



# Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

## Office of the Executive Director



### INVITATION FOR BIDS

#### CUC-IFB-25-007

#### SADOG TASI WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of the Sadog Tasi Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Upgrade in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The work consists of furnishing all labor, supervision, equipment, materials and supplies for the construction of various upgrades within the Sadog Tasi Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) for the project referred to as the **Sadog Tasi Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade**, Saipan, CNMI.

The work generally includes, but is not limited to:

Mobilization, temporary facilities including bypass pumping; construction of new blower and operator's building and appurtenances; treatment process modifications for existing aeration, digester, digester settling tanks, piping, and pumps; influent splitter box modifications; furnishing and installation of slope stabilization system; furnishing and installing new power distribution and electrical facilities; and exterior site improvements and restoration; demobilization; and all other work described in the Plans and Specifications in accordance with the Contract Documents. CUC requires this project to be completed in **1100 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

***The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.***

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$300.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **January 21, 2025 at 1:30 PM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

**One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid MUST** be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-25-007, Sadog Tasi Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) February 13, 2025**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

A *Bid Guarantee* of not less than fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety.

A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on January 24, 2025**, to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address, [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org), with a copy to Nicolette Villagomez, CUC Water/Wastewater Engineer via email, [nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org](mailto:nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org), Bret Nickels, CUC Water/Wastewater Engineer at [bret.nickels@cucgov.org](mailto:bret.nickels@cucgov.org), and to Marcela Tenorio, P&S Senior Administrative Technician at email, [marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org](mailto:marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and to waive any defects in said bid, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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