INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-IFB-19-012

ISLAND WIDE WATER METER INSTALLATION, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting
competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Island Wide Water Meter Installation, Saipan,
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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

This Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity work consists of installing new service saddles, corporation
stops, PVC service lines from the CUC water main to the meter, replacing defective water meters,
installing new service laterals and new water meters, properly sizing existing service lines, installing a
water meter on existing CUC service lines without a meter, relocating existing CUC water meters from
private property to public easement, reconfiguring the orientation of water meters to easily identify
customers, removing existing manifold systems, and as required, installing new service lines from the
meter to the house plumbing. It may also be required to connect existing service lines to a new meter
and/or house piping.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The
Bid Package may be obtained, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment from the CUC Treasury Section,
by cash, check, or credit card in the amount of $100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set; at the
CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan,
Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on
government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on February 12, 2019 at 10:00 AM (ChST)
at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Seven (7) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “Island
Wide Water Meter Installation, Saipan” to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room
No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00
AM (ChST) on March 6, 2019, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late
submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid
Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate.
Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after
submission.

All 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.

A Bid Guarantee of 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
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.

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.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on February 21, 2019 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC’s Purchasing Administrator, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Nicolette Villagomez, Water/Wastewater Engineer – via email nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant – via email christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

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Procurement Administrator