

Early Market Engagement (EME)

Information for Bidders

National Recovery and Reconstruction
Program On behalf of
Government of Sint Maarten

Emergency Debris Management Project

Sint Maarten Landfill Civil Works intervention
Contract



1. INTRODUCTION

The National Program Recovery Bureau (NRPB), an agency of the Government of Sint Maarten is currently preparing **to initiate a procurement process to establish a contract with a qualified Contractor to Design-Build, Design-Build & Operate (FIDIC Yellow and Gold Books) the Sint Maarten Landfill facility.** The potential scale and scope of this works and service is such that it offers a significant opportunity to bidders. Prior to initiating the procurement, the NRPB wishes to establish the level of market interest in participating in the procurement process.

2. OBJECTIVE of EME

- To consult the market on the future contract, get feedback on the bidding documents in terms of qualification criteria / weightings, incentives and opportunities for them to participate in the procurement process and to assess market capacity, risks, and innovative solutions.
- To increase Contractor readiness to respond to procuring needs, and to understand market interest.
- Ensure a well-informed and competitive procurement process that attracts capable suppliers, delivers value for money, and fosters innovation

3. PROCUREMENT FRAMEWORK

Aligned with the World Bank's Early Market Engagement (EME) requirements effective March 1, 2025.

4. PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

- Ensure Fairness & Transparency
- All suppliers shall receive equal access to information.
- A probity advisor shall be engaged for risk management.
- EME participation does not grant preferential treatment in future procurement.
- All findings will be summarized and incorporated into a public procurement strategy update.

5. CONTRACT DESCRIPTION

In response to the Irma hurricane destruction in 2017, the Government of Sint Maarten initiated the National Recovery and Reconstruction Program, which aims to facilitate the island's large-scale recovery and reconstruction efforts. Since January 2018, the World Bank has been providing assistance to the Government of Sint Maarten in implementing this program. A significant portion of the funding is provided through a Trust Fund established by the Netherlands in collaboration with the World Bank.

One of the projects supported by the Trust Fund is the Emergency Debris Management Project (EDMP). This project aims to effectively manage debris resulting from the hurricane and reconstruction activities, as well as improve the organization, rehabilitation, and upgrading of debris storage and municipal disposal sites.

As part of the EDMP, a project was developed by the NRPB to upgrade the municipal solid waste landfill sites to acceptable levels of Environmental, and Health & Safety standards and to maximize the landfill disposal capacity during a transition period to a non-disposal Integrated Solid Waste Management System.

Details related to the Project

This Project subject to this EME, is a Design & Build or Design-Build & Operate assignment for the Upgrading, Extension, Reconditioning/Rehabilitation and Closure of the Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Site in Sint Maarten (MSWDS).

The Scope of Work will be based on the Concept Design currently under development as part of a Feasibility Study. The Concept Design is expected to be finalized by August 2025, with Procurement Documents anticipated for publication in October 2025.

The proposed works will primarily involve re-profiling the existing contours and profiles of the landfilled mass, comprising approximately 100,000 m³ of cut and 1,000,000 m³ of fill. In addition, the project will include the construction of a cover layer for the closure of the MSWDS. The closure will include construction elements such as LLDPE lining, drainage, geotechnical reinforcement, landfill gas relief and helophyte filter installation for leachate treatment. Depending on the outcome of the Feasibility Study, the final scope may also include a landfill extension entailing the installation of additional items such as bottom layer HDPE liner, leachate collection and treatment, landfill gas extraction, relocation of an existing access road and the construction of simple associated buildings and amenities.

Overall, it is anticipated that the Concept Design will result in a Scope of Work that consists largely of standard earthworks and relatively straightforward construction activities.

In parallel with the construction phase, the ongoing operation of the landfill, which is also a relatively simple process with high similarity to standard earthworks, must be maintained until the site reaches its full capacity, expected around 2030. Closure related construction activities must be scheduled and phased to ensure they do not impede the continued operation of the landfill, and allow the site to reach its final full capacity.

6. Cost Estimate

The estimated cost for the contract for the Landfill Facility is approx. USD 60 million.

7. APPROACH TO THE EARLY MARKET ENGAGEMENT ASSESSMENT

As part of the preparation, NRPB is running the present Early Market Engagement exercise on behalf of the Government of Sint Maarten.

NRPB is inviting suitably qualified and experienced bidders who may have an interest in this project to complete the attached questionnaire to assist us to gain a better understanding of the feasibility of their requirements, to find the most appropriate approach, to seek the capacity of the market to deliver and to identify any possible risks or issues that may not have previously been considered.

In responding, you should understand that detailed and lengthy submissions are not necessary at this stage. Nonetheless, we welcome any pertinent information on your company's capability and views on an approach to the provision of a solution to the range of required services.

Respondents' views or submissions will not be individually identified or revealed to third parties. All information provided in this exercise will be treated in confidence and will NOT be considered in any future tender evaluation exercise. Information gathered will be used in the development of a business case on the most suitable approach to meeting the operational and management needs of NRPB.

Any information provided in response to this Early Market Engagement exercise marked as commercially sensitive will be treated as such. Participants are asked to identify any of the information supplied in the course of this exercise which should not be disclosed because of its sensitivity. In doing so participants must specify the reasons for its sensitivity and specify the period for which the information will remain sensitive.

This document sets out the objectives of the exercise, provides background information and outlines the scope of services to be provided by prospective suppliers. Any submission received in response to this exercise will not constitute any contractual agreement between the respondent and the NRPB.

Interested parties shall bear their own costs of participation in this Early Market Engagement exercise of whatever nature. The NRPB shall not be liable for the costs, expenses or losses howsoever arising (including, without limitation, any loss of profit or other economic loss incurred) regardless of the outcome of the Early Market Engagement exercise.

8. Online Meetings (one public meeting / one-to-one meetings)

In addition, depending on the volume of responses, the NRPB may wish to follow up the questionnaire with an online meeting and / or one-to-one meetings with respondents **(if considered necessary by the project team)**.

The meetings might provide an opportunity for further mutual understanding of any potential issues around this procurement including any risks or issues that may not have previously been considered.

***To complete the questionnaire, please click here: [Early Market Engagement Questionnaire](#)