

RFP 22-4489-PRO

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

FOR WORKS

Project Title:	Managing Coastal Aquifers Project
Nature of the works	Repairs and improvements to ensure a long-term protection of the groundwater recharge area and existing water supply infrastructure
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Part 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 About the Pacific Community (SPC)

The Pacific Community (SPC) is the principal scientific and technical organisation of the Pacific region, established by treaty in 1947 with the signing of the Agreement Establishing the South Pacific Commission (the Canberra Agreement).

SPC has our headquarters in Noumea, New Caledonia and has regional offices in Fiji, the Federated States of Micronesia and Vanuatu, as well as an office in France. SPC works across the Pacific and has staff in nearly all of our Pacific Island Country and Territory members.

SPC works for the well-being of Pacific people through the effective and innovative application of science and knowledge and is guided by a deep understanding of Pacific Island contexts and cultures. Our unique organisation covers more than 20 sectors and is renowned for knowledge and innovation in such areas as fisheries science, public health surveillance, geoscience and conservation of plant genetic resources for food security.

For more information about SPC and the work that we do, please visit our website: https://www.spc.int/.

1.2 SPC's procurement activities

SPC's procurement activities are guided by the principles of high ethical standards, value for money, open competition and social and environmental responsibility and are carried out under our Procurement Policy.

SPC's *Procurement Policy* provides the framework for ensuring that SPC obtains the best value for its purchases, in terms of both cost and quality; demonstrates financial probity and accountability to its members and development partners; manages and prevents the potential for conflicts of interest; reduces its environmental impact and manages any other risks.

At SPC, all procurement follows the same main steps: planning; statement of needs; requisition; solicitation; evaluation; award; receipt; and payment. Different procedures apply depending on the value of the goods, services and works to be procured.

For further information or enquiries about SPC's procurement activities, please visit the procurement pages on our website: https://www.spc.int/procurement or email: procurement@spc.int.

1.3 SPC's Request for Proposal (RFP) Process

At SPC, procurement valued at more than EUR 45,000 must be advertised through a Request for Proposal (RFP) with any bids received evaluated by SPC's Procurement Committee to determine the offer that provides the best value for money.

This RFP sets out SPC's requirements and it asks you, as a bidder, to respond in writing in a prescribed format with pricing and other required information. The RFP contains detailed instructions and templates to enable you to submit a compliant bid. It sets out the overall timetable; it confirms the evaluation criteria that SPC will use to evaluate quotations; it explains the administrative arrangements for the receipt of the bids; and it sets out how bidders can request further information.

Your participation confirms your acceptance of SPC's conditions of participation in the RFP process.

Part 2: INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

2.1 Background

SPC invites you to submit a bid to deliver the works as specified in Part 3.

SPC has advertised this RFP on its website and may send it directly to potential vendors. The same specifications, submission and other solicitation requirements will be provided to all vendors.

SPC has compiled these instructions to guide prospective bidders and to ensure that all bidders are given equal and fair consideration.

Please read the instructions carefully before submitting your bid. For your bid to be considered, you must provide all the prescribed information by the closing date and in the format specified.

2.2 Submission instructions

Your submission must be clear, concise and complete and should only include information that is necessary to respond effectively to this RFP. Please note that you may be marked down or excluded from the procurement exercise if your submission contains any ambiguities or lacks clarity.

Your proposal must include the following documents (annexes of Part 5 of the RFP):

- a) Bidder's Letter of Application (Annex 1);
- b) Conflict of Interest Declaration (Annex 2);
- c) Information about the bidder and Due diligence (Annex 3);
- d) Technical proposal submission form (Annex4);
- e) Financial proposal submission form (Annex 5).

Your proposal must be submitted in two separate emails.

You must submit your **Technical proposal** (Annexes 1 to 4 and all their supporting documents) in English as an attachment to one email. No financial information may appear in the technical proposal.

You must submit your **Financial proposal** (Annex 5) in a separate email. All prices in the proposal must be presented in USD. Your Financial proposal is to be password protected. SPC will request the password in the event that it is required.

Both emails are to be sent to <u>procurement@spc.int</u> with the subject line of your email as: **Submission** RFP22-4489-PRO.

Your proposal must be received no later than **25/11/2022** by **4PM Fiji Time**. Only one bid per bidder is permitted.

SPC will send a formal acknowledgement to each proposal received before the deadline.

SPC reserves the right to exclude from consideration any proposal not received by the deadline, with incomplete information or in incorrect form.

2.3 Clarifications

You may submit questions or seek clarifications on any issue relating to this RFP. The questions are to be submitted in writing to procurement@spc.int with the subject line: Clarification RFP22-4489-PRO. The deadline for submission of clarifications is 16/11/2022 by 4PM Fiji Time.

Details will be kept of any communications between SPC and bidders. This assists SPC to ensure transparency

of the procurement process. While SPC prefers written communication in the RFP process, at any point where there is phone call or other conversation, SPC will keep a record or a file note of the exchange with prospective bidders.

2.4 Evaluation

Validity

Each proposal will be assessed for compliance with the submission requirements by the Bids Opening Committee. At this stage, basic due diligence will also be undertaken.

To assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of proposals, SPC may ask the bidder for clarification of its proposal or additional information. The request for clarification will be in writing.

Technical (70%)

All valid proposals will be assessed against the technical evaluation criteria set out in Part 4. The criteria are provided with weighted scores according to the relative importance of each. SPC will not change the evaluation criteria set out in the RFP at any stage of the procurement process. Any changes in the evaluation criteria will result in the RFP process being re-issued.

Bidders are expected to familiarise themselves with local conditions and take these into account in preparing their proposal. Where minimum qualifications are set as specific evaluation criteria, these could include educational qualification, professional accreditation or certification, licensing, experience and expertise.

