
RFP21-OPD-063

Q1: Does the Office of Planning and Development intend to award a firm-fixed-price contract for this work or is another contract mechanism preferred?

A1: Yes, OPD intends to award a firm-fixed-price contract and encourages proposals that identify necessary and optional add-on line items to support price negotiations with the selected bidder.

Q2: Can the Office of Planning and Development provide its full set of Terms and Conditions for the Contract this work will be performed under?

A2: The Terms and Conditions for this contract are standard for all CNMI Government Purchase of Services Contracts, and will incorporate by reference the details specified in the proposal. Payment may be proposed based on submission of deliverables or 50% up front and 50% upon completion.

Q3: Is there a page limit on the written proposal including the schedule?

A3: No, there is no page limit, but succinct responses are encouraged.

Q4: Should the written proposal and cost estimate be published and provided as separate sealed packages.

A4: It is unclear what is meant by “published”. As this is a competitive bidding process, sealed proposals must be submitted to the Office of Procurement as detailed in the RFP.

Q5: Can the Office of Planning and Development provide the latest estimate for the amount of waste received at the Tinian Landfill on a daily or weekly basis to allow bidders to appropriately plan the assessment of Tinian’s municipal solid waste stream as required by the RFP?

A5: Estimates suggest current weekly disposal of municipal solid waste on Tinian is approximately twenty tons; however, proposals that would verify this estimate and provide statistically significant waste stream analysis through the proposed curbside pick-up program as well as consideration of dump sites or other waste disposal methods are also encouraged.

Q6. For the purpose of developing a realistic project schedule, can the Office of Planning and Development provide the anticipated project award date.

A6: OPD is optimistic proposals will be reviewed and interviews scheduled as needed in order to select a qualified bidder within ninety days of the proposal submission deadline. As noted on Page 5 of the RFP, it is requested that bidders propose a timeline that ensures delivery of a draft

plan that provides adequate time for review and feedback from the Inter-island Solid Waste Working Group within twelve (12) months of the issuance of the notice to proceed.

Q7: Does the proposal anticipate any military buildup waste?

A7: No, this proposal does not anticipate the management of any military build-up waste, however, commercial activities including sub-contractors that may support some existing military waste may be relevant for consideration.

Q8: Is the bidder expected to provide trash pickup services service during the data collection phase and the pilot program? Or will DPW perform the trash collection and sorting for the bidder?

A8: Ideally the successful bidder would be the primary lead in designing and implementing the proposed pilot project. Proposals that provide line-item costs for a variety of approaches to pick-up, assessment, and disposal services including possibility for training and engagement of existing staff from DPW and the Mayor of Tinian's Office are encouraged.

Q9: Will CUC provide the manpower and equipment services needed for the weight-based data assessment that will include listed categorization requirements?

A9: CUC will not be providing manpower or equipment services for this project. Proposals that include use of the Tinian weight station or other specific equipment or manpower from the Department of Public Works – Tinian and Tinian Mayor's Office if needed as well as line-item costs should such support not be available are encouraged.

Q10: Does data include typhoon waste?

A10: Proposals that include a contingency or additional line-item cost(s) to assess typhoon waste should a typhoon occur during the performance period are encouraged.

Q11: Who will handle the necessary "dump" permits for the pilot project?

A11: Proposals that provide detailed costs for disposal of collected waste at an environmentally compliant facility are encouraged. This may include proposed costs for initiation of a temporary operations permit for the existing Tinian Transfer Station to allow for use of that facility contingent on shipping of collected waste to an environmentally compliant site within 48 hours of collection.

Q12: Does Tinian export its waste? If yes, who exports Tinian's waste?

A12: Waste that must be excluded from the Tinian Dump is periodically shipped off island using private contractors.

Q13: Does Tinian have a recycling center?

A13: Tinian has a Transfer Station however operations have not yet been permitted due to the need to ensure municipal and recyclable waste is not stored at the facility for greater than 48 hours. As such, Tinian is currently storing recyclable materials and green waste at temporary facilities. Proposals that support environmentally compliant waste removal as well as result in the development of recommendations for more permanent recycling and green waste facilities are encouraged.

Q14. What role does Tinian's transfer station currently play in waste management services for Tinian? Is it currently being utilized and if so, how?

A14: Please see response regarding the Transfer Station provided above.