

Questions and Answers for RFP21-OPD-DPW-MOT-0153

Q1. I am requesting the RFP package associated with RFP21-OPD/DPW/MOT-153 "Tinian Dump Closure and Facility Feasibility Assessment and Recommendations Report".

A1. The RFP Package can be obtained from the Division of Procurement and Supply or downloaded from the OPD Website at <https://opd.gov.mp/news/rfp/rfp21-opd-dpw-mot-153/>

That post includes hyperlinks to the referenced [2005 Tinian Dump Closure Comprehensive Study Report](#) and the [2012 Tinian Landfill Design](#).

Q2. Please confirm which CNMI Government entity the project will be contracted to, will it be with OPD or DPW?

A2. OPD is the expenditure authority. The selected bidder will be working closely with OPD, DPW, and the Office of the Mayor of Tinian on this project.

Q3. Are there any affidavit forms required to be submitted with the proposal packet?

A3. The application package posted at OPD.gov.mp includes all documents required by Procurement and Supply.

Q4a. The DRAFT 2012 Basis of Design Report for the Tinian Landfill has no Appendix files included in the referenced PDF document. Please provide all report Appendix files.

Q4b. I've downloaded the **DRAFT 2012 Tinian Landfill Basis of Design Report** but there are no Appendices in the PDF document. Can you please provide all Appendix files in an email reply or on a file share program. Also, this document is in Draft format, was the document ever Finalized?

A4. OPD has provided all of the files we currently have available. Although requests to obtain Appendices have been shared with partner agencies, it is possible that there is no digital copy Appendices available and recommended that proposals proceed providing an option for costs to address this gap if supporting files cannot be obtained and shared in advance of a notice to proceed.

Q5. Will the USEPA and BECQ be included in the review of the draft and final documents?

A5. Yes, the membership of the Inter-island Solid Waste Management Taskforce that includes USEPA and BECQ will review draft and final documents.

Q6a. Will the successful proposer be conflicted out of any future design projects for the dump closure?

Q6b. If the prime is conflicted out, would a subconsultant be conflicted out of priming the design project later on?

A6. There was considerable discussion with P&S on these questions – we are anticipating a response from their Legal Counsel by 9/7 and will circulate that reply as soon as possible.

Q7. When is the anticipated date of award?

A7. CNMI intends to conduct interviews of qualified bidders and aims to select a candidate within a month of the close of the award. Contract processing times may vary but we hope to be able to issue a Notice to Proceed by November, 2021.

Q8. Weekly and monthly meeting venues - Will the weekly coordination meeting and monthly "All Hands" check-ins with the SW Taskforce be available in virtual meeting format (i.e. MS Teams, Webex, etc.)?

A8. These meetings are currently held virtually (via Zoom) and this is anticipated to continue for the duration of this project.

Q9. Are the current open landfill and alternates on public lands?

A9. Yes, the Tinian Dump and other potentially identified alternative sites are on public lands. The Department of Public Lands' 2019 Public Land Use Plan details current waste management site designations on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. Saipan is the only island in CNMI that currently has an open and RCRA compliant landfill. Additional solid waste management sites are designated on Tinian, including the current Tinian Dump, the Tinian Transfer Station (built but not yet in operation), the temporary DLNR waste segregation site (operation permitted through January 2022 and part of emergency response disaster debris plan). The Masalog site has been designated as a future potential landfill location and a brownfields cost assessment is currently pending approval with USEPA which should be completed in the next year and could be included in the discussion of costs and alternatives, including Tinian's Zero Waste planning initiative, in this proposal.

Q10. Has the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process completed or started?

A10. No. NEPA is not triggered by planning efforts and has not started for this project, which will comply with NEPA requirements through the RCRA permitting process. A brief analysis of environmental impacts using something like a NEPA checklist to assess alternatives may be a reasonable approach to discussing considerations regarding various management options to support additional analysis.

Q11. May we request a sample contract prior to bid, for us to review the terms and conditions and insurance required?

A11. CNMI has standard terms and conditions in contract terms. A request has been forwarded to Procurement and will be provided as soon as possible.

Q12. Should bidders include COVID-19 quarantine hours? If yes, how many days/hours of quarantine anticipated?

A12. If travel to CNMI by off-island non-residents is necessary for the performance of the proposed scope, it is suggested line-item costs include the possibility of ongoing quarantine requirements which are currently a mandatory 5-days in a quarantine facility with release on the provision of a negative result on day 6.

Q13. Doesn't our RFI need to be shared with other proposers so we are all on the same page?

A13. RFI and responses received through 10am ChST, August 30, will be shared with all prospective bidders and will be posted on the OPD website when they are available.

We will share this information ASAP and are working to confirm our responses with Procurement and Supply and need to coordinate the sharing of this information with them as well.