Pre-Bid Meeting

A Pre-bid Meeting will be arranged by Palau Public Utility Corporation (PPUC). The pre-bid meeting will be undertaken physically at PPUC office. Bidders who are interested to attend the pre- bid meeting must register their attendance through the SPC procurement email (procurement@spc.int) no later than **09/11/2022** by **4PM Fiji Time.**

Shortlisted bidder's presentation

Bidders that are short-listed during the RFP evaluation process may be required to conduct a presentation to, and respond to queries of, SPC's Procurement Technical Evaluation Committee. The bidders may be provided an opportunity to provide an overview of the operational aspect of the services they are proposing.

Financial (30%)

Any bids that pass the minimum technical evaluation requirements will pass onto financial evaluation.

During the financial evaluation, if there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the total price, the lower price shall prevail. If there is a discrepancy between words and figures the amount in words will prevail.

The total cost of the proposal is to be inclusive of any taxes and is not subject to revision.

2.5 Contract award

SPC may award the contract once the Procurement Committee has determined that a bidder has met the prescribed requirements and the bidder's proposal has been determined to be the most responsive to the RFP documents, provide the best value for money and best serve the interests of SPC.

SPC's <u>General Terms and Conditions of Contract</u> will apply to any contracts awarded under this RFP, unless otherwise agreed. Any requested changes to the General Terms and Conditions of Contract must be foreshadowed in the submission.

The award of the contract will be made by contract signed and dated by both parties.

2.6 Key dates

Please see the proposed procurement timetable in the table below. This timetable is intended as a guide only and while SPC does not intend to depart from the timetable, it reserves the right to do so at any stage.

STAGE	DATE
RFP advertised	28/10/2022
Deadline for seeking clarification	16/11/2022
RFP Closing Date	25/11/2022
Award of Contract	31/01/2023
Commencement of Contract	31/01/2023
Conclusion of Contract	30/06/2023

2.7 Legal and compliance

Child and vulnerable adult protection: SPC is committed to the well-being of children and vulnerable adults. All SPC contractors are required to commit to the principles of SPC's Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy (XI.G Manual of Staff Policies). Breach of this requirement can result in SPC terminating any contract with a successful bidder. Any allegations of potential misconduct in relation to this RFP involving children or vulnerable adults should sent to complaints@spc.int.

Confidentiality: Unless otherwise agreed by SPC in advance or where the contents of the RFP are already in the public domain when **shared** with the bidder, bidders shall at all times treat the contents of the RFP and any related documents as confidential. SPC will also treat the information it receives from the bidders as confidential.

Conflict of interest: Bidders must take all necessary measures to prevent any situation of conflict of interest. You must notify SPC in writing as soon as possible of any situation that could constitute a conflict of interest during the RFP process. If you have any familial connection with SPC staff, this must be declared, and approval will then be sought for you to engage in the RFP process. Breach of this requirement can result in the exclusion of the bidder from the RFP process or in SPC terminating any contract with a successful bidder.

Cost of preparation of quotations: Under no circumstances will SPC be liable for any proposal submission costs, expenditure, work or effort that you may incur in relation to your provision of a proposal (including if the procurement process is terminated or amended by SPC).

Currency, validity, duties, taxes: Unless specifically otherwise requested, all proposals should be in USD and must be net of any direct or indirect taxes and duties and shall remain valid for 120 days from the closing date. The successful bidder is bound by their proposal for a further 60 days following notification they are the preferred bidder so that the contract may be awarded. No price variation due to escalation, inflation, fluctuation in exchange rates, or any other market factors shall be accepted at any time during this period.

Eligibility: Bidders are required to disclose to SPC whether they are subject to any sanction or temporary suspension imposed by any international organisation, or whether they are subject to bankruptcy proceedings. You may not be bankrupt or suspended, debarred, or otherwise identified as ineligible by any international organisation. Failure to disclose such information may result in debarment and termination of any contract issued to the bidder by SPC.

Fraud and corruption: SPC has zero tolerance for fraud and corruption. All contractors have an obligation to report potential fraud and corruption. Breach of this requirement can result in the exclusion of the bidder from the RFP process or in SPC terminating any contract with a successful bidder. Allegations of potential misconduct by an SPC staff member or contractor involving fraud or corruption can be sent

to complaints@spc.int.

Good faith: The information in this RFP is provided by SPC in good faith. No representation, warranty, assurance or undertaking (express or implied) is or will be made, and no responsibility or liability will be accepted by SPC in relation to the adequacy, accuracy, completeness or reasonableness of this RFP or any information provided by SPC in relation to this RFP.

Modifications: Any clarifications, corrections or modifications will be published on the SPC website prior to deadline. In the event a bidder has submitted a bid before the clarification, correction or modification, the bidder will be informed and may modify the bid. The modified bid will still need to be received before the deadline.

No offer of contract or invitation to contract: This RFP is not an offer to contract or an invitation by SPC to enter into a contract with you.

Privacy: The bidder is to comply with the requirements of applicable legislation and regulatory requirements in force for the use of personal data that is disclosed for the purposes of this RFP. SPC will handle any personal information it receives under the RFP in line with its Privacy Policy, and the <a href="Guidelines for handling personal information of bidders and grantees.

Right to amend, seek clarity, withdraw, not award: SPC reserves the right to: (1) amend, add to or withdraw all or any part of this RFP at any time, or to re-invite bids on the same or any alternative basis; (2) seek clarification or documents in respect of any bidder's submission; (3) choose not to award a contract as a result of this RFP; (4) make whatever changes it sees fit to the timetable, structure or content of the procurement process, depending on approvals processes or for any other reason. Please note that while SPC will not change the evaluation criteria set out in the RFP without the RFP process being re-issued, SPC does reserve the right at the time of award of contract to vary the quantity of services and goods specified in the RFP and to accept or reject any proposal at any time prior to award of the contract without incurring any liability to the affected bidder or any obligation to inform the affected bidder/s of the grounds for SPC's action.

