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The popularity of off highway vehicles (OHV), that are defined in section 261.03, Florida Statutes which include all-terrain vehicles (ATV), off highway motorcycles (OHM), and recreational off-highway vehicles (ROV) has remained steady in Florida over the past several years. According to Florida's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and data from the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, OHV's continue to be purchased and are used in all parts of the state. However, with this growth, there are a very limited number of legal areas to ride on public lands. In order to accommodate the increasing number of OHV users in Florida and adequately protect sensitive Florida ecosystems, more areas need to be purchased, planned and developed.

The purpose of T. Mark Schmidt Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Program (hereinafter referred to as the OHV Grant Program) is to provide financial assistance to governmental agencies or eligible applicants in order to provide or improve off-highway vehicle recreational areas or trails for public use on public lands. Through the Off-Highway Vehicle Titling Program, the state of Florida has been allocated funds for implementing this program. The primary purpose of the OHV Grant Program is to provide and/or improve off-highway riding opportunities on public lands by establishing and/or maintaining existing or new riding areas; provide environmental protection and restoration to affected natural areas in the system; provide enforcement of applicable regulations related to the system and off-highway vehicle activities; provide safety, training and rider education in the operation of off-highway vehicles and if funds are available, acquire lands to be included in the system and manage, maintain and rehabilitate such lands. Total funding available for grants will be recommended by the Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Advisory Committee on an annual basis, approved by the Commissioner of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and appropriated by the Florida Legislature. Project deliverables must be completed by June 30, 2018. Failure to complete all deliverables by the deadline can result in loss of funding.

The OHV Grant Program is intended to help state, federal and local governments; state and federally recognized tribal units with lands in Florida and registered non-profit organizations plan, develop and rehabilitate facilities and lands associated with off-highway use and not meant to be a continual funding source for staffing such areas.

Request for Proposal will be opened at the below address at 02:00 P.M., November 30, 2017.

Please direct all questions to:

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