



NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION

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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

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NMHC IFB 2024-003

BID SUBMISSION DATE: February 09, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

DANDAN WATER TANK REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Project Package will be available on December 26, 2023, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI holidays. A non-refundable payment of One-Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) is required for each set of the project package. Payment must be made payable to NMHC and receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the project package at the reception counter.

The provisions on the NMHC Procurement regulations, NMIAC 100-60-725 AND 100-60-730 Prohibiting Gratuities, Kickbacks and Contingent Fees shall apply.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the NMHC Central Office located in Garapan, Saipan on **January 09, 2024, 10:00 a.m.** In addition, a Mandatory site Visit/Inspection of the project site will be conducted immediately after the Pre-Bid Conference. Failure to attend both the Mandatory Pre-bid conference and the Mandatory site Visit/Inspection will be considered a non-responsive bidder.

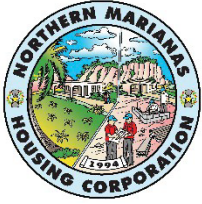
For more information, contact Mr. Jacob Muna, Office Manager, at (670) 234-9447 or via email at officemanager@nmhc.gov.net during business hours, 7:30am – 4:30pm Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

/s/

Jesse S. Palacios
Corporate Director

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Merced "Marcie" M. Tomokane
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Dandan Water Tank Replacement Project

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is soliciting sealed bids for the construction of the Dandan Water Tank Replacement Project.

The work consists of furnishing all labor, supervision, equipment and materials for the installation of a new water tank within Dandan, Saipan. Work includes, but is not limited to:

1. A new pre-engineered 1.0 MG concrete tank, access way on the tank roof.
2. New tank inlet vault with new altitude and isolation valves.
3. Upgrade the existing PRV to PRSV.
4. Upgrade the existing inlet and outlet meters to electrical mag meters.
5. New tank outlet with a buried isolation valve.
6. New tank drain/overflow and discharge location. The tank drain will have a buried isolation valve.
7. New Calcium hypochlorite chlorination system and building. The supply for this chlorination system will be upstream of the new isolation valve and discharge immediately before the tank inlet. A control room will be part of this chlorination building.
8. New site fencing and paved surrounding.
9. New site lighting on poles along the perimeter fence line.
10. New site electrical service will provide lighting and power requirements to the chlorination building including power for tank pressure sensor, and magnetic flow meter. Primary power service will have to be connected to the existing CUC utility power pole along Dandan Road and stepped down to utilization voltage (240/120V, 1-phase) at the tank site.

The Project Package will be available beginning **December 26, 2023**, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI holidays. A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)** is required for each set of the project package. Payment must be made payable to NMHC and receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the project package at the reception counter.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan on **January 09, 2024, 10:00 a.m.** In addition, a Mandatory site Visit/Inspection of the project site will be conducted immediately after the Pre-Bid Conference. Failure to attend both the Mandatory Pre-bid conference and the Mandatory site Visit/Inspection will be considered a non-responsive bidder.

Sealed bids must be marked **NMHC IFB 2024-003**. For Bidders within the CNMI, an original, three (3) copies of sealed bids and one (1) USB flash drive must be submitted to the NMHC Central Office, Garapan,

Saipan MP 96950, **no later than 2:00 p.m. February 09, 2024.** Bids received after the date and time will not be accepted. Bidders located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a **Notice of Intent to Bid.** Notice of Intent to Bid must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than 2:00 p.m. local time, **February 09, 2024,** and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 234-9021, or via email to officemanager@nmhcgov.net. For bidders outside the CNMI, an original, three (3) copies and one (1) USB Flash Drive of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Services or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **February 09, 2024,** and must be received at NMHC no later than **February 20, 2024.** Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the NMHC Central Office, Garapan, Saipan at **2:30 p.m.** local time, **February 09, 2024.** However, if notice of intent to bid is received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **2:00 p.m.** local time on **February 21, 2024.**

Bid Security: Bids shall be accompanied by a bid guarantee of not less than fifteen percent (15%) of the amount of the bid which maybe a Bid Bond (form enclosed) in cash, by certified check, cashiers' check or other form acceptable to NMHC.

Bidding Procedures shall be in compliance with the NMHC Procurement Regulations (NMIAC § 100-60)

Breach of Ethical Standard

NMIAC § 100-60-725 (a) Gratuities and Kickbacks

Gratuities. It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any person to offer, give or agree to give any employee or former employee or for any employee or former employee to solicit, demand accept, or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation of any part of a program requirement or purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing or any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter, pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract or to any solicitation or proposal therefor.

Kickbacks. It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any payment, gratuity, or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor or any person associated therewith as an inducement for the award of a subcontractor or order.

NMIAC 100-60-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees

Contingent Fees. It shall be a breach of ethical standards for a person to be retained, or to retain a person, to solicit or secure NMHC contracts upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, except for retention of bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies for the purpose of securing business.

NMHC hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that, in any contracts entered into pursuant to this advertisement, small, minority businesses and women's business enterprises will be afforded equal opportunity to submit bids and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, religion, sex, disabilities or national origin.

This project is also subject to Section of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968 which requires the successful bidder to the "maximum extent feasible", take affirmative steps to provide training, contracting and employment opportunities and help ensure that the economic opportunities generated by these HUD funds are provided to local low-income residents in Saipan.

NMHC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in the bids if determined to be in its best interest. All bids received shall become the property of the Commonwealth Government

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