



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (WORKS – CONTRACTOR SELECTION)

Country: Sint Maarten

Project: Sint Maarten Wastewater Management Project

Grant No.: TF-C5700

Employer: National Recovery Program Bureau (NRPB)

Works Title: Construction of Sewage Network in Cul de Sac, Sint Maarten – 3 Lots

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The Government of Sint Maarten has received financing through a Trust Fund established by the Netherlands and administered by the World Bank for the Sint Maarten Wastewater Management Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward the construction of a sewage network in the Cul de Sac district. The National Recovery Program Bureau (NRPB) previously conducted a competitive tender process for related works; however, that procurement did not result in the award of the sewage-network works. The Employer (NRPB) is undertaking renewed market engagement through this Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI).

The project aims to improve sanitation services, strengthen wastewater infrastructure, and enhance the sustainability and climate resilience of wastewater management in Sint Maarten. The project is implemented by the National Recovery Program Bureau (NRPB), in coordination with the Ministry of Public Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure (VROMI).

The main objective of the proposed Works is to construct and integrate a new gravity sewerage network in Cul de Sac, covering priority areas in South Reward, St. Peters, Retreat Estate and Betty's Estate. Saunders Estate is included as an optional scope, subject to available funding. The sewerage network construction includes private connections to individual households within the designed areas. The overall anticipated scale is approximately 11 km of pipeline, including associated manholes and around 860 household connections. These quantities are approximate, relate to the overall scheme and will be confirmed and allocated across lots in the detailed technical documents.

The anticipated Works will primarily involve cutting asphalt/concrete in road sections, excavation and support of trenches, installation of gravity sewer pipes, manholes and placement of household inspection pits, household connections, backfilling in layers, compaction, testing and inspection, reinstatement of road surfaces including asphalt, traffic and pedestrian management and associated site restoration. Works are expected to be performed in active residential streets, with measures to maintain access and limit disruption to communities.



The indicative estimated value of the overall sewage-network works is USD 16.5 million, including any optional scope as further defined by the Employer. Estimates per lot are provided in the table below. This is a planning estimate, not a quotation request or a commitment to award works to that value. The estimated times for completion per lot are provided in the table below. The Employer's preference is for the works to be executed simultaneously the works consist of 3 individual lots; however, this could be revisited based on market response, contractor capacity etc. The final sequence, contract commencement, completion and sectional milestone arrangements for each lot will be specified in the final contract documents.

Proposed division into three lots

For market-sounding purposes, the Employer proposes the following geographic packaging. (Precise boundaries, quantities etc. may be revised following the EOI)

Lot	Scope and interface considerations	Length (km)	Private connections	Estimated duration (months)	Estimated cost (\$ millions)
Lot 1 – South Reward	Construction of gravity sewer mains, manholes, household inspection pits, household connections and road reinstatement; interface with downstream infrastructure and adjoining lots.	2.5	160	12	3.4
Lot 2 – St. Peters	Construction of gravity sewer mains, manholes, household inspection pits, household connections and road reinstatement; coordination of network interconnections, traffic management and commissioning.	4.5	550	18	7.8
Lot 3 – Retreat Estate and Betty's Estate	Construction of gravity sewer mains, manholes, household inspection pits, household connections and road reinstatement; coordination of network interfaces and commissioning.	4.1	150	16	5.3
TOTAL		11.1	860		16.5

(Indicative, non-binding figures; the Employer reserves to right to award contracts based on different times for completion or actual costs)



Applicants may express interest in one, two or all three lots, indicating their preferred lots and demonstrating the capacity to undertake the maximum combination sought. Evaluation and ranking will be carried out separately for each lot. An Applicant may rank first for more than one lot, but any subsequent award of multiple lots will depend on verified aggregate resources, delivery arrangements and the approved procurement strategy. The Employer may use different contractors for different lots.

The available design information, technical specifications and route drawings is made available with this REOI. The detailed Bills of Quantities, finalized lot boundaries and contractual allocation of interfaces will be provided, together with a Request for Bid(s), to the highest ranked Applicant(s), who will be invited to submit detailed technical and financial proposals. **No price, priced Bill of Quantities or commercial offer is requested at this EOI stage.**

NRPB invites the construction firms receiving this Request (“Applicants”) to indicate their interest in undertaking one or more lots. Receipt of this REOI does not constitute prequalification, endorsement or an assurance of invitation or contract award. Eligible EOIs will be comparatively evaluated and ranked lot by lot based on the criteria below.

