

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP15-DOC-064

Preparation of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy For the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands

(Funded by the Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce)

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lieutenant Governor Ralph DLG Torres, thru the CNMI Department of Commerce, are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified individuals and firms interested in preparing an update of the CNMI's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The contact for professional services is to be funded by a grant from the Economic Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce. The work required will encompass the entire CNMI, including the islands of Rota, Tinian, Saipan and the Northern Islands.

Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, or latest edition thereof. CNMI Public Law 15-95, Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118, does not apply to this federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rate established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The proposal package will be available on or after **April 01, 2015** at the Office of the Secretary of Commerce or online website page at www.commerce.gov.mp.

A mandatory pre-proposal conference is scheduled for **10:00 a.m., local time, April 17, 2015** at the Commonwealth Development Authority located in San Jose Village, Saipan, MP 96950.

Questions concerning this RFP are due no later than the close of business, **April 22, 2015** and shall be submitted, in writing, to the Secretary of Commerce at facsimile number (670) 664-3067 or emailed to ceds@commerce.gov.mp.

Responses to questions will be sent to all registered prospective proposers no later than the close of business, **April 30, 2015**.

Proposers must submit with their proposal a project approach and schedule for completion, addressing the scope of work requirements with explanation of how the work will be accomplished. Include the name(s) of the responsible person(s) and experience (resume') of the responsible individual or team members. The total proposal length shall not exceed 25 pages.

An individual or firm that submits a proposal as a prime consultant cannot also submit as a sub-consultant on another proposal. A firm or individual may be a sub-consultant in multiple proposals by different proposers.

Proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "RFP15-DOC-064". For proposers within the CNMI, one (1) original and four (4) copies of the proposal must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Drive, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 a.m., local time, May 11, 2015.**


Proposers located outside the CNMI shall electronically submit proposals to **procurement@pticom.com**. All proposals shall be received no later than **10:00 a.m., local time, May 11, 2015.**

Note: failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The CNMI government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in any proposal if, in its opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of the CNMI.

All proposals shall become the exclusive property of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands government.


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