

Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL - LOCAL PERMITTING FIRM
November 20, 2017

Executive Summary

The Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (“Board”) was established by the bipartisan Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act (“PROMESA”), which was signed into law by President Obama on June 30, 2016 to address the economic crisis in Puerto Rico and to provide Puerto Rico with the tools it needs to restructure its debts and embark on a path to economic recovery. The Board is tasked with working with the people and Government of Puerto Rico to create the necessary foundation for economic growth and to restore opportunity to the people of Puerto Rico. The Board consists of seven members appointed by the President of the United States and the Governor of Puerto Rico, or his designated representative, as an ex-officio member.

The Board is in the process of selecting a local permitting firm to enable economic investment consistent with PROMESA’s Critical Projects Process under Title V of PROMESA.

The firm will be expected to advise, review, assist in and develop rapid permitting plans in support of the Title V Critical Projects Process.

Scope of Work

The scope of work is designed to assist the Revitalization Coordinator (RC) in developing, evaluating and implementing rapid permitting schemes in support of the Critical Projects Process. The scope will include but not be limited to the following items and activities:

1. **Rapid Permitting Assessments.** On an as required basis, the Board will require the firm to provide assessments of submitted permitting schemes for a variety of projects submitted through the FOMB Critical Projects Process portal. The firm will be required to evaluate these expedited permitting processes, and ensure adherence with applicable local and federal regulation and statutes.
2. **Rapid Permitting Process Development:** On an as required basis, the Board will require the firm to develop rapid permitting processes for submitted Critical Project candidates when the Government of Puerto Rico is unable to develop

- these processes. The firm should be able to develop specific, targeted permitting plans to ensure expedited permitting in accordance with appropriate local and federal statutes, including environmental regulations.
3. **Permitting and Execution Risk:** The firm should be able to clearly identify any execution risk both in the planning and execution stages of the permitting process, as well as provide appropriate mitigation actions or processes.
 4. **Permitting Execution and Follow Through:** The firm should be able to assist with execution of submitted or developed permitting plans to enable timely execution of investment construction projects.
 5. **Federal Permitting:** The firm should have a sound knowledge of Federal permitting requirements and be able to engage with Federal agencies to expedite permitting and plan development.

Proposal Requirements

The proposal should focus on addressing the firm's ability to provide the services outlined on the Scope of Work section of this RFP. The following must be provided:

1. **Cover letter:** A letter signed by an officer of the firm, company or corporation, binding the firm / company / corporation to all comments made in the proposal. Please include a primary contact for the proposal.
2. **Qualifications:** Provide an overview of firm's experience and expertise, as well as a list of each person who will perform services, their title and professional biography. Include list of similar / relevant projects that the firm has undertaken, including results achieved. Include also in submission a list and description of any connections, past and present, with Puerto Rico and any work that the applicant has performed or is performing for the Government of Puerto Rico or any of its instrumentalities. State if the firm or the proposed team have any conflict of interest or potential appearance of conflict of interest in taking this engagement by virtue of the applicants' current or prior engagements with other parties.
3. **Approach to Scope of Work:** Provide a detailed plan for performing the services outlined on the Scope of Work section of this RFP. The Board foresees this scope to be accomplished on a billable hours basis, not on a straight full-time equivalent basis.
4. **Fees and Expenses:** The response to the RFP should include a proposed contract complete with terms, conditions and pricing. As previously mentioned, the

response should also contain a list of each person who will perform services, their title and biography. The proposal should also include the estimated number of staff hours to complete notional scope of work (defined as submittal of a project through the Critical Projects Process, evaluating permitting plans, optionally developing alternative plans, identifying risk, and providing execution oversight of the permitting process). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board reserves the right to modify the form of proposed contract.

Response Deadline

The response to the RFP is due no later than 5:00 p.m. on 29 November, 2017. Please respond in a thorough and timely fashion. Proposals submitted beyond the deadline may not be accepted. The Board reserves the right not to consider responses to the RFP or revisions after the response due date. All proposals received shall remain in effect for thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the proposal. Evaluation of the responses and ultimate selection will be made by the Board. It is the intent of the Board to select a firm based on the RFP response and, at the Board's option, conduct subsequent interviews with various applicants.

All inquiries, correspondence, and submissions during the RFP process are to be addressed to Chief of Staff Rosemarie Vizcarrondo, at: vizcarrondo@promesa.gov.