Right to disqualify: SPC reserves the right to disqualify: (1) any bidder that does not submit a proposal in accordance with the instructions in this RFP; (2) any bidder that misrepresents information to SPC; (3) any bidder that directly or indirectly canvasses any SPC employee concerning the award of a contract.

Use of material: Bidders shall not use the contents of the RFP or any related material for any purpose other than for the purpose of considering submitting, or submitting, a bid to SPC.

Warranty, representation, assurance, undertaking: The bidder acknowledges and agrees that no person has any authority to give any warranty, representation, assurance or undertaking on behalf of SPC in connection with any contract which may (or may not) follow on from this RFP process.

2.8 Complaints process

Bidders that consider they were not treated fairly during any SPC procurement process may lodge a protest. The protest should be addressed to complaints@spc.int. The bidder must provide the following information: (1) full contact details; (2) details of the relevant procurement; (3) reasons for the protest, including how the alleged behaviour negatively impacted the bidder; (4) copies of any documents supporting grounds for protest; (5) the relief that is sought.

Part 3: Scope of Works

SCOPE OF WORKS FORM

A. Background

SIDS rely on small coastal aquifers for their water supply needs. These coastal aquifers are fragile thin freshwater lenses that float on the underlying denser seawater and are reliant on rainfall for recharge. These coastal aquifers are at higher risk of impact to water quality deterioration from threats including saltwater contamination from sea level rise, over abstraction, wave overtopping, loss of aquifer area through coastal erosion, and other impacts on water quality from inappropriate land-use activities. Climate change exacerbates these long-running threats to coastal aquifers through increased climate variability and climate extremes. The fragility of coastal fresh groundwater systems necessitates careful management and protection to ensure their long-term integrity and their role in climate change adaptation strategies and improved water security.

The Pacific Community (SPC) in collaboration with UNDP and the Governments of Palau, Tuvalu, and RMI is currently implementing the Managing Coastal Aquifers (MCA) Project funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), a regional project taking place in the Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI), Republic of Palau, and Tuvalu. The USD 5.2 million project aims at improving the understanding, use, management and protection of coastal aquifers towards enhanced water security, including in the context of a changing climate. More specifically it aims at:

- 1) identifying the extent, threats and the development potential of groundwater resources,
- 2) increasing awareness of groundwater as a water security supply source,
- 3) providing options for improved access to groundwater,
- 4) and improving aquifer protection and management, within Pacific Small Island Developing States.

In Palau, the project is implemented by the Bureau of Environment, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Environment (MAFE).

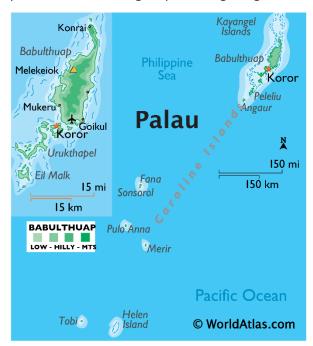
Context

Kayangel is the northernmost state of Palau located about 53 miles north of Koror, the country's capital city. The only inhabited island in the state (Kayangel Islet) is about 3 km² in land area, and the latest census information is that the state's population is 54. Being a remote outer island, access to necessities is challenging. This is not only because of the limited natural resources in the island group, but access to the island is also difficult. The only access to the island is by water transport, which is also affected by weather conditions. A consistent and regular supply of goods to the island is difficult to maintain and the delays in the shipment of goods have serious impacts on the community.

The main drinking water source for the population is rainwater harvested from the house roofs and stored in rainwater tanks. Groundwater is also pumped from two horizontal wells installed in 2006 and distributed to all the households for secondary purposes. The two wells pump groundwater from a thin freshwater lens present in the northern central part of the island. A land area of 200x200 feet surrounding the wells was fenced to protect the groundwater from contamination and the infrastructure from vandalism. A 68 ft tall overhead storage tank of 5000 Gal capacity exists near the pumping well outside the perimeter fence.

In 2013, the freshwater lens aquifer of Kayangel suffered extended salinization due to Super Typhoon Haiyan passing within 11 km of the island. More recently (2021), Typhoon Surigae caused flooding and resulted in damage to houses and properties throughout the island. These events also caused significant damage to the

perimeter fence and gate protecting the groundwater catchment area.





B. Description of the works

The objective of the proposed work is to assist the Palau Government and particularly the Palau Public Utilities Corporation (PPUC) to undertake repairs and improvements to ensure a long-term protection of the groundwater recharge area, and repairs to the existing water supply infrastructure and pump house. This will in turn ensure that a safe and reliable water supply will be provided to the population of Kayangel.

The process will involve the participation of key stakeholders including PPUC, the Bureau of Environment (MAFE), the Environmental Quality Protection Board (EQPB), and the regional SPC MCA project team.

The contractor will be required to conduct a number of activities and produce a number of outputs as described below. SPC expect the following deliverables for each activity:

- Detailed program of works including proposed construction program, procurement plan and deployment plan
- Detailed workplan and methodology of implementing works, the resources allocated to the works, and schedule of works to be implemented.

Detailed safety and environmental plans to comply with Palau regulatory authorities. Detailed quality plan to ensure works will be completed to adequate standard.

It is noted that a consortium of different companies can apply for this RFP with each partner undertaking separate activities/outputs. It is also possible to only apply for specific components (activities) under this RFP. Bidders need to be clear on which activities they are planning to undertake for each scope of works and what scope of works they are quoting on. Quote should consider works associated with the establishment and decommissioning of all materials, personnel, plant and equipment on site. Eligible bids will be accepted for any, one, two or all three Activities below.

Activity 1: Installation of new perimeter fence, including access gate and entrance gate.

A new perimeter fence is to be installed around the groundwater catchment area, as per the designs provided in the Annex (Activity 1 Technical Drawings). An entrance gate is to be included to allow vehicle access as well as an access gate for staff.