Subject to the approved World Bank procurement approach, adequate justification for Direct Selection, and all applicable World Bank reviews/no-objections, the highest-ranked eligible Applicant for a lot may be invited to submit a full technical and financial Bid for that lot and enter into subsequent negotiations. If a satisfactory result is not achieved, NRPB may approach the next-ranked eligible Applicant, subject to applicable approvals. Any resulting contract will be required to be technically acceptable, reasonably priced, and affordable within the available financing. The Employer may alternatively revise the packaging or the procurement approach.

A. ELIGIBILITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

The following are administrative eligibility conditions. They apply to the Applicant and, as relevant, each member of a Joint Venture (JV). They are not scored.

No.	Requirement	Application
1	World Bank eligibility and conflict of interest	The Applicant, and each Joint Venture member where applicable, shall be eligible in accordance with the applicable World Bank Procurement Regulations ¹ , shall not be subject to any applicable debarment ² or other ineligibility, and shall have no disqualifying conflict of interest.
2	Legal status and authorization	The Applicant shall be a legally constituted entity authorized to undertake construction works and the EOI shall be submitted and

¹ <https://thedocs.worldbank.org/en/doc/6c0602876d68949e80820507d90a14ed-0290012023/original/Procurement-Regulations-September-2023.pdf>

² Debarment link: <https://www.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/procurement/debarred-firms>



		signed by an authorized representative. For a Joint Venture, the legal-status requirement applies to each member, as relevant.
3	Joint Venture arrangements, if applicable	An existing or intended Joint Venture shall identify its members, the lead member/authorized representative, and the proposed role and contribution of each member, together with appropriate evidence of the intended association at the EOI stage.
4	Lot declaration	Identify Lot 1, Lot 2 and/or Lot 3 and the maximum number of lots for which the Applicant offers simultaneous capacity.

B. COMPARATIVE EVALUATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Eligible EOIs will be scored and ranked separately for each requested lot. The criteria below assess demonstrated capability, not prices. No individual financial or technical benchmark is an automatic pass/fail minimum at the EOI stage, and no minimum overall technical score is proposed. The evaluation will take account of the actual share and nature of works undertaken by the Applicant or each JV member, with no double counting of one reference contract.

Evaluation criterion	What will be assessed				JV / multi-lot treatment	Max points
1. Relevant and comparable sewage network experience	<p>Demonstrated experience in substantially completed urban sewerage network works (or similar), including manholes, connections, trenching and reinstatement; (evaluation will consider scale, contractual role and satisfactory delivery).</p> <p>Minimum requirements per lot (number and value of similar contracts):</p> <p>Lot 1: at least 1 similar contract of at least \$2 million in value</p> <p>Lot 2: at least 1 similar contract of at least \$5 million in value</p> <p>Lot 3: at least 1 similar contract of at least \$4 million in value</p>				Verified experience of JV members may be combined; specialized subcontractor experience counts only for its proposed activity.	30
2. Financial and organizational capacity	Lot	Minimum construction turnover* (\$)	Financial resources** (\$)		Evaluation will consider JV resources collectively, adjusted for commitments; evaluation will review aggregate capacity if requesting two or three lots.	20
	1	3,000,000	1,000,000			
	2	6,000,000	1,400,000			
	3	3,500,000	1,000,000			



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	<p>* Five-year average annual construction turnover; alternatively, having met the minimum turnover amount in at least 3 of the last 10 years</p> <p>**Access to financial resources (cash, lines of credit, unencumbered assets etc.) demonstrating capacity to carry out work packages of the envisaged scale, net of other current commitments.</p>		
3. Key personnel availability and experience	<p>Proposed personnel for the following positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contractor's Representative - Site Manager - Topographical Surveyor - Foreman 1 (Sewage pipe installation) - Foreman 2 (Sewage pipe installation) - Environmental, Social, Health and Safety Expert 	Personnel cannot be assumed full time simultaneously across lots (or shared with other projects); credible shared/ delegated deployment arrangements needed. Same expert cannot be appointed for more than one position.	15
4. Mobilization, equipment and implementation readiness	Availability or assured access to trench excavation/shoring equipment, compaction and road reinstatement equipment, pipe supply, utility-locating capability, local deployment and concurrent work planning.	Resources can be combined across members (requirements can be met by all JV members combined); a multi-lot applicant must demonstrate a practicable concurrent program.	15
5. Island logistics and local-interface experience	Experience with Sint Maarten/ Caribbean or similar import- and logistics-constrained settings and effective local subcontractor/supplier interfaces. Equivalent settings accepted.	Credit meaningful participating members (direct local experience as main contractor would be evaluated higher than indirect local experience as supplier or subcontractor)	5



