

# **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**

## **CHUUK OUTER ISLAND COMMUNICATIONS**

**CHUUK STATE GOVERNMENT  
WENO, CHUUK  
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## **1. SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND**

The Chuuk State Government is currently accepting proposals for the construction of concrete foundations on 6 Outer Islands of Chuuk in accordance with drawings and specifications contained herein and applicable industry standards.

The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to solicit proposals from various candidate organizations, conduct a fair and extensive evaluation based on criteria listed herein, and select the candidate whose proposal is deemed in the best interest of the project.

The Chuuk State Government is sub-allottee of Congressional funding to fund the project. The FSM Telecommunications Corporation is the implementing agency for the project. The Plant & Engineering Department of the FSM Telecommunications Corporation is responsible for all phases of project management and implementation.

The FSM Telecommunications' services include:

- Internet
- Mobile Communications
- Public Switched Telephone Network
- TV Services

## **2. PROPOSAL GUIDELINES**

This Request for Proposal represents the requirements for an open and competitive process. Proposals will be accepted until 5:00 pm UTC +10, August 07, 2017. Any proposals received after this date and time will be returned to the sender. All proposals must be signed by an official agent or representative of the company submitting the proposal.

If the organization submitting a proposal must outsource or contract any work to meet the requirements contained herein, this must be clearly stated in the proposal. Additionally, all costs included in proposals must be all-inclusive to include any outsourced or contracted work. Any proposals which call for outsourcing or contracting work must include a name and description of the organizations being contracted.

All costs must be itemized to include an explanation of all fees and costs.

Contract terms and conditions will be negotiated upon selection of the winning bidder for this RFP. All contractual terms and conditions will be subject to review by the FSM Telecommunications Corporation Plant & Engineering and legal departments and will include scope, budget, schedule, and other necessary items pertaining to the project.

## **3. PROJECT PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION**

**The purpose of this project is as follows:**

The construction of the concrete foundations will be the base for the following structures:

1. 120 feet self standing, communications tower;
2. 18 pcs. Solar panels (24 for Oneop) structure;
3. Equipment cabinet;
4. Solar battery cabinets;
5. Solar Controller cabinet;
6. Satellite Antennas for Oneop, Losap, Poluwat and Onoun sites;
7. Chain Link fencing and gate.
8. Burying and positioning of power conduits with pull strings.

These will be the basis for mobile phone services project in the Outer Islands of Chuuk.

### **Project Description:**

The Chuuk State Government and the FSM Telecommunications Corporation seek a qualified contractor to mobilize materials, equipment and manpower and construct the concrete foundations of the telecommunication structures mentioned above in a safe, efficient and timely manner with strict adherence to a set agreement, applicable building codes and specifications contained herein.

Following are coordinates of the six project sites:

1. Oneop - 5° 30' 30.95" N, 153° 42' 40.90" E
2. Satawan - 5° 20' 11.12" N, 153° 44' 07.44" E
3. Moch - 5° 29' 24.81" N, 153° 32' 24.12" E
4. Onoun - 8° 34' 50.84" N, 149° 41' 02.25" E
5. Losap - 6° 53' 30.24" N, 152° 43' 52.23" E
6. Pulowat - 7° 21' 15.72" N, 149° 11' 43.60" E

Project sites are located on school premises in Oneop, Satawan, Moch, Poluwat and Onoun and on church property in Losap atoll.

The remote locations and time needed to complete the foundations will necessitate the presence of skilled workers on site for the duration of the project.

Accessibility is possible only through field ships, Caroline Island Air and/or charter boats with Chuuk State entities.

## **4. PROJECT SCOPE**

The scope of this project includes all applicable drawings of foundations with measurements and tolerances. Data and specifications given are basic in nature but in line with applicable ASTM standards and will be adhered to as a minimum standard.

The selected bidder will be responsible for planning contingency with local establishments for provisioning of and transportation of equipment, materials and workforce to and from project sites with guidance and assistance from FSM Telecommunications Corporation's Plant & Engineering Department. This contingency plan will be expanded upon to form a project timeline to be incorporated into the working agreement.

The following criteria must be met to achieve a successful project:

- Use of new and/or defect-free materials and equipment
- Local hire of competent labor workers with skilled supervisors
- A good contingency plan for delivery of materials, equipment and workforce
- Strict conformance to set agreement, drawings, tolerances and applicable standards
- Start and commencement of project in a safe and timely manner
- Conduct of work in a manner that is not harmful to the environment, local populace and the community

The project locations are in a highly salty and corrosive environment. Special attention will be given to the steel reinforcement bars during delivery to keep them away from sea water.

Land upon which the structures will be situated has been secured by the FSM Telecommunications Corporation. The property is roughly 50 feet long by 42 feet wide. All structures will be constructed within the boundaries of this property.

Final position and orientation of structures shall be determined by FSM Telecommunications Corporation representative on project sites.

## **5. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AND PROJECT TIMELINE**

### **Request for Proposal Timeline:**

All proposals in response to this RFP are due no later than 5pm GMT +10, August 07, 2017.

Evaluation of proposals will be conducted from August 07, 2017 until August 21, 2017. If additional information or discussions are needed with any bidders during this two week window, the bidder(s) will be notified.

The selection decision for the winning bidder will be made no later than August 28, 2017.

Upon notification, the contract negotiation with the winning bidder will begin immediately. Contract negotiations will be completed by September 04, 2017.

Notifications to bidders who were not selected will be completed by September 11, 2017.

**Project Timeline:**

Project initiation phase must be completed by September 11, 2017.

Project planning phase must be completed by September 30 2017. Project planning phase will determine the timeline/schedule for the remaining phases of the project.

**6. BUDGET**

All proposals must include proposed costs to complete the work described in the project scope. Cost should be itemized and detailed as possible.

NOTE: All costs and fees must be clearly described in each proposal.

**7. BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS**

Bidders should provide the following items as part of their proposal for consideration:

- Description of experience in planning, building, and/or concrete construction.
- List of how many full time, part time, and contractor staff in your organization
- Examples of 3 or more projects completed by your organization
- Anticipated resources you will assign to this project (total number, role, title, experience)
- Timeframe for completion of the project
- Project management methodology

**8. PROPOSAL EVALUATION CRITERIA**

The Chuuk State Government and FSM Telecommunications Corporation will evaluate all proposals based on the following criteria. To ensure consideration for this Request for Proposal, your proposal should be complete and include all of the following criteria:

- Overall proposal suitability: proposed solution(s) must meet the scope and needs included herein and be presented in a clear and organized manner
- Organizational Experience: Bidders will be evaluated on their experience as it pertains to the scope of this project
- Previous work: Bidders will be evaluated on examples of their work pertaining to construction.
- Value and cost: Bidders will be evaluated on the cost of their solution(s) based on the work to be performed in accordance with the scope of this project
- Technical expertise and experience: Bidders must provide descriptions and documentation of staff expertise and experience

Each bidder must submit 2 copies of their proposal by electronic mail to [eakapito@gmail.com](mailto:eakapito@gmail.com), Chuuk State Government with copy to [mino.mori@fsmtc.fm](mailto:mino.mori@fsmtc.fm) and

[joe.johnny@fsmtc.fm](mailto:joe.johnny@fsmtc.fm) or if by hard copy, to the address below by August 07, 2017 at 5pm, GMT +10 with the words Outer Island Cell Expansion clearly marked on the outside of package:

Chuuk State Government  
Planning office  
Office of the Governor  
Chuuk, FM  
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ATTN: Ensel Akapito

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2017

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