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Request for Proposal:

Invitation to Bid for the FSM Cultural Research Policy and FSM Historic Preservation Legislation Review Project

The Office of National Archives, Culture, and Historic Preservation (FSM NACH) hereby solicits for professional assistance to review and make appropriate recommendations for the improvement of the existing historic preservation legislation, policies, and regulations, most notably Title 26 of the FSM Code and the FSM Cultural Research Policy. Deliverables expected from the contractor include drafted updates to FSM Title 26 (Historical Sites and Antiquities) and FSM Cultural Research Policy that is inclusive of all FSM government agencies.

This project requires research outside of initial review of current FSM policies, regulations, and legislation, on-site consultation with FSM government agencies, stakeholders of the current legislation, policies, and regulations, whose recommendations and improvements will be included in the drafted updates that meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines and drafting of proposed legislation, policies, and regulations.

Respondents to this RFP must state the schedule of activities by measurable time-frames, round trip travel costs, from and to point of origin, entire project's duration, services and related fees, and any other information which can assist in the determination of the reasonableness of the proposal. On-site involvement/presence by the principal investigator of the project for implementation of the required activities is mandatory.

For the FSM Cultural Policy, applicants should consider that FSM places culture at the forefront of all research and thus take into account the best means to address the preservation and protection of both cultural/historic in/tangible heritage of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) utilizing Section 106 of the United States National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and other international laws pertaining to historic preservation, culture, and research in general. Strong applications, whether individual, entity, or group, must have (1) a Principal Investigator (PI) with at least a Master's degree or equivalent in anthropology, archaeology, or other related fields, (2) with at least 2 years of research work experience as an independent researcher or minimal supervision, and (3) a person who possesses a law degree. The professional fee may not exceed \$91/hour, project shall not exceed six (6) months time to complete project from day of notification to proceed, and project is on a reimbursement basis provided funds are used for project costs and final product meets secretary standards.

Proposals will be evaluated on meeting or exceeding RFP requirements identified in the above paragraphs. Each proposal will be evaluated for meeting FSM NACH goals, clarity, and reasonableness of the proposal on a scale of 1-5 (five is the highest) for each requirement, averaged, and compared to other received submissions.

This RFP bidding will expire February 13, 2023. FSM NACH retains the right to reject any and all proposals or waive any irregularities with any proposal. For further questions, contact Mr. Augustine Kohler at guskohler1961@gmail.com or by phone 691-320-6922. All bids should be emailed to guskohler1961@gmail.com and nach@nach.gov.fm.