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6. ESHS and quality management	Demonstrated ESHS and quality management capacity, including satisfactory safety and contract performance on comparable construction projects. Applicants shall demonstrate experience implementing ESHS requirements under World Bank, other IFI, EU-funded, or equivalent regulatory frameworks. Experience should include development and application of C-ESMPs, occupational health and safety management systems, labor and working conditions, stakeholder engagement, community health and safety measures, incident reporting and management, and compliance with applicable environmental and social standards.	The ESHS, quality-management capacity and past performance of JV members may be considered collectively, with particular attention to the member or members expected to lead construction management, ESHS and quality functions.	15
TOTAL			100

The highest-ranked Applicant will be the eligible Applicant receiving the highest total score per lot (or combination of lots, if applicable). Before an RFB is issued to the highest-ranked Applicant(s), NRPB may verify the information submitted and confirm that the Applicant has adequate legal, financial, technical and organizational capacity to enter into and satisfactorily perform the proposed contract(s), including the ability to obtain the required securities and insurances.

The highest-ranked Applicant per lot (or combination of lots, if applicable) will then be invited to submit a Bid in response to the RFB and proceed to negotiations with NRPB. If those negotiations are concluded without an acceptable outcome, NRPB may discontinue discussions with that Applicant and invite the next highest-ranked eligible Applicant to receive the RFB and proceed to the subsequent proposal and negotiation stage. This sequential process may continue, as appropriate, with the remaining ranked Applicants. Any subsequent action will remain subject to the applicable World Bank approvals/no-objections.

C. JOINT VENTURES AND SPECIALIZED SUBCONTRACTORS

Applicants may submit an EOI as an existing or intended JV, clearly identifying every member, the lead representative, responsibilities and proposed participation. The lead member is expected to have at least 40% participation and a substantive management and construction role, subject to confirmation in the final negotiated contract. JV members will be jointly and severally liable if awarded a contract. At EOI stage, financial and technical capacity is assessed collectively against the works for which the JV expresses interest; no rigid member-by-member financial percentage is proposed.



Specialized subcontractors may be proposed for trenchless crossings where relevant, utility detection and relocation interfaces, asphalt reinstatement, survey/testing, dewatering or other specialist works. The experience of such firms will be credited solely for the activity proposed, and the Applicant/JV remains responsible for the overall works. Each relied-upon specialist should be named with evidence of intended association and availability.

D. CLARIFICATION PROCESS

Clarification requests may be submitted no later than 10 days before the EOI deadline through the Messages function of the NRPB Bonfire procurement portal at <https://nrpbxm.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=openOpportunities>.

NRPB will make clarifications and any addenda available to all registered invited Applicants through the same opportunity.

E. INFORMATION TO BE SUBMITTED

An EOI of approximately 15–20 pages, including Forms A–F and supporting evidence, should contain:

- (a) company profile and registration;
- (b) JV agreement or letter of intent, if any;
- (c) Form A – Financial Situation and Performance;
- (d) Form B – Average Annual Construction Turnover (five years or ten years, as applicable);
- (e) Form C – comparable sewerage/civil works contracts (up to three per participating firm, with length, number of connections, contract value and executed share);
- (f) Form D – ESHS Experience;
- (g) Form E – Key Personnel and Deployment;
- (h) Form F – Lot Interest and Concurrent-Capacity Declaration; and
- (i) a concise description of equipment, supply chains, traffic/utility interfaces, mobilization and current commitments.

Applicants should identify which personnel, equipment and financing are genuinely available for each lot, and explain any dependencies if seeking multiple lots. A confirmation of understanding of the indicative USD 16.5 million overall project estimate, the indicative periods for completion and the optional Saunders Estate scope is requested; this is not an acceptance of a fixed price.

The highest-ranked eligible Applicant for each lot may be asked to verify references and financial records, securities/insurance capability, personnel availability and ability to perform individually or simultaneously before invitation to the next stage. The relevant World Bank



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Procurement Regulations, sanctions, fraud and corruption and conflict-of-interest rules apply throughout.

Further project information and drawings may be accessed through the relevant invitation on the NRPB Bonfire procurement portal.

Expressions of Interest must be submitted electronically at

<https://nrpbsxm.bonfirehub.com/opportunities/260605>

no later than 17:00 local time (AST) on November 17th, 2026. Submissions by other means will not be accepted unless NRPB expressly specifies otherwise.