Q: *Where can I find more details on the request for proposal?*

A: You can access RFP15-DOC-064 at the Commerce website at the following link:

<http://commerce.gov.mp/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/CEDS-RFP15-DOC-064-Product.pdf>

Q: *What is the Scope of Services?*

A: Scope of Services can also be accessed at the Commerce website at the following link:

<http://commerce.gov.mp/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/CEDS-SCOPE-OF-SERVICES-Product.pdf>

Q: *How can I access the application?*

A: Application for CEDS is also available on the Commerce website at the following link:

<http://commerce.gov.mp/2015/04/request-for-proposal/>

Q: *When is the deadline for the submission of proposals?*

A: May 11, 2015

Q: *Where do I submit the proposals?*

A: On island, please submit one (1) original and four (4) copies marked “RFP15-DOC-064” to the office of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Drive, Saipan or for off-island, please submit thru email:  procurement@pticom.com, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, May 11, 2015.

Q*:  Can I still submit my proposal even though I could not participate during the mandatory pre-proposal conference?*

A: Yes.

Q: *Has there been similar projects done in the past?*

A: Yes, CEDS are being developed every 4-5 years.

Q*:  How do we obtain the data elements from the model?*

A: Please visit Commerce's website at:  [www.commerce.gov.mp](http://www.commerce.gov.mp/) (Both 2013 CNMI Econometric Model and 2009-2014 CEDS are available.)

Q*: Is there an option to use another model?*

A: You may incorporate your model, as long as it’s relevant to CNMI

Q: *How soon can we be informed of the results of our submission?*

A: Fourteen (14) days after the closing date on May 11, 2015

Q*: Can we team up with other proposers?*

A: While the RFP is competitive, a proposal must be submitted individually. However, we don’t see any impediments other firms working in team with the selected firm.

Q: *If I should be the successful proposer, how soon can funds be disbursed to defray some initial cost?*

A: Disbursement of funds and terms of payment should be outlined upon execution of contract. Expenses on the part of the contractor should not be incurred without the notice to Proceed being issued.

Q: *Could we get a copy of previous report?*

A: Yes, a copy can be accessed online at the Commerce Website or at the following link:

<http://commerce.gov.mp/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/CNMI_CEDS_Report-2009-2014-3.pdf>