



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
2nd floor - Oleai Joeten Commercial Center
Saipan, MP 96950



INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW24-ITB No.: 42400006

Route 36 (Windward/Chalan Kalabera) Improvement, Phase 1A

Governor Arnold I. Palacios and Lt. Governor David M. Apantang, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the **Route 36 (Chalan Kalarera) Improvement, Phase 1A, Saipan** Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **November 09, 2023** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect.”

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITUES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **November 28, 2023**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All question regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **December 07, 2023** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer’s Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of

intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828 no later than ten (10) Calendar days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW24-ITB No.: 42400006"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Acting Director of Procurement Services located at **Building 12552, Anatahan Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan**, no later than **10:00 a.m. local time December 11, 2023**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI must fill out the Notice of Intent Form in order to receive this additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bid documents. Notices of Intent form may be submitted to the Director of Procurement Services no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, December 11, 2023**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to **bidintent@dof.gov.mp**. **Note that failure to submit this Notice of Intent Form will be subject to the rejection of bid.** For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **December 11, 2023** and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement Services no later than **December 20, 2023**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement Services, located at **Building 12552, Anatahan Drive, Capitol Hill Saipan**, at **10:00 a.m. local time, December 21, 2023**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:00 a.m. local time, on December 11, 2023**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (**\$25,000.00**) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety authorized by the CNMI Department of Commerce.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and

- b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

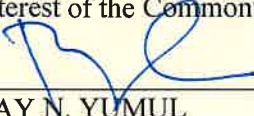
A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the Procurement Services Acting Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

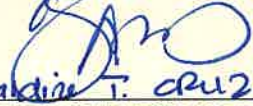
- 1) Cash
- 2) US Gov't Securities
- 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- 4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **Three Hundred (300) calendar days** upon issuance of an official written Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed according to table 108-1 of the Standard Specifications for Construction of Roads and Bridges on Federal Projects, FP-03 or Two Thousand Two Hundred U.S. Dollars (\$2,200.00) whichever is greater.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.



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