



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
2nd floor - Oleai Joeten Commercial Center
Saipan, MP 96950



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DPW/ED26-RFP No.: 42600066

Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Home Energy Rebates Programs, Which include the Home Energy Performance Based, Whole House Rebates (IRA Section 50121) and High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebate Program (IRA Section 50122)

Governor David M. Apatang and Lt. Governor Dennis James (DJ) C. Mendiola, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed Proposals for the **Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Home Energy Rebates Programs, Which include the Home Energy Performance Based, Whole House Rebates (IRA Section 50121) and High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebate Program (IRA Section 50122)**, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in affect. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with **§70-30.3-210** of the regulations.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITUES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

The RFP Package and Scope of Work is available on or after **March 05, 2026** at the Department of Public Works, Office of the Secretary, 2nd Floor, Oleai Commercial Center, Saipan.

A Pre-Proposal Conference is scheduled for **9:00 a.m. local time** at the **Department of Public Works Conference Room, 2nd Floor Oleai Joeten Commercial Building on March 25, 2026**. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor Oleai Commercial Center, Saipan, no later than 4:30 p.m. local time **April 03, 2026**.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Procurement of these series is made in accordance with **§70-30.3-210** of the CNMI Procurement Regulations. Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Background and Qualification – 25%
2. Experience of Firm(s) on Similar type of projects – 20%
3. Capacity of Firm's key Staff/Crew and Equipment Availability – 25%
4. Project Approach – 20%
5. Price – 10%

Technical merit and experience will be given greater importance than overall cost, and the Government reserves the right to award this RFP to a bidder other than the lowest cost applicant. For proposals of equal technical merit, the overall cost will gain greater importance for a final decision.

Discussion may be conducted with applicants who submit proposals determined to be reasonably credible of being selected for award, for the purpose of clarification. Discussions may also be conducted to ensure full understanding and fulfillment of solicitation requirements. Applicants shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion. Revision of proposals may be permitted after submission, and prior to award date, for the purpose of obtaining the best final offer. In conducting discussions, there shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing applicants.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the applicant awarded a contract. The applicant selected will be subject to responsibility determination in conformance with NMIAC § 70-30.3-245 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

Award shall be made to the responsible applicant, whose proposal is determined in writing to be most advantageous to the government, taking into consideration price and the evaluation factors set forth in this request for proposal. No other factors or criteria shall be used in the evaluation.

Proposals must be sealed and marked “**DPW/ED26-RFP No.:42600066 – Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Home Energy Rebates Programs, Which include the Home Energy Performance Based, Whole House Rebates (IRA Section 50121) and High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebate Program (IRA Section 50122)**”. *Company/Business Name, Email Address, and Phone Number must be marked on the folder.*

For Proposers located within the CNMI, **one original and five (5) copies** of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Acting Director of Procurement Services located at **Building 12386, Ascencion Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan**, no later than **10:00 a.m. ChST., April 10, 2026**.

Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Acting Director of Procurement Services no later than **10:00 a.m. ChST., April 10, 2026**, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to bidintent@dof.gov.mp.

For proposers located outside the CNMI, **one original and five (5) copies** of sealed proposals **must be postmarked** by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **10:00 A.M. ChST., April 10, 2026** – AND must be received no later than **April 21, 2026**. *Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.*

BREACH OF ETHICAL STANDARDS

(To be part of Solicitation for quotes, ITBs, and RFPs)

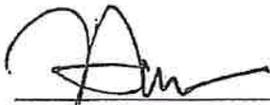
- **Gratuities.** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any person to offer, give or agree to give any employee or former employee, or for any employee or former employee to solicit, demand, accept, or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation of any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing or in any other advisory capacity in any

proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter, about any program requirement or a contract or subcontract or to any solicitation or proposal therefore. NMIAC Section 70-30.3-725(a).

- 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 subcontract or order. NMIAC Section 70-30.3-725(b).
 - 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 government 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. NMIAC Section 70-30.3-730.
1. The CNMI Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids/proposals or portions thereof, and waive any immaterial defects if to do so would be in the best interest of the CNMI Government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI Government.
 2. All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer(s) awarded a contract for this project, including excise tax.
 3. All bidders/proposers entering into agreements with the CNMI Government must comply with the CNMI Procurement Standard Terms and Conditions.
 4. All proposals must be accompanied by a valid CNMI Business License authorizing the proposer to perform the type of work or service required under this solicitation. Failure to submit the required business license with the proposal submission shall result in immediate disqualification and non-consideration of the proposal.
 5. Each vendor/proposer is permitted to submit only one (1) proposal in response to this Request for Proposal. Multiple submissions from the same vendor will result in disqualification of all proposals submitted by that vendor.
 6. In accordance with NMIAC § 70-30.3-001 of the Commonwealth Procurement Regulations, which establishes the purpose of promoting the economic development of the Commonwealth and ensuring the efficient and economical use of public funds, this procurement is one hundred percent (100%) Federally funded
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Anthony A. Camacho
Acting Secretary of Public Works