Scope of works:

- 1. Inspect/check the whole length of the existing perimeter fence.
- 2. Identify such as but not limited to damaged existing perimeter fence steel column, top rail pipe, etc.
- 3. Repair/replace all that is identified with same specification or better.
- 4. Fabricate and install new access gate and new entrance gate (see drawings in Annex). All reinforcing bars should be grade 40 and all concrete should be 3,000 PSI at 21 calendar days.
- 5. Replace all existing cyclone with GA. 9 hot dip galvanized cyclone fence (see drawings in Annex).

<u>Output 1.1</u>: Installation of new galvanized fence around the perimeter of the groundwater catchment complete.

Output 1.2: Installation of new access gate and entrance gate using new materials as required.

Activity 2: Pump house repairs

A number of repair works are required in the existing pump house and these are detailed in the designs provided in the Annex (Activity 2 Technical Drawings). The existing steel manhole cover needs to be replaced with a new 1/4 x 2 x 2 galvanized frame and galvanized steel grating cover. Also, the existing concrete base where the two water pumps are placed needs to be elevated by 2 feet due to the risk of the pumps getting submerged underwater during floods and heavy rainfall. This will also require some adjustments to the plumbing pipe and fittings. A new pipe, fittings, and gate valves may be required. Finally, the pump house doors need to be re-installed to improve the security of the assets and to provide additional protection against flooding. The existing (stainless steel) doors are still on-site but need to be reinstalled (new hinges may be required).

Scope of works:

- 1. Elevate existing concrete base (2' x 4') by two (2) feet with two layers of #3 RSB @ 6" O.C.
- 2. Adjust plumbing pipe and fittings as needed, provide new pipe, fittings, gate valves
- 3. Replace the steel manhole cover with new ¼ x 2 x 2 galvanized frame and galvanized steel grating cover.
- 4. Fix, clean and install existing steel door and install four (4) new galvanized hinges on each door.

Output 2.1: New well lid installed.

Output 2.2: Elevated concrete base completed.

Output 2.3: Plumbing pipe and fittings adjusted as needed to accommodate the elevated concrete base.

Output 2.4: Existing pump house doors re-installed.

Activity 3: Water tower/tank repairs

A number of repairs are required to the existing water tower/tank near the pumping station which serves to gravity-feed the pumped groundwater to the households. The flooring on top of the tower/tank needs replacement as the current one has been corroded and presents a hazard to any staff that needs to access the tank. The towers steel ladder has also undergone substantial corrosion and requires maintenance/reinstallment. Finally, the float valve inside the water tank that serves to stop the pumps when the tank is full has stopped working. As a consequence, the water overflows when the tank is full until the PPUC operator shuts the pumps down. The existing float valve should be replaced, and works to control flow to be undertaken.

Scope of works:

1. Remove all existing steel flooring and replace with new ¼ x 2 x 2 inch galvanized steel tube, properly welded to the existing steel support.

- 2. Derust and repair as needed all existing steel flooring, stairs, and railing support and paint it with two (2) coat primer and two (2) coat finishing paint.
- Output 3.1: New galvanized flooring installed on tower
- Output 3.2: New galvanized ladder on tower installed.

Output 3.3: Float valve in water tank to be replaced along with any related pipework/gate valves required for controlling flow.

C. Timelines

These works will be delivered over a period of 6 months. The target date of commencement of the work is January 2022 and the expected completion date is June 2023. If necessary, the consultancy period may shift by one month to accommodate any unexpected delays preventing the commencement on the target date. The target deadline for the delivery of each expected output is presented in Section F below.

D. Site Description



 $Location\ of\ groundwater\ catchment\ area.$



Overhead storage tank near catchment area requiring flooring and ladder repairs.



 $Overhead\ storage\ tank\ near\ catchment\ area\ requiring\ flooring\ and\ ladder\ repairs.$



View of groundwater catchment area and pumphouse. The sketch indicates the trench that was dug for the two horizontal wells (pipes) to be installed. The trench was then refilled with sands.











Well lid in pump house requiring replacement.

Pump base requiring elevation.

Technical Drawings

Technical drawings prepared by PPUC for the three activities can be found in the Annex.

E. Building Standards

Noting that a national building code does not exist for Palau. engineering designs for the proposed works have been developed by the PPUC engineer following US building standards as per PPUC procurement policy. For piping works and any involvement with chemicals, PPUC follows the American Water Works Association standards including EPA standards. For safety, PPUC has its own safety officer that is responsible for inspection and regulation of all PPUC related projects to ensure alignment with the PPUC safety plan. The contractor will be required to follow the designs and maintain the accepted standards for Palau in accordance with by the PPUC Water Operations Manager or his designee while implementing the works.

F. Risk Management

The bidder is required to prepare a risk assessment matrix identifying all the risks involved in implementing the works to be undertaken, and propose mitigating factors accordingly.

The contractor will have to ensure employees are supplied with and properly utilize appropriate PPE/safety equipment (i.e. gloves, safety boots, hardhats, and harnesses when working at heights/ roofs). If the contractor is involved in Activity 3 (Header tank repairs) he/she will require a valid "working at heights" certification for all of its staff on site. The contractor is additionally required to follow safe work procedures and ensure personnel in the vicinity of the job site are properly protected from harm.

G. Environmental and sustainability considerations

It is the contractor's responsibility to mobilize and demobilize all materials, manpower, and tools needed to undertake and finalize the works in accordance with the PPUC and Bureau of Environment requirements and specifications.

H. Reporting and contracting arrangements

The contract will be managed by the PPUC Water Operations Manager or his designee who will regularly monitor progress towards the delivery of the Outputs as detailed in Section B. The MCA project Regional

Technical Advisor within SPC's Disaster and Community Resilience Programme (Geoscience Energy Maritime Division) will ultimately sign off on the works. The responsibility to approve the works will be delegated to the PPUC Water Operations Manager or his designee.

