
RFP21-OPD-062

Q1: Will the projects associated with the recent award of \$5.7 million be RFP'ed at another time or will these funds be used to pay for the winner of this current RFP21-OPD-62.

A1: The funds from the supplemental disaster funding through USEPA are being used to support this and other RFPs, and additional RFPs will be forthcoming.

Q2: Does the Office of Planning and Development intend to award a firm-fixed-price contract for this work or is another contract mechanism preferred?

A2: 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.

Q3: Can the Office of Planning and Development provide its full set of Terms and Conditions for the Contract this work will be performed under?

A3: 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.

Q4: Is there a page limit on the written proposal including the schedule?

A4: No, there is no page limit, but succinct responses are encouraged.

Q5: Should the written proposal and cost estimate be published and provided as separate sealed packages?

A5: It is unclear what is meant by “published”. As this is a competitive bidding process, sealed proposals must be submitted to the CNMI Department of Finance’s Division of Procurement Services as detailed in the RFP.

Q6: Can the Office of Planning and Development provide the 2019 DPE Feasibility Study Report so all bidders have the most recent information for updating and expanding of the waste category as requested by the RFP?

A6: The 2019 Feasibility Study Report is available here:

<https://opd.gov.mp/library/reports/2019-dpw-solid-waste-management-feasibility-study/>

Q7: Is a copy of the 2012 Guam hosted Zero-Waste Visioning Session available for review to assist in understanding what has already been communicated within CNMI's Zero-Waste strategy?

A7: Guam's Zero Waste Plan and supporting documentation are available online here:

https://issuu.com/guamepa/docs/guam_zero_waste_plan_final_-_volu

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To assist in understanding what has already been communicated within CNMI's Zero-Waste strategy, it is suggested that bidders also view OPD's 2020 Resources Report, available at

<https://opd.gov.mp/library/reports/resources-report/>

Q8: Can the Office of Planning and Development provide the latest estimate for the amount of waste received at the Saipan Lower Base Transfer Station/Marpi Landfill on a daily or weekly basis to allow bidders to appropriately plan the Contractor-generated CNMI solid waste characterization required by the RFP?

A8: Please see Marpi Landfill generation data published in the [2019 Feasibility Study Report](#).

Q9: For the purpose of developing a realistic project schedule, can the Office of Planning and Development provide the anticipated project award date.

A9: 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 6 of the RFP, it is requested that bidders propose a timeline that ensures delivery of a final plan that provides adequate time for review and public comment within eighteen (18) months of the issuance of the notice to proceed.

Q10: RFP21-OPD-062 says in the first page, "Proposals submitted by firms outside the Commonwealth must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official postal service of a foreign Country ...". However, if we use the official postal service from Japan, we cannot use the postal service because they have stopped the international postal services in the Commonwealth. Could you accept us to use any other private postal services instead?

A10: The U.S. Postal Service is accepting international mail.

Q11: Regarding the submission manner, could you accept our agent in Saipan to submit the proposal instead of the postal services?

A11: Yes. Additionally, a Notice of Intent Form (page 4) should be sent to DOF's Division of Procurement Services at the email address or fax number provided.

Q12: Could the discussion for the purpose of clarification in the proposal submitted be conducted on the web due to the quarantine situation for COVID-19 in the Commonwealth?

A12: Questions regarding the proposal must be sent in writing so they can be shared with all prospective bidders.

Q13: When do you expect to start this consultant services?

A13: 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.

Q14: Can we have a copy of 2019 Feasibility Study report for DPW's Marpi Landfill Facility?

A14: The 2019 Feasibility Study Report is available here:

<https://opd.gov.mp/library/reports/2019-dpw-solid-waste-management-feasibility-study/>

Q15. Will Saipan landfill contractor provide services needed for the weight-based data assessment that will include listed categorization requirements?

A15: Past and current collection data from Saipan's DPW and their respective contractor will be shared, however, additional data collection is encouraged to provide for the full suite of categorization requested in this RFP.

Q16. Does Saipan have an operational Recycling Center?

A16: Saipan has a "Transfer Station" that receives some recyclables. Please see the 2020 Resources Report, available at <https://opd.gov.mp/library/reports/resources-report/> and the [2019 Feasibility Study](#) for additional information regarding the current state of CNMI recycling and transfer facilities.

Q17. Does Saipan have an operational Transfer Station? What waste is currently being accepted at this facility and how is it managed or transported?

A17: Please see initial response above. Private recycling companies periodically ship recyclable metals off island. This RFP is seeking additional assessment of recycling collection and transportation options including cost benefit analysis to support recommendations developed in this assessment.

Q18: Does Saipan export their waste? If yes, who is the exporter?

A18: Waste that must be excluded from Saipan's Marpi Landfill is periodically shipped off island using private contractors.

Q19. Will Rota landfill operator provide services needed for the weight-based data assessment that will include listed categorization requirements?

A19: Rota does not currently have a weight station. Additional assessment approaches are encouraged to obtain a statistically significant sampling of solid waste categorization for the island of Rota.

Q20. Does Rota export their waste? If yes, who is the exporter?

A20: Waste that must be excluded from Rota's waste management facility is periodically shipped off island using private contractors. Most recently USEPA supported collection of select hazardous waste and e-waste from Rota – a report on this effort is currently pending and has been requested but is not available at this time.

Q21. Will Tinian landfill operator provide services needed for the weight-based assessment that will include listed categorization requirements?

A21: Tinian has a Transfer Station with a weight 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. Therefore, currently municipal solid waste is being disposed of at the "Tinian Dump". Additional assessment approaches are encouraged to obtain a statistically significant sampling of solid waste categorization for the island of Tinian.

Q22. Does Tinian export their waste? If yes, who is the exporter?

A22: Waste that must be excluded from Tinian's waste management facility is periodically shipped off island using private contractors. Most recently USEPA supported collection of select hazardous waste and e-waste from Tinian – a report on this effort is currently pending and has been requested but is not available at this time.