Joaquin Deleon Guerrero
Acting Director, Division of
Procurement Services



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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
CNMI GOVERNMENT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP NO.: DPW/ED26-RFP No.42600066
SUBMISSION DATE: April 10, 2026
TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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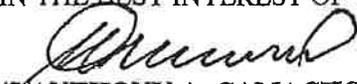
COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, LOCATED ON SECOND FLOOR, OLEAI JOETEN COMMERCIAL CENTER, SAN JOSE, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

The project package will be available on or after March 05, 2026 at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan.

There will be a **Pre-Proposal Conference** for this project on March 25, 2026, 9:00 a.m. local time at the **Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office**, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All question regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on April 03, 2026 to **Mr. Kenn Aldan, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

THE CNMI GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND WAIVE IMMATERIAL DEFECTS IF TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.


/S/ ANTHONY A. CAMACHO
Acting Secretary, DPW


/S/ JOAQUIN A. DELEON GUERRERO
Acting Director, Division of
Procurement Services



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February 24, 2026
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Attn: Gwendolyn Sandig
Saipan, MP 96950

Please publish the attached Request for Proposal in your newspaper, for the following issues:

March 05, 2026
March 12, 2026
March 19, 2026

The size of the advertisement is 1/8 page for 3 issues in your newspaper. Please e-mail a copy of the ad, for corrections, if any, to Oscarpangz@yahoo.com before the ad is put out for publication.

Please mail or submit your original invoice to the Department of Public Works, c/o Mr. Ray N. Yumul, Secretary of DPW, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan MP, 96950. Your billing should reference; Department of Public Works; DPW/ED26-RFP- No.42600066.

A purchase order will be issued to cover the cost of this advertisement Order.

Sincerely,


Anthony A. Camacho
Acting Secretary of DPW



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“To select a qualified vendor to help the Commonwealth plan and administer the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Home Energy Rebates Programs, which include the Home Energy Performance-Based, Whole-House Rebates (IRA Section 50121) and High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebate Program (IRA Section 50122)”

SECTION 1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 GENERAL INFORMATION

Governor David M. Apatang and Lt. Governor Dennis C. Mendiola, on behalf of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Department of Public Works – Division of Energy “Commonwealth”, is issuing this Request for Proposals (RFP) to select a qualified vendor to help the Commonwealth plan and administer the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Home Energy Rebates Programs, which include the Home Energy Performance-Based, Whole-House Rebates (IRA Section 50121) and High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebate Program (IRA Section 50122). This solicitation is being published so that interested parties may submit sealed proposals in accordance with the terms of this solicitation. **Please review all materials before responding.**

The Commonwealth has been awarded Early Administrative funds for IRA Section 50121 and IRA Section 50122 and is currently developing an application and program design for full program implementation.

The term of the initial contract will not exceed six (6) months from the execution of the contract, with the possibility of renewal or amendment for an extension of another six (6) month term to complete IRA Section 50121 and

IRA Section 50122 program application materials upon completion of tasks outlined in Phase I (see Section 3.2.1) and with written agreement from both parties that confirms the feasibility of program implementation. Additional renewal or amendment for an extension of the contract for the awardee to implement the programs will also be considered upon completion of tasks outlined in Phase II (see Section 3.2.2) with written agreement from both parties that confirms the continued feasibility of program implementation and US. Department of Energy (DOE) approval of drafted application materials.

Issuance of this RFP in no way constitutes a commitment by the Commonwealth to award a contract. The final terms of engagement will be set out in a contract between the selected awardee and Commonwealth. Provisions of this RFP and the accepted proposal may be incorporated into the terms of the contract.

SECTION 2.0 OFFEROR'S EXPERIENCE AND PERSONNEL

2.1 ORGANIZATIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Commonwealth seeks a knowledgeable and experienced company with the ability to comply with all federal requirements, facilitate program planning, design, implementation and evaluation, manage program data, manage rebate administration, education and outreach campaigns, and ensure consumer protection. This knowledge/experience should be demonstrated through, but is not limited to, previous projects and the successful implementation of those projects across a large jurisdiction/territory or at a state or national scale. Demonstrated project experience must include the following elements:

- Data-driven ongoing and continuous program evaluation and improvement;
- Expertise in grants management, grants strategy, monitoring and compliance, reporting, evaluation, closeout and auditing of large programs;
- The successful management of large complex Federal DOE funded programs.