The Contractor is expected to interact and collaborate with SPC's MCA project team as well as with key Palau stakeholders (PPUC, EQPB, Bureau of Environment (MAFE), Kayangel Community) in the course of this work. It is expected that these institutions and stakeholders will have active role in providing data and information necessary for the delivery of the work.

I. Final inspection and certification of completion and acceptance

The final inspection and approval of the works will be conducted by the Water Operations Manager or his designee on behalf of the MCA project Regional Technical Advisor within SPC's Disaster and Community Resilience Programme (Geoscience Energy Maritime Division).

J. Skills and qualifications

SPC seeks to engage contractors with relevant expertise. Skills required are as follows:

Activity 1: Installation of new perimeter fence, including access gate and entrance gate	Activity 2: Pump house repairs	Activity 3: Water tower/tank repairs
Experience with fencing and	Experience with metal and	Experience with metal works.
metal works.	plumbing works.	Experience with working at
At least E years' experience in	At least 5 years' experience in	heights
At least 5 years' experience in design and delivery of relevant infrastructure projects in Palau.	design and delivery of relevant infrastructure projects in Palau.	At least 5 years' experience in design and delivery of relevant infrastructure projects in Palau.

In addition, the bidders will need to provide details of past projects done, qualifications of personnel used for the works, and referee contacts.

K. Scope of Bid Price and Schedule of Payments

This is a milestone-based contract and will be paid in accordance with the payment schedule below. The terms of payment shall be in accordance with the provisions of Article 10 of the SPC General Conditions.

Milestone/output	<u>Deadline</u> (Date)	% Payment
Signing of contract with agreed workplan and methodology by SPC and PPUC Water Operations Manager.	January 2022	20%
Purchasing of equipment/materials in accordance with Bill of Quantities supported by invoices.	February 2023	40%
Completion of contract outputs with written confirmation by the PPUC Water Operations Manager or his designee.	June 2023	30%
Retention to be paid 6 months after issue of practical completion certificate by the PPUC Water Operations Manager	Dec 2023	10%

Milestone/output	<u>Deadline</u> (Date)	<u>% Payment</u>
or his designee.		

L. Annexes to the Scope of works

Attached Annex 1 – Palau Public Utilities Corporation Technical Drawings (Activity 1, 2 & 3)

Part 4: PROPOSAL EVALUATION MATRIX

4.1 Evaluation criteria & Score Weight

A two-stage procedure will be utilised to evaluate the proposals, with evaluation of the technical proposal being completed prior to any financial proposal being opened and compared.

The competencies which will be evaluated are detailed in Part 3.

The evaluation matrixes below also reflect the obtainable score specified for each evaluation criterion (technical requirement) which indicates the relative significance or weight of the items in the overall evaluation process.

The technical component, which has a total possible value of 700 points, will be evaluated using the following criteria.

It is noted that bidders can choose to apply for the entire scope of works under this RFP or for specific components (activities) only. If the latter, the bidder should be clear as to what activities the proposal submitted is relevant for. Technical evaluations relevant for the specific activity will be assessed and should be clearly identified by the bidder.

Activity 1: Installation of new perimeter fence, including access gate and entrance gate.

Evaluation criteria Activity 1- Installation of new perimeter fence, including access gate and entrance gate	Score Weight (%)	Points obtainable
Organisational requirements		
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Technical requirements		

Methodology of works and materials required

Detailed description on the proposed methodology for construction of the fencing including timeline for establishment, construction and completion and detailed estimate of required materials 40%.

Experience & Qualifications		
At least 5 years' demonstrated experience in design and delivery of fencing and metal works.	30%	350
Details of past executed projects provided.		
Referee contacts provided.		
Risk management	20%	140
Risk assessment matrix identifying all risks involved and mitigation		

measures.		
The selected contractor will be required to provide safety certifications for all employees in respect of the labour practice in Palau.		
Professional indemnity insurance adequate for risk.		
Certification of employees	10%	140
Qualifications of personnel used for the works provided.	1070	140
Environmental and sustainability consideration		
Mobilisation and demobilisation of all materials, manpower and tools in accordance with the PPUC and Bureau of Environment requirements and specifications.	10%	70
Total Score	100%	700
Qualification score	70%	490

^{*} Technical evaluations relevant for the specific activity will be assessed and should be clearly identified by the bidder.

Activity 2: Pump house repairs		
Evaluation criteria Activity 2- Pump house repairs	Score Weight (%)	Points obtainable
Organisational requirements		
 Bidder's Letter of Application (Annex 1); Conflict of Interest Declaration (Annex 2); Information about the bidder and Due diligence (Annex 3); Technical proposal submission form (Annex4); Financial proposal submission form (Annex 5). Mandatory requirement any of the requirements not met		disqualified if uirements are
Technical requirements		
Methodology of works and materials required		
Detailed description on the proposed methodology for repairs to pumestablishment, construction and completion and detailed estimate of requirements.		ng timeline for 0%.
Experience & Qualifications		
At least 5 years' demonstrated experience in design and delivery of relevant works (plumbing, concrete, and metal works).	30%	350
Details of past executed projects provided.		
Referee contacts provided.		

Risk management		
Risk assessment matrix identifying all risks involved and mitigation measures. The selected contractor will be required to provide safety certifications for all employees in respect of the labour practice in Palau. Professional indemnity insurance adequate for risk.	10%	140
Certification of employees Qualifications of personnel used for the works provided.	10%	140
Environmental and sustainability consideration		
Mobilisation and demobilisation of all materials, manpower and tools in accordance with the PPUC and Bureau of Environment requirements and specifications.	10%	70
Total Score	100%	700
Qualification score	70%	490

Activity 3: Water tower/tank repairs

Score Weight (%) Points obtainable	
Bidders will be	disqualified if uirements are
c repairs includi red materials 4	ng timeline for 0%
30%	350
	Weight (%) Mandatory re Bidders will be any of the required not a second red materials 4

