

INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW23-ITB-XXX

ROUTE 310 (TAPOCHAU ROAD) IMPROVEMENTS, SAIPAN
Project No. TQ-THS-0310 (101)

Governor Arnold I. Palacios and Lt. Governor David M. Apatang, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the ROUTE 310 (TAPOCHAU ROAD) IMPROVEMENTS, located in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package consisting of Plans, Specifications, and Bid Documents will be available on or after _____, 202__ at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located at 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 in the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner 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 GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

A Mandatory Pre-bid Conference is scheduled on _____, 202__, ____AM local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. DPW encourages prospective bidders to familiarize themselves of the existing condition and the complexity of the proposed project. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 P.M. local time on _____, 202__ to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (67) 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 the 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, Second Floor Oleai 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 have 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 acknowledgement 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) 234-9828/38 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked "**DPW23-ITB-XXX**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement Services located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than _____ a.m. local time, _____, 202__. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notice of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than _____ a.m. local time, _____, 202__, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. 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 _____, 202__, and must be received no later than _____, 202__. 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 Division of Procurement Services, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at _____ a.m. local time, _____, 202__. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at _____ local time, on _____, 202__.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. A surety company must be U.S. Treasury listed and shall hold a Certificate of Authority (COA) from the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner. Bid security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. 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 NMIAC §70-30.3-245 of the Procurement Regulations. 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 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 or other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to submit an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

- 1) Cash
- 2) US Government 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 Sixty (360) calendar days upon issuance of an official written Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for the 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 for each day the work is delayed.

This project is funded under Federal Aid Project.

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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