



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. 002: AP Group

Date: September 9, 2025

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

1. Could you reconfirm whether proposals will be accepted separately for each island or consolidated for all islands?

CUC RESPONSE: Refer to Section 4.8 on page 18 of 31 for Submitting More than One Proposal.

2. Have permits been obtained for each of the sites identified by CUC to use DPL when performing the IRP (feasibility) to clear the lots? If so, will these be shared?

CUC RESPONSE: CUC has not performed any major siting permit work on the DPL sites.

3. The RFP states that the developer will be responsible for site acquisition under "Site Control". Will you be providing the suggested public land site survey maps with the metes and bounds?

CUC RESPONSE: CUC will provide the public land lot parcel map for the Kalabera, Saipan site. Refer to the attached file for the map.

4. Is this project bound by the current DPL fee structure for Public Land Uses?

CUC RESPONSE: All inquiries regarding the CNMI DPL fee structure for public land use shall be directed to the Department of Public Land Secretary, Mr. Sixto Igisomar.

5. Will DPW developer fee and agency permit fees be waived for this RFP if permits are not in place?

CUC RESPONSE: The developer is responsible for all developer and agency permitting fees. Refer to section 8.7 page 30 of 31 of the Scope of Work.

6. Will CUC be supplementing additional fees with the system currently being sized above the current CUC capacity? If so, what is the fee structure for this export to the CUC grid?



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CUC RESPONSE: CUC will not be supplementing additional fees.

7. Who will maintain the current CUC assets, substations, transmission lines, power poles, etc.

CUC RESPONSE: CUC will maintain the existing assets, i.e, substations, transmission lines, power poles under the Power Transmission and Distribution Division.

8. Will CUC be providing these?

- a. Contour elevation site map for, if any performed
- b. Topographical drone/non-drone survey in DWG and KMZ format, if any performed
- c. Digital surface model, if any performed
- d. Aerial survey report, if any performed
- e. Soil test report, if any performed
- f. Meteorological site report, if any performed
- g. Transmission line (power evacuation) mapping and profiling
- h. Feasibility Study Raw Data or Reports (Stability, Dynamic, Integration studies)

CUC RESPONSE: CUC does not have the information above for items a, b, c, d, e, and f. See the attached files for items g (map only) and for item h (pre-feasibility study in the Integrated Resource Plan; link: [CNMI-Integrated-Resource-Plan.032725.pdf](#)). Note that the IRP does not have the dynamic and integration studies.

9. Are Payment bonds required for self-funded projects where CUC does not provide funding, but rather the project is being financed by the developer?

CUC RESPONSE: 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 selected proponent. 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, 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.


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