



# GUAM WATERWORKS AUTHORITY

In care of



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## AMENDMENT NO.: II

TO

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO.: GWA-RFP-01-ENG-2012

FOR

**PW 05-07 GWA WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

Interested Firms/Individuals are hereby notified of the following response to inquiry received from Pernix Group dated November 25, 2011:

**QUESTION:**

1. Is GWA looking to replace all meters (40,000)?

**ANSWER:**

GWA at this time intends to replace approximately 26,000 meters within a short period of time. In the long run, GWA will want to replace all 40,000 meