

SRI Receives Grant from U.S. Department of Defense

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Statistical Research, Inc. has been awarded a grant to integrate the predictive modeling of archaeological site locations into compliance programs at U.S. Department of Defense installations.

Tucson, Arizona, August 23, 2007 -- Statistical Research, Inc. and the SRI Foundation have been awarded a \$1.1 million grant from the Engineering Security Technology Certification Program (ESTCP) of the United States Department of Defense (DoD) to integrate the predictive modeling of archaeological site location into cultural resources compliance programs at DoD installations nationwide.

Only the second cultural resources project ever funded by ESTCP, the predictive modeling project builds on three Legacy Resource Management Program grants issued to the firms since 2001. The results of these program grants have demonstrated the feasibility of the approach. The four-year ESTCP effort will support demonstration projects at Fort Drum, New York; Eglin Air Force Base (AFB), Florida; the Utah Test and Training Range, Utah (Hill AFB); and the Saylor Creek Range, Idaho (Mountain Home AFB).

The goal of the project is nothing short of changing the fundamental approach to cultural resource compliance. Dr. Jeffrey Altschul, the project's co-principal investigator, stated, "We want to move the DoD away from project-by-project, site-by-site compliance, which is costly in terms of money and time and often fails to meet the agency's stewardship responsibility. Instead, we intend to shift the dynamic to the installationwide management of resources."

Statistical Research, Inc., a privately held international heritage management firm, is a leader in the development and application of technology to improve the quality of historic preservation while reducing the cost and time of environmental compliance. The firm has long been recognized for its contributions to archaeological predictive modeling.

This demonstration project is sponsored by the U.S. Air Force's Headquarters Air Combat Command, where Dr. Paul Green serves as the project's co-principal investigator. Project administration is provided by the URS Corporation.

ESTCP was established in 1995 as the DoD's environmental technology demonstration and validation program. ESTCP identifies, demonstrates, and transfers technologies and methods that address DoD's highest-priority environmental requirements. Successful demonstrations lead to the acceptance of innovative tools and approaches by DoD end users and the regulatory community.