Referee contacts provided.		
Risk management		
Risk assessment matrix identifying all risks involved and mitigation measures. The selected contractor will be required to provide safety certifications for all employees in respect of the labour practice in Palau. Professional indemnity insurance adequate for risk.	10%	140
Certification of employees		
Qualifications of personnel used for the works provided.	10%	140
Working at heights certification for personnel provided.		
Environmental and sustainability consideration		
Mobilisation and demobilisation of all materials, manpower and tools in accordance with the PPUC and Bureau of Environment requirements and specifications.	10%	70
Total Score	100%	700
Qualification score	70%	490

4.2 Financial evaluation

The financial component of the proposal will be scored on the basis of overall costs for the delivery of the works and financial incentives and benefits provided to SPC. Provide detailed financial proposal on the attached bill of quantities with any amendments after pre bid meeting, and details on any contingencies and risk budget proposed. The lowest financial proposal will be awarded maximum 300 points and other financial offers and incentives will be awarded points as per the formula below:

Financial Proposal score = (Lowest Price / Price under consideration) x 300

Part 5: PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORMS

Annex 1: BIDDER'S LETTER OF APPLICATION

Dear Sir /Madam:

Having examined the Solicitation Documents, the receipt of which is hereby duly acknowledged, we the undersigned, offer to supply the required works for the sum as may be ascertained in accordance with the Financial Proposal attached herewith and made part of this proposal.

We acknowledge that:

- SPC may exercise any of its rights set out in the Request for Proposal documents, at any time;
- The statements, opinions, projections, forecasts or other information contained in the Request for Proposal documents may change;
- The Request for Proposal documents are a summary only of SPC's requirements and is not intended to be a comprehensive description of them;
- Neither the lodgement of the Request for Proposal documents nor the acceptance of any tender nor
 any agreement made subsequent to the Request for Proposal documents will imply any
 representation from or on behalf of SPC that there has been no material change since the date of
 the Request for Proposal documents, or since the date as at which any information contained in the
 Request for Proposal documents is stated to be applicable;
- Excepted as required by law and only to the extent so required, neither SPC, nor its respective officers, employees, advisers or agents will in any way be liable to any person or body for any loss, damage, cost or expense of any nature arising in any way out of or in connection with any representations, opinions, projections, forecasts or other statements, actual or implied, contained in or omitted from the Request for Proposal documents.

We undertake, if our proposal is accepted, to commence and complete delivery of all items in the contract within the time frame stipulated.

We understand that you are not bound to accept any proposal you may receive and that a binding contract would result only after final negotiations are concluded on the basis of the Technical and Financial Components proposed.

For the Bidder:	[insert name	of the	company]
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Signature:

Name of the Bidder's representative: [insert name of the representative]

Title: [insert Title of the representative]

Date: [Click or tap to enter a date]

Annex 2: CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

What is a conflict of interest?

A conflict of interest may arise from economic or commercial interests, political, trade union or national affinities, family, cultural or sentimental ties, or **any other type of relationship or common interest between the bidder and any person connected with the contracting authority** (SPC staff member, consultant or any other expert or collaborator mandated by SPC).

Always declare a conflict

The existence of a potential or apparent conflict of interest does not necessarily prevent the bidder concerned from taking part in a tender process. However, the declaration of the existence of such a conflict by the persons concerned is essential and allows SPC to take appropriate measures to mitigate it and prevent the associated risks.

Bidders are therefore invited to declare any situation, fact or link which, to their knowledge, could generate a real, potential or apparent conflict of interest.

Declaration at any time

Conflicts of interest may arise at any time during the procurement process or the implementation of a contract (e.g. new partner in the project) or as a result of a change in personal life (e.g. marriage, inheritance, financial transaction, creation of a company). If such a relationship is found and could be perceived by a reasonable person as likely to influence a decision, a declaration of the situation is necessary. In case of doubt, a conflict situation must be declared.

Declaration for any person involved

A declaration must be completed for each person involved in the tender (principal representative of the bidder, possible subcontractors, consultant, etc.)

Failure

Failing to declare a potential conflict of interest may result in the bidder being refused a contract or placed on SPC's list of non-responsible suppliers.

DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, [name of the representative of the Bidder], acting in the name and on behalf of the company [name of the company], declare that:

To my knowledge, I am not in a conflict-of-interest situation
There is a potential conflict of interest with regard to my [Choose an item]. relationship with [name of
the person concerned] in his or her capacity as position/role/personal or family link with the person
concerned], although, to the best of my knowledge, this person is not directly or indirectly involved in
any stage of the procurement process
I may be in a conflict of interest with regard to my [Choose an item] relationship with [name of the person
concerned] in his or her capacity as position/role/personal or family link with the person concerned], as
this person is, to the best of my knowledge, directly or indirectly linked to the procurement process
To my knowledge, there is another situation that could potentially constitute a conflict of interest:
[Describe the situation that may constitute a conflict of interest]

In addition, I undertake to:

- declare, without delay, to SPC any situation that constitutes a potential conflict of interest or is likely to lead to a conflict-of-interest;
- not to grant, seek, obtain or accept any advantage, whether financial or in kind, to or from any
 person where such advantage constitutes an unfair practice or an attempt at fraud or corruption,
 directly or indirectly, or constitutes a gratuity or reward related to the award of the contract;
- to provide accurate, truthful and complete information to SPC in connection with this procurement process.

I acknowledge that I and/or my company and/or my business partners who are jointly and severally bidding on the **RFP** [SPC Reference] may be subject to sanctions such as being placed on SPC's list of non-responsible vendors, if it is established that false statements have been made or false information has been provided.

For the Bidder: [insert name of the company]
Signature:
Signature.
Name of the representative: [insert name of the representative]
Title: [insert Title of the representative]
Date: [Click or tap to enter a date]

Annex 3: INFORMATION ABOUT THE BIDDER AND DUE DILIGENCE

Please complete the following questionnaire and provide supporting documents where applicable.

