.8 million in non-DoD partner funding to Ft. Benning, Georgia, and Ft. Huachuca, Arizona. The Army at Ft. Benning will use \$3.7 million in REPI Challenge funds to leverage more than \$5 million from The Nature Conservancy and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to acquire a 7,051 acre parcel that increases the installation's compatible buffer by 25% and that benefits at-risk species conservation. The Army and its Sentinel Landscape partners at Ft. Huachuca will use \$1.1 million in REPI Challenge funds to leverage more than \$3 million in partner funds for a 1,050 acre easement that will reduce competition for scarce water resources in the San Pedro River Watershed.

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