



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

CUC-RFP-25-021

INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCER-SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC WITH BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) FOR ALL ISLANDS, CNMI

Date: September 9, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM (ChST)

**Location: CUC Conference Room No. 17, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building
and Webinar**

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The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for the Independent Power Producer - Solar Photovoltaic with Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) for all Islands, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

I. Introduction

- a. Purchasing: Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator
- b. Kevin O. Watson, Executive Director
- c. Project Manager's/COTR: Magdaleno M. Baclay Jr., Renewable Energy Manager
- d. Technical Team: Yvonne C. Ogunoro, Renewable Energy Engineer; Richard V. Cano, Power Generation Manager; Ernesto P. Dagsan, Electrical Engineer; Lee Lieto, Power Division Manager; Rey Darag, Acting Chief Electrical Engineer T&D, Evelyn Manglona, Tinian Resident Manager, Alvin Kin, Rota Resident Manager
- e. Third Party Technical Experts: National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)
- f. Contracting: John Mafnas, CUC's Contracting Administrator; Elsa Pangelinan, Acting Contracting Administrator



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II. Important Dates / Deadlines

Milestones	Estimated Dates
Issue RFP Advertisement	August 26, 2025
Pre-Proposal Conference and Webinar	September 9, 2025
Registration Deadline	The Proponent Registration Form must be submitted prior to 5:00 PM (ChST) on September 26, 2025
Proponents' Questions (RFI) Deadline	September 26, 2025
CUC Responses to Questions Deadline	Responses from CUC will be submitted within 10 working days
Proposal Submittal Deadline	Proposals must be submitted prior to 10:00AM (ChST) on October 30, 2025
Notification of Qualified Proponents	November 19, 2025
Begin Negotiations of Contract(s)	November 26, 2025
CPUC Review and Approval of Contract(s)	December 12, 2025
Execution of Contract(s) – Notice to Proceed	December 23, 2025

III. Project Description

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) in the U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) is inviting power plant developers to submit proposals to supply the power needs of CUC’s electrical systems. CUC has three separate power systems operating on the three populated islands of the CNMI: Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. This Request for Proposals (RFP) process is being executed in accordance with the provisions of Title 50, Chapter 50 Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code: Procurement Regulations of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation. Based on the results of a two-phased proposal evaluation process, proponents will be selected to negotiate power supply agreements with CUC.

With the exception of small renewable energy systems, primarily roof top solar systems, all of the electric power plants on CUC’s system are powered by imported diesel fuel. As a result, the electric rates are among the highest in the United States and subject to the volatility of fuel prices in the market. In addition, the power plants on Saipan, the largest and most populated CNMI island, have met the end of their economic life. As such, CUC is faced with deciding among costly options to replace the current generating infrastructure or augment it with Renewable Energy using Solar Photovoltaic with Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). CUC expects that the development of large-scale solar power generation will result in environmentally friendly power, reduce dependence on fossil fuels, reduce operating costs, and ultimately result in greater reliability and long-term cost savings for customers.

(Refer to RFP, page 3)



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Table 1.3: Energy Resources and Future Need by Island

Island	Current Available Diesel Generating Capacity (MW)	Year 2025 Power Requirement (MW)	Within 25 years Contract Solar + BESS Energy Requirement (MWh)
Saipan	44.0	Minimum – 26.0 Maximum – 40.0 ¹	Min. 240 MWh/day ² Max. 300 MWh/day
Tinian	8.8	Minimum – 1.8 Maximum – 2.2 ³	Minimum – 18 MWh/day ⁴ Maximum – 22.5 MWh/day
Rota	3.7	Minimum – 1.0 Maximum – 1.6 ⁵	Minimum – 12 MWh/day ⁶ Maximum – 15 MWh/day

IV. Proposal Documents

- Proposal Submittal Checklist
- Evaluation Criteria
- Technical Proposal Requirements
- Cost Proposal

V. Technical Details of RFP

- Refer to Page 2 of RFP:

Table 1.2: System Configuration Proposed for Each Island.

Island	Option	Solar PV (MW)	BESS (MW)	BESS (MWh)	Hours of BESS
Saipan	Solar PV + BESS	60	48	192	4
Tinian	Solar PV + BESS	10	8	32	4
Rota	Solar PV + BESS	3	2	8	4

- Further technical details, please refer to Section 7 of RFP, pages 21 to 28

VI. Questions or Concerns

VII. Site Visit Schedule: Please September 10 to October 10, 2025

VIII. Adjournment

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