VENDOR INFORMATION						
Are you already registered as an SPC vendor?					☐ Yes	□ No
If 'No', please compl	ete the form. If 'Yes'	, do you have ar	y informatio	n to update?	☐ Yes	□ No
If 'Yes', please comp	lete the form. If 'No	', sign directly t	he form with	out completing	it	
1. Please provide info	ormation related to	your entity.				
Company name	[Enter company na	me]	Address	[Enter addres	55]	
Director/CEO	[Enter name of to person]	the executive	Position	[Enter position person]	on of the e	executive
Business Registration	n/License number	[Enter compan	y registration	/license numbe	er (or tax nu	umber)]
Date of business reg	istration	[Enter date of	business regis	stration]		
Country of business	registration	[Enter country	of business re	egistration]		
Status of the entity:						
☐ For-profit entity (_			
	y, 🗌 University, 🗌 A					
Please provide the legislation) to ver address:	following documen ify the legal exister					
on its behalf o ☐ Certificate of b ☐ Memorandum ☐ Telephone or o	ne power of attorney or any other docume ousiness registration n, Articles or Statutes electricity bill in the nt bearing the name	nt delegating au /license s of Association name of the ent	thority	to the officer t	o transact	BU3111C33
3. How many employ			idiaries have	? [provide an	swer]	
4. Do you have profe		ainst all risks in			☐ Yes	□ No
5. If 'no', what type o	of business insurance	e do you have?	[provide ans	wer]		1
6. Are you up to date			yment obliga	ations?	☐ Yes	□ No
7. Is your entity regu	lated by a national a	authority?			☐ Yes	□ No
If you answered 'yes'	, please specify the i	name: [Insert	name of the i	national regula	tion authoi	rity]
8. Is your entity a pul					☐ Yes	□ No
9. Does your entity h			rt?		☐ Yes	□ No
Please send SPC your audited financial statement from the last 3 financial years if available						
DUE DILIGENCE						
10.Does your entity have foreign branches and/or subsidiaries? ☐ Yes ☐ No					□ No	
If you answered 'yes' to the previous question, please confirm the branches.						
Head Office & domestic branches						
Domestic subsidiaries					☐ Yes	□ No
Overseas branches					□ No	
	Overseas subsidiaries				□ No	
	1 Does your entity provide financial services to customers determined to be high rick including but not					

limited to:								
Foreign Financial Institutions	☐ Yes		o Ca	sinos			☐ Yes	□ No
Cash Intensive Businesses	☐ Yes		o For	reign G	Government	Entities	☐ Yes	□ No
Non-Resident Individuals	☐ Yes		о Мо	oney Se	ervice Busin	esses	☐ Yes	□ No
☐ Other, please provide details	5:		[Pr	ovide (details]			
12.If you answered 'yes' to any of the boxes in question 11, does your entity's								
policies and procedures specifically outline how to mitigate the potential risks						tial risks	\square Yes	□ No
associated with these higher risk customer types?								
If you answered 'yes', please explain how: [Provide explanation]								
13.Does your entity have a w		•		•		•		
designed to prevent and dete	ect fraud,	corrupt	ion, mo	ney la	undering or	terrorist	☐ Yes	□ No
financing activities?	lieu in Ens	lich						
If 'yes', please send SPC your po 14.Does your entity have an off			for anti	corrir	ation or and	ti_monov		
laundering and counter-terro	•			-corrup	Juon, or an	ii-money	☐ Yes	□ No
			_	name	and conta	ct details	of your o	officer in
If yes, please state that officer's	contact de	etails:	charge		. dira conta	or accars	oj your c	.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
If 'no', what process does your e	entity have	in plac		-	[mm : 1]	7		
and detect money laundering or	•	•	•		[provide ar	iswerj		
15.Has your entity or any affiliat	ted entity	ever file	ed for b	ankrup	otcy?		☐ Yes	□ No
16.Have any of the entity's curre	ent or forr	ner dire	ectors o	r CEO f	iled for ban	kruptcy?	☐ Yes	□ No
17. Has your entity ever been the or criminal enforcement acregulations, including those r	ctions res	ulting money	from v launder	iolatio	ns of any terrorism fi	laws or	□ Yes	□ No
If you answered 'yes', please pro			Provide		-	.:		
18.Has the director or CEO of your or had any regulatory or crin of any laws or regulations, terrorism financing?	ninal enfo	rcemen	t action	s resul	Iting from v	iolations	□ Yes	□ No
If you answered 'yes', please pro	ovide deta	ils: [H	Provide (details]			
SOCIAL AND ENVIRON	IMENTA	AL RE	SPON	SIBIL	ITY (SER))		
Social and Environmental Res	19.Does your entity have a written policy, controls and procedures to implement its Social and Environmental Responsibility (SER) commitments?					ement its	□ Yes	□ No
If yes, please send SPC your policy in English.								
Does your Policy cover the follour Child protection ☐ Human r☐ Sexual harassment, abuse or	ights 🗌 G					Ey		
Please, outline the major actions you have undertaken in these areas: [provide answer]								
20.Does your entity have an	officer re	sponsib	le for	Social	and Enviro	nmental	☐ Yes	□ No
Responsibility (SER)?								
If yes, please state that officer's contact details: [Insert_name_and_contact_details: charge]				of your o	officer in			
If 'no', what process does your ensure your social and environn	•	•		[prov	vide answer]			

I declare that the particulars given herein above are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge, and the documents submitted in support of this form are genuine and obtained legally from the respective issuing authority.

I declare that none of the funds received or to be received by my company will be used for criminal activities, including financing terrorism or money laundering.

By sending this declaration to SPC, I agree that my business and personal information may be used by SPC for due diligence purposes. I also understand and accept that SPC will treat any personal information it receives in connection with my proposal in accordance with its Privacy Policy, and the Guidelines for handling personal information of bidders and grantees.

