



# Commonwealth Utilities Corporation



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CUC-RFP-25-021

Independent Power Producer-Solar Photovoltaic with Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)  
for all Islands, CNMI

### **Question (RFI/C) No. 008: Tang's Corporation**

Date: September 19, 2025

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CUC provides the following responses to the Request for Information/Clarification (RFI/C):

1. Land Acquisition for Solar Farm. The RFP indicates the selected IPP will be responsible for securing project land. Could CUC please confirm this is accurate and confirm there are no current impediments to securing suitable land parcels of sufficient size for this project within the Commonwealth? An update on any known progress or available land studies would be appreciated.

**CUC RESPONSE:** All inquiries regarding land acquisition should be directed to the CNMI Department of Public Land Secretary, Mr. Sixto Igisomar. More information can be found on their website: [www.publiclands.cnmi.gov](http://www.publiclands.cnmi.gov)

2. CNMI Incentive Policy for Projects before & after Dec. 31, 2025 Understanding the local investment climate is critical. Please clarify if there are material differences in the subsidies, tax incentives, or other investment benefits offered by the CNMI government for IPP contracts finalized before the December 31, 2025 deadline versus those executed after this date.

**CUC RESPONSE:** Refer any inquiries regarding the CNMI Incentive Policy to the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA). More information can be found on their website: [www.developcnmi.com](http://www.developcnmi.com)

3. Performance bond – Definition of “Total Proposal Price” (RFP 6.4) Section 6.4 requires a bond for 100% of the “total proposal price.” For clarity in our financial planning, please define what cost components are encompassed in this term. Does it refer to the total EPC (Engineering, Procurement, and Construction) cost, the total project capital cost, or another defined value?

**CUC RESPONSE:** Refer to Appendix C for the Cost Proposal Worksheets for more details of the total proposal price.



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4. Technical Basis for BESS Sizing & Diesel Decommissioning Plan BESS Configuration: The technical requirement for the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) is set at 80% of PV capacity for 4 hours. Could CUC share the technical analysis, simulation reports, or load studies that form the basis of this key specification?

**CUC RESPONSE:** Refer to the 2025 Integrated Resource Plan on the CUC website. Link: [cucgov.org/cuc\\_content/uploads/2025/06/CNMI-Integrated-Resource-Plan.032725.pdf](http://cucgov.org/cuc_content/uploads/2025/06/CNMI-Integrated-Resource-Plan.032725.pdf) for the studies performed.

5. Diesel Generation Phase-Out: The RFP mentions a transition away from diesel generation. Does CUC have a formalized Decommissioning Plan for existing diesel generator sets that it can share? Understanding the timeline and strategy for this transition is important for our project modeling.

**CUC RESPONSE:** CUC does not have a formalized Decommissioning Plan for the existing diesel generator sets; however, CUC anticipates issuing another Request for Proposals for an Independent Power Producer-Diesel Generation for all Islands, CNMI.

  
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