The following demonstrated characteristics are highly desired:

- Income qualification including documentation of methods to ease and streamline this process for low- and moderate-income (LMI) tenants and homeowners;
- Ability to ramp up and down as rebate demand changes;
- Collaborative, flexible and responsive relationship with funding entity;
- Knowledge of and experience with Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands local government;
- Pacific Islands Region and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands building stock and opportunity analyses.

2.2 ORGANIZATIONAL PERSONNEL

The Commonwealth seeks experienced personnel within the awardee's organization and any partnered team(s) to service IRA Section 50121 and IRA Section 50122. This highly desired experience should include:

- Experience working in the Pacific Islands Region and/or Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;
- Experience working with governmental entities;
- Expertise in the roles of:
 - a. Customer Service Professional;
 - b. Data Analyst;
 - c. Workforce Development;
 - d. Contractor Management;
 - e. Federal grants management and oversight.

SECTION 3.0 REQUIREMENTS AND SCOPE OF WORK

3.1 MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

Interested Offerors should be aware of and agree to adhere to all programmatic requirements of the:

- Home Energy Rebate Programs Early Administrative Funds Administrative and Legal Requirements Document (ALRD);
- Home Energy Rebate Programs Requirements and Application Instructions;
- Home Energy Rebate Administrative and Legal Requirements Document;
- Home Energy Rebates Data and Tools Requirements Guide.

The awardee will also be expected to comply with additional Special Terms and Conditions included within the Early Administrative award.

3.2 SCOPE OF WORK

This Scope of Work describes the deliverables sought through this RFP and the scope of what the awardee will be expected to offer through the contract resulting from this RFP. The Scope of Work is intended to provide interested parties with sufficient basic information to submit a proposal. It is not intended to limit a proposal's content or exclude any relevant or essential data.

3.2.1 PHASE I: Feasibility Considerations and Review

The Commonwealth is soliciting an anticipated contract for Feasibility Considerations and Review of IRA Section 50121 and IRA Section 50122. During Phase I, the awardee would be expected to perform all Phase I tasks as outlined below. Upon successful completion of all Phase I tasks, the Commonwealth will consider the feasibility of extending the award and initiating Phase II program planning tasks.

The work that would be expected to be completed by the awardee during Phase I is as follows:

- Interview Commonwealth staff for program priorities, goals, and concerns.
- Conduct and present research and analysis that will inform and guide program design and implementation in the Commonwealth. Research will include home energy efficiency market research, industry engagement meetings, and other activities necessary to assist the Commonwealth in determining the feasibility of these programs, as well as Commonwealth specific challenges that will need to be addressed.
- Track all relevant DOE IRA Section 50121 and IRA Section 50122 requirements and guidance.
- Identify and breakdown the requirements for the Rebate Programs, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands Energy Division Staff responsibilities, and awardee responsibilities.
- Submit a report summarizing outcomes from Phase I tasks with recommendations for next steps.

3.2.2 PHASE II: Program Planning of IRA Section 50121 and IRA Section 50122

It is anticipated that if a written agreement is reached by both parties that confirms the feasibility of program implementation in Phase I, the awardee will be invited to complete IRA Section 50121 and IRA Section 50122 program application materials. Program applications must comply with all DOE requirements and ALRD rules, as well as incorporate the characteristics developed in the Commonwealth's unique applications and anticipated awards.

3.2.3 PHASE III: Full Program Implementation of IRA Section 50121 and IRA Section 50122

It is anticipated that if (1) a written agreement is reached by both parties that confirms the feasibility of program implementation in Phase I, and (2) the awardee completes application tasks that are approved by DOE in Phase II, they will be invited to implement the programs. Full program implementation must comply with all DOE requirements and ALRD rules, as well as incorporate the characteristics developed in the Commonwealth's unique applications and anticipated awards.

3.3 DELIVERABLES

The Deliverables are intended to provide interested parties with sufficient basic information to submit a proposal. It is not intended to limit a proposal's content or exclude any relevant or essential data.

	DELIVERABLE	TIMELINE
1.	Interview Commonwealth staff for priorities, goals, and priorities.	Month 1
2.	Present Commonwealth staff with an overview of program requirements that may pose unique challenges for the Commonwealth.	Month 1

3. Present Commonwealth staff with any stakeholders the awardee would like to engage to inform deliverables. **Month 1**
4. Present Commonwealth staff with high-level program design options, highlighting risks and challenges to implement these programs in the Commonwealth. **Month 2**
5. Using feedback from Deliverable 4, develop and present program design options that reflect Commonwealth goals and priorities but are realistic to the constraints of implementing programs in the Commonwealth. **Month 3**
6. Using feedback from Deliverable 5, continue to refine and present program design options that are appropriate for the Commonwealth. **Month 4**
7. Present to Commonwealth staff the feasibility of launching programs that conform with DOE requirements and meet Commonwealth needs. **Month 5**
8. Submit report summarizing outcomes from Phase I tasks with recommendations for next steps. **Month 6**