

RFP24-OPD/MOTA-42400072
TINIAN (PUNTAN DIABLO) SMALL COMMUNITY EXEMPT LANDFILL (SCEL)

REPLIES TO QUESTIONS
from
Pre-Proposal Meeting of April 9, 2024

ITEM NO.	QUESTION	REPLY FROM OPD/MOTA/DPW	REMARKS/REFERENCE
1.0	Can a plot map illustrating the proposed and existing sites be provided as part of the RFP package?	<i>At this time, only the legal property plat of the Puntan Diablo Dumpsite that was issued by DPL can be shared with the Proposers. Pls see attached document.</i>	(See attached DPL document)
2.0	Will DCRM require a major siting permit for the proposed Tinian landfill project?	<i>Whether the SCEL Project will require a major siting permit from the DCRM is not yet known at this time. During project execution, consultations with the DCRM and BECQ will be part of the Consultant's scope of work of establishing the permit requirements.</i>	
3.0	Will there be a need to prove that the project has been deemed eligible for a Small Communities Exemption?	<i>No, there is no need to prove that the project is eligible for Small Communities Exemption.</i>	(Copies of the BECQ ruling shall be provided to the successful consultant)
4.0	Per 40 CFR 258.1 (f) a requirement for exemption from subparts D and E is no evidence of ground-water contamination from the MSWLF. Is historical groundwater quality data available for the site to validate the exemption?	<i>We will provide the results of the water sampling report demonstrating that the Puntan Diablo site is eligible as a SCEL to the successful consultant. It will be up to the consultant to provide confirmatory or historical groundwater quality data as part of the scope for research, assessment and design, but it is not necessary for purposes of validating the exemption.</i>	
5.0	A Basis of Design Report for the Tinian Landfill was prepared for the landfill in 2012 by Tetra Tech, will this scope of work be building off the previous design work complete. Could you please provide the design drawings associated with this report?	<i>The Puntan Diablo SCEL project is an entirely new Project. Please see the Scope of work for the references, which shall be made available to the successful consultant upon request. The use of the data from these reports if found relevant will be the responsibility of the Consultant.</i>	(See page 7, paragraph 2 of the RFP Phase I, Scope of Work)

6.0	Is the design for a standalone new landfill (ignoring the existing open dump) or does the plan include relocating waste from the dumpsite to the new landfill.	<i>The project plan is for the existing dumpsite property as defined by the DPL property map to be used for the new SCEL with a projected service life of 10 years. The design includes continuing to use a portion of the property for a disposal facility as it is only the only disposal facility available at Tinian at present. Preparing a dump closure plan for that section and the SCEL final closure plan are both included in the Scope of Work.</i>	
7.0	Anticipated level of effort on cultural/historical preservation review?	<i>The level of effort will be as prescribed by the CNMI HPO for the site in question. The successful Consultant shall make the recommendation and be responsible for whether to use relevant and most recent data available in preparing HPO clearance requirements, as may be required.</i>	
8.0	On Task 1. Preliminary Technical Assessment report is tasked with determining if the current dump will meet the SCEL requirements. With a population of 2,050 and an average daily assumed per waste of 5 pounds per person the community will definitely fall under the 20-ton daily threshold. The annual rainfall exceeds 25 inches per year which would necessitate a liner, as well as does the high water table and location. It would seem this Preliminary Technical Report can be prepared quickly based on readily available data. To save time and money would OPD partner with the consultant to get this done?	<i>Task 1 will be independently prepared by the successful Consultant according to the Scope of Work outlined for purposes of design and making sure that the project is "permit" ready - and not whether the project meets SCEL criteria.</i>	
9.0	Is there a recent waste classification study for the Tinian dump? If not, would this be required prior to the approval to start the design?	<i>A recent waste characterization study prepared for the Tinian municipality including current CNMI data for waste projections will be made available to the successful Consultant. A new waste characterization study is not expected to be necessary.</i>	
10.0	In the Introduction to the scope of work it states the consultant is to address "current" and future needs. Are the current needs to include manpower and equipment or does OPD have other ideas what this entails and how this would be implemented? Would addressing current needs delay the design	<i>The "current and future" needs refer to all the necessary solid waste design elements (including manpower and equipment) for assessing, designing and operating (through the preparation of an operations plan) a small community exempt landfill for 10 years with due consideration to the effects of waste diversion activities such as reuse, recycling,</i>	

	work? The future needs are assumed to be the actual design in Task 2.	<i>and composting towards achieving the Municipality's zero waste goals.</i>	

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