For the Bidder: [insert name of the company]

Signature:

Name of the representative: [insert name of the representative]

Title: [insert Title of the representative]
Date: [Click or tap to enter a date]

Annex 4: TECHNICAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

The Technical Proposal Submission Form is to be completed against the activity that the bidder is bidding for. This can be for a single activity, combination of the 3 activities, or all 3 activities. A separate document of detailed response referring to specific criteria is acceptable if there is insufficient space in cell provided.

Technical Requirements						
Evaluation criteria		Response by Bidder				
Experience and specified per	sonnel/sub-contra	ctors				
·	Experience:					
	[insert details of rel	evant experience]				
	Details for three re					
	1. Client's nan	ne: [insert name of client 1]				
	Contact name:	[insert name of contact]				
Experience: At least 5 Years'	Contact details:	[insert contact details]				
experience in design and	Value contract:	[insert value of contract]				
delivery of relevant activity	2. Client's nan	ne: [insert name of client 2]				
for the company and/or	Contact name:	[insert name of contact]				
contractors completing works	Contact details:	[insert contact details]				
	Value contract:	[insert value of contract]				
	3. Client's nan	ne: [insert name of client 3]				
	Contact name:	[insert name of contact]				
	Contact details:	[insert contact details]				
	Value contract:	[insert value of contract]				
Personnel: Details of all	Details about perso	onnel/sub-contractors				
personnel who will be	Project	[insert details about the project manager and its				
involved in the construction	Manager's	experience]				
and delivery of the works to	experience:	experience				
be listed [insert details of the	Site Manager's	[insert details about the site manager and its				
personnel/su-contractors	experience:	experience]				
required (e.g. engineers, site managers, project managers, architects etc. and minimum or maximum team of experts)]	[Etc.]	[insert details about the staff/sub-contractors and its experience]				
Experience & Qualifications						
Activity 1 - Demonstrated experience with fencing		[Bidder's answer if bidding for Activity 1]				
and metal works		[Stage: 3 dilawer ij Stagning for Activity 1]				
Activity 2 - Demonstrated expeand plumbing works	erience with metal	[Bidder's answer if bidding for Activity 2]				
Activity 3 - Demonstrated exper at heights, plumbing and motower/tank repairs).	_	[Bidder's answer if bidding for Activity 3]				

Risk Management	
Risk assessment matrix identifying all risks involved	[Bidder's answer]
and mitigation measures.	[Blader's diswer]
Professional Indemnity insurance adequate for risk	[Bidder's answer]
Certification of Employees	
The selected contractor will be required to provide	
safety certifications for all employees in respect of	[Bidder's answer]
the labour practice in Palau	
Environmental and sustainability consideration	
Mobilisation and demobilisation of all materials,	
manpower and tools in accordance with the PPUC	[Bidder's answer]
and Bureau of Environment requirements and	
specifications	

For the Bidder: [insert name of the company]

Signature:

Name of the representative: [insert name of the representative]

Title: [insert Title of the representative]

Date: [Click or tap to enter a date]

Annex 5: FINANCIAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

In their financial proposal, bidders should detail as much as possible the price requested in response to the technical specifications.

Wherever possible, unit prices for the various equipment and materials required should be given, as well as lump sums for the personnel involved, followed by the total amount (including additional services and any other costs associated with the construction of the works, if applicable).

A good level of detail in their financial proposal helps bidders to give clarity and transparency to their proposal and makes it easier for SPC to score the proposals received.

The contract to be concluded with the selected bidder must mention all the costs incurred for the execution of the assignment entrusted to him (material, equipment, travel, etc.). These costs will either be included in their fees, paid or reimbursed by SPC upon presentation of supporting documents. In any case, they must be estimated by the bidder in its financial proposal and will form an integral part of SPC's evaluation of proposals. No additional costs can be claimed from SPC after the contract has been signed.

Bidders must also mention any special conditions relating to the amount of their proposal or the terms of payment.

The financial proposal must be submitted inclusive of taxes in accordance with the applicable legislation.

The following form is given as an indication, the bidder may submit its financial proposal to SPC in another format, provided that it complies with the instructions detailed in this RFP/RFQ and in particular:

[Instructions to be inserted by SPC for bidders to better understand SPC's requirements for their financial proposal (including all costs for which a financial proposal is expected from SPC: shipping insurance, custom fees, etc.)]

Activity 1- Installation of new perimeter fence, including access gate and entrance gate

Cost Description	Lump sum Price USD	Total quantity	Total Amount USD
[Item description]	[unit price]	[quantity]	[total amount]
Total Activity 1			[Total 1]

Activity 2- Pump House Repairs				
Cost Description	Lump sum Price [Currency]	Total quantity	Total Amount [Currency]	
[Item description]	[unit price]	[quantity]	[total amount]	
Total Package 2			[Total 2]	

Activity 3- Water tower/tank repairs				
Cost Description	Lump sum Price [Currency]	Total quantity	Total Amount [Currency]	
[Item description]	[unit price]	[quantity]	[total amount]	
Total Package 3			[Total 3]	

Other costs					
Item description	Unit Price [Currency]	Total quantity	Total Amount [Currency]		
[Item description (e.g. additional services: maintenance, guarantee, commercial service)]	[unit price]	[quantity]	[total amount]		
[Item description]	[unit price]	[quantity]	[total amount]		
[Item description]	[unit price]	[quantity]	[total amount]		
[Item description]	[unit price]	[quantity]	[total amount]		

Total Other costs	[Total]

Total amount	[total amount for 1+2+3]
Total other costs	[total other costs]
GRAND TOTAL	

No payment will be made for items which have not been priced. Such items are deemed to be covered by the financial offer.

Bidders will be deemed to have satisfied themselves, before submitting their proposal and to its correctness and completeness, taking into account of all that is required for the full and proper performance of the contract and to have included all costs in their rates and prices.

For the Bidder: [insert name of the company]

Signature:

Name of the representative: [insert name of the representative]

Title: [insert Title of the representative]
Date: [Click or tap to enter a date]