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**Construction Management and Project Management Services for Hagatna Main
Sewer Pump Station and Redundant Force Main
GWA Project No. 22002
RFP-01-ENG-2025
GWA RFI Response No. 1 Contractor Inquiries**

This Addendum and/or Response to Request for Information (RFI) is issued to modify the previously issued bid documents and/or given for informational purposes and to the extent the responses below modify the bid documents, please treat them as an amendment to the Bid. The following are responses to RFIs received:

NO.	DATE	QUESTION/INQUIRY AS SUBMITTED	GWA RESPONSE
Questions from January 9, 2025			
1		<p>Reference: I. Instructions to Proposers, H. Performance Record, third bullet.</p> <p><i>“A litigation and dispute history of projects to include a list of all projects the Firm was involved with or other disputes over pay or performance over the past 10 years. Describe when, where, why, judgment rendered and settlements paid by the Firm (if any). If judgment has been entered and a case has been appealed, provide the general facts of the case and the basis of the appeal.”</i></p> <p>Query: Consider replacing the above paragraph from the RFP with the below paragraph:</p> <p><i>“Provide a litigation and dispute history specific to the type of services being requested under this RFP (e.g., design, construction management, studies, environmental, etc.) for all projects located in Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands</i></p>	<p>Thank you for your suggestion but no changes will be made to the instructions as proposed.</p> <p>For our procurement record, the present instructions do not inhibit GWA’s ability to evaluate the firm’s relevant experience but rather serves to gives us a more complete picture to understand whether the firm will pose any potential risks to performance, compliance, or financial stability based on their past litigation or claims history.</p>



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	<p><i>(CNMI) over the past 10 years. Describe when, where, why, judgment rendered, and settlements paid by the Firm (if any). If judgment has been entered and a case has been appealed, provide the general facts of the case and the basis of the appeal.”</i></p> <p>Explanation: The second paragraph is likely to result in a more level evaluation between two firms because it narrows the scope of the litigation and dispute history to projects specific to the type of services being requested under the RFP and projects located in Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). Here’s a detailed explanation:</p> <p>Reasons for a More Level Evaluation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Relevance to the RFP:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• By limiting the scope to the specific services under the RFP, the evaluation considers only disputes that are directly related to the firm's ability to perform the required work. This avoids penalizing firms for disputes in unrelated service areas.2. Regional Context:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restricting the geographic scope to Guam and the CNMI ensures that the evaluation reflects the firm's track record in the local context. Firms with no experience in the region are not unduly advantaged or disadvantaged compared to those with a regional presence.3. Fair Comparison Across Firms:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A global or all-encompassing history (as in the first paragraph) might unfairly disadvantage larger firms with more extensive operations, while smaller firms with fewer projects might appear more favorable simply due to fewer opportunities for disputes. The	
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		<p>second paragraph levels the playing field by focusing on relevant regional and service-specific data.</p> <p>4. Focus on Applicable Experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The second paragraph avoids extraneous or irrelevant details, allowing evaluators to focus on information that is most pertinent to the firm's ability to succeed in the specific context of the RFP. <p>Conclusion:</p> <p>The second paragraph refines the evaluation criteria to ensure that firms are assessed based on their relevant and regional experience. This results in a fairer comparison by focusing on factors directly tied to the requested services and the operating environment, eliminating potential biases introduced by unrelated or geographically distant disputes</p>	
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Bidders are also notified to visit GWA website: www.guamwaterworks.org to ensure that addenda to the bid, answers to questions, and reminders are communicated to all bidders throughout the solicitation process.

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