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2017 READINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INTEGRATION (REPI) PROGRAM CHALLENGE REQUEST FOR PRE-PROPOSALS

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The U.S. Department of Defense today announced that it is accepting pre-proposals for the *2017 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 (the Endowment) [webpage](#). This information is also available by contacting Peter@usendowment.org. The deadline for submissions is 8 p.m. EST, Friday, November 18, 2016. Up to \$10 million is available for one or multiple awards through the 2017 REPI Challenge. Final awards will be announced in April of 2017.

The REPI Challenge seeks to leverage public and private funds for land conservation projects that limit incompatible development or that relieve current or anticipated environmental restrictions on military testing, training, or operations. "The REPI Challenge incentivizes high-leverage land conservation opportunities to maintain compatible land uses and conserve natural resources near Department of Defense installations and ranges," said Peter Stangel, Senior Vice President at the Endowment.

The REPI Challenge seeks to engage the private sector to access and tap unconventional and high-leverage sources of funding, attract additional philanthropic sources, and take advantage of market-based approaches to secure the most land at the least cost.

The 2016 REPI Challenge resulted in \$7.2 million in awards to leverage more than \$44 million in partner funds to protect 27,506 acres at four locations: Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Huachuca, Arizona; Naval Air Station (NAS) Patuxent River, Maryland; and Townsend Bombing Range, Georgia.

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