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Mr. Craig Nelsen  
Exploration Manager U.S.A.  
LAC Minerals (U.S.A.), Inc.  
1395 Greg Street, Suite 107  
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RE: Request for Proposal - Rosebud

Dear Craig:

Enclosed you will find my suggested Request for Proposal for the Rosebud cultural survey as well as three suggested bidders. Generally I have heard that Intermountain is qualified although I have no experience with them. Ann Peak did a very good job of gaining clearance of a sensitive historic site for Gary. ARS, under my direction, came in and did a fine job of "fixing" some problem sites created by Sagebrush Consultants (Ogden, UT) at Chimney Creek. Nat's firm should be added to the list of bidders.

Please give me a call after you have had a chance to review the RFP.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Gast  
Principal

TEG:sam  
Enc.

cc: Nat Brewer

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Recommended Bid List

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(702) 246-5800

Ann Peak & Associates  
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Sacramento, CA 95826  
(916) 452-4435

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P.O. Box 701  
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## **Request for Proposal**

### **Professional Consultant Services To Conduct a Class III Archeological Reconnaissance For the Propose LAC Minerals Rosebud Exploration Project**

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#### **A. BACKGROUND**

LAC Minerals (U.S.A.), Inc. (company) is proposing to expand its ongoing mineral exploration program in the southern Kamma Mountains approximately 54 miles north of Lovelock, Nevada. The company intends to submit its expanded Plan of Operations to the Winnemucca District, BLM in early March 1990.

In accordance with BLM regulation and applicable federal statute, the exploration area must be surveyed with any identified cultural resources subject to the Section 106 consultation process with Nevada's State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO). Due to the BLM's current workload and inability to complete the necessary survey in a timely fashion, the company is looking to retain a qualified contractor to complete the required survey.

LAC has requested that Environmental Management Services Company (EMS) assist in the contractor selection process. Four qualified contractors are being requested to submit their firm's qualifications, detailed work plans and cost proposals.

#### **B. LAC MINERALS (U.S.A.), INC.'s ROSEBUD PROJECT**

LAC controls either by staking or by lease, approximately 9,000 acres of unpatented mining claims which are located in parts of Townships 34 and 35 North, Ranges 29 and 30 East in northern Pershing County, Nevada. Appropriate maps are attached to this RFP. LAC began exploration in July 1988 under a Notice. As results were somewhat encouraging, LAC expanded its operations in June 1989 and filed a Plan of Operations. Accompanying the Plan were an EA



prepared by EMS and a cultural survey report prepared by Mariah Associates. The approved plan was expanded in October and this request was supported by an additional Mariah survey.

The original cultural survey covered an area of approximately 460 acres. Dr. Vierra of Mariah identified and recorded three sites. The first two included a small historic tin scatter and a small historic glass scatter. Dr. Vierra determined that these sites did not meet any NRHP eligibility criteria. Site 3, was identified by Dr. Vierra as the "historic Rosebud Mine dated to 1906." He determined that this site met NRHP eligibility criterion (a). BLM reviewed this report and recommended avoidance until significance could be determined citing criteria's (a) and (d). SHPO agreed with (d) but felt additional information would be required to support (a). LAC agreed to avoid all these sites.

The second survey covered about 609 acres. During the course of this survey, Dr. Vierra recorded a small historic trash scatter, a small lithic scatter, three historic prospect pits and a historic corral. The corral was determined eligible under (d) by Dr. Vierra. Again LAC was stipulated to avoid all recorded sites and so agreed because all identified areas could be avoided.

LAC is proposing to expand its exploration operations and will require the survey of an additional 700 to 1,000 acres. Included in the survey boundary are the town sites of Goldbug and Rosebud. There are currently no remaining structures at these short-lived habitation sites but trash and glass scatters are present. LAC expects that its exploration plans will require some disturbance to these scatters and total avoidance may not be possible. At this time, no further cultural work is required in the previously Mariah surveyed areas.



### C. GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK

1. Contractor will be responsible for all aspects of the required survey, including agency negotiation, field work, site recordation, preparation of a draft report for LAC's review, preparation of the final reports and completion of the Section 106 consultation process. All previous reports prepared by Mariah Associates will be available to the successful bidder as will copies of additional materials from LAC's project files. LAC personnel will be available to show the successful contractor the survey area on-the-ground.

2. Schedule -- The successful bidder will be notified by February 2, 1990. The final report is to be available for filing with the BLM by March 2, 1990. Minor delays due to snow cover may be negotiated although the survey area is currently snow-free and it generally is snow covered for only brief periods.

### D. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

1. Due date, place and number of copies.

All proposals must be received by January 29, 1990. One copy submitted to:

Mr. Nat Brewer  
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and one copy submitted to:

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## 2. Contents

- a. Demonstration of understanding of required scope of work, including the required Section 106 consultation process and current Nevada Permit.
- b. Experience with Nevada cultural surveys in areas of historic sensitivity and demonstrated capability to negotiate reasonable mitigation.
- c. Experience of project team in conducting similar studies.
- d. Project schedule.
- e. Cost proposal assuming a 700 acre survey area and a 1,000 acre survey area.

We would appreciate being notified of your interest in performing the work. Should you have further questions, please contact Tom Gast of EMS.