



GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO  
PORTS AUTHORITY

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

**Design-Build Services for  
Runway 8-26 Reconstruction at  
Rafael Hernandez Airport, Aguadilla, Puerto Rico**

**ADDENDUM NO. 1**

**TO ALL OFFERORS:**

This addendum forms part of the reference Request for Qualifications

**A. ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS**

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1. **Question:** RFQ Section 3.2 item I. - Recent Government of Puerto Rico procurement procedures have incorporated the requirement of the "Registro Unico de Proveedores Profesionales" (RUP); would this be acceptable to the PRPA in complying with engineering firms' qualifications and financial capability instead of audited financial statements for the past two years?

**Answer:** The RUP is not an acceptable means of complying with the requested information.

2. **Question:** The RFQ states that all forms, financials, covers, tabs, etc., including the required draft JV agreement, are to be included in the printed 100-page count maximum. Our JV agreement and 2 years of financials for each JV partner alone will be close to 100 pages. Can the printed 100-page requirement be for double-sided printing? Alternatively, we respectfully request that PRPA allow the 100-page limit to apply to the main body of the proposal only (Sections 4.1, 4.2.4, 4.2.5, 4.2.6, 4.2.7, 4.2.8, and 4.2.9) and to exclude the required forms, financials, agreements, and other content not included in the main proposal sections.

**Answer:** The 100-page count will only apply to the main body of the form in response to the information requested in Sections 4.2.4-4.2.9.

3. **Question:** Should both the prime construction contractor and the prime engineering firm each submit Attachment Forms G, H, I, J, K, L, and M?

**Answer:** Yes.

4. **Question:** On the insurance requirements included as part of Attachment F (Section 4.2.2), which insurance coverages are anticipated to be provided by the construction contractor and which by the engineer?

**Answer:** The insurance coverages must be provided by the Joint Venture.

5. **Question:** Are Section 4.2.9 Principal office location and local participation included in the evaluation criteria?

**Answer:** The principal office locations and local participation is part of the evaluation criteria but does not have specific points assigned.

6. **Question:** Are any firms that have performed previous work related to this project, such as the environmental assessment, conflicted from participating as part of a design-build team?

**Answer:** Only the firms listed in Section 4.3.2 of the RFQ are conflicted from participating on a Respondent team. All other firms properly licensed in Puerto Rico, can participate.

7. **Question:** Sections 4.1 and 4.2.5(c) of the RFP require the Prime Contractor and Prime Engineer to form a Joint Venture. Based on our experience, the contractual arrangement between the Prime Contractor and Prime Engineer is typically determined by these parties so that it best maximizes their respective contribution towards the Project as a whole. A mandatory requirement for these parties to form a Joint Venture will likely drive up costs for the Owner as there are more administrative steps to establish and maintain a Joint Venture, and it will likely reduce the pool of competition responding to the RFP as it is not a typical approach to these types of projects.

If the intent is to ensure the Prime Engineer is directly engaged on the Project, we believe this can be readily achieved through having the Prime Engineer be a key personnel, and through the design review process. We request that the requirement to establish a Joint Venture be waived. A prompt response would be greatly appreciated as this has a direct impact on our overall decision as to whether to move forward with this pursuit.

**Answer:** Section 4.2.5 states the Respondent must consist of a proposed Joint Venture that includes, at a minimum, a prime construction contractor and a prime engineering design firm, which engineering firm must be represented by an engineer licensed and collegiate to practice engineering in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico in accordance with Law No. 173 of 12 August 1988, as amended (20 LPRA Sec. 711, *et seq*). Firms providing services

related to professional engineering and land surveying to the Joint Venture, must comply with the requirements of Law No. 173, *supra*. This is a requirement to meet the law and cannot be waived.

8. **Question:** The RFQ requires three (3) Key Staff, the Project Manager, Design Lead and Engineer of Record to be a "...Professional Engineer duly registered in Puerto Rico to perform those services." Please clarify whether this requirement for registration is at the time of submission of the SOQ or may a firm propose individuals with PR PE in pending status or demonstrate ability to be registered in Puerto Rico by the time of contract execution?

**Answer:** The Respondent may propose individuals with pending status that demonstrate the ability to be registered in Puerto Rico by the time of contract execution.

**END OF ADDENDUM NO. 1**

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