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UNLV Mission

- UNLV is committed to demonstrating how the traditional values of higher education can be adapted to the conditions and needs of individuals and communities in the 21st century.
- Key macrothemes of the university's strategic plan include Economic Development, Preservation of History & Culture, and Community Outreach & Collaboration.



UNLV & BLM Partnership

- In keeping with these macrothemes, UNLV is embarking on several partnerships with the BLM and related agencies to provide a wide array of research, technical assistance, education, and service support on projects funded through the SNPLMA.
- UNLV is a research extensive university with academic departments and research centers and institutes that embrace a broad scope of interests and expertise.



UNLV & BLM Partnership

- Drawing on the expertise within these units and beyond, the university can develop programs to address resource issues and interdisciplinary problem-solving at any level necessary to address the complex issues facing federal agencies and their partners.



UNLV Inter-agency Services

- Among the services UNLV can provide to inter-agency partners, either wholly or in part, are:
 - Administrative and fiscal support services.
 - Access to university faculty and staff expertise.
 - Computer, GIS, database, and computational support services.
 - Facilities management.
 - Facilities design, planning, and construction management.
 - Surveys, statistics, marketing models, analysis and reports.
 - Project management.
 - Program management.
 - Park and trail conceptual design.
 - Competitive and discretionary procurement of services.
 - Status of construction and financial reports.



Credibility & Results

- UNLV faculty, staff, and students have a successful history of partnering with local agencies to research and/or assist in the development of public projects.
- The university has expertise in procuring and managing consultants to stay within timelines and budget.
- The university has extensive experience in competitive selection processes and the ability to manage those processes.



Sample Projects

- Las Vegas Springs Preserve
- National Park Service/Lake Mead Trails Project
- North Las Vegas Demonstration Garden
- Oliver Ranch Cultural Survey
- Municipal Parks Master Plans – Elko, Ely, Dayton, Minden, Boulder City
- NDOT Master Plan
- Elementary School Courtyard Landscapes



Input and Control

- The university can serve in any role desired to meet the needs of a partnering agency:
 - Serve as an extension of the agency's staff within existing agency structures and policies.
 - Comply with agency procedures and policies.
 - Extend agency program initiatives and directions.
 - Provide complete project management on behalf of the agency.
 - Manage federal compliance procedures.



Emphasis on Education

- The university and its faculty can bring a value-added approach to public projects:
 - Develop wayside and visitor center exhibits.
 - Provide multilingual and culturally appropriate educational materials and signage.
 - Produce TV and radio productions for public education and outreach.
 - Provide interactive Web materials.
 - Conduct environmental scans.



Emphasis on Research

The university can identify and research unique conditions that may be present:

- Historical resources.
- Cultural resources.
- Natural resources.
- Ecosystems.
- Engineering solutions.



Emphasis on Professional Results

- The university can ensure professional, timely results.
 - Draw upon qualified contractors based on qualifications or competitive pricing.
 - Use agency-qualified consultants based on existing selection processes.
 - Offer in-house, experienced professionals and faculty as appropriate.



Case Study:

Kiel Ranch Historic Site & Trailhead

Potential Project Assistance:

- Program and project management.
- Technical assistance.
- NEPA oversight.
- Scope verifications.
- Public input process, outreach, and communication.
- Compliance with federal agencies.
- Consultant and contractor procurement and oversight.



Potential Educational and Research Assistance

- Anthropology
- Biology
- Civil Engineering
- Construction Mgmt.
- Desert Research Institute
- Environ. Studies
- Foreign Languages
- Geosciences
- History
- Landscape Architecture
- Leisure Studies



Summary

- Professional Expertise.
- Educational Resources.
- Capacity to Help.
- Available for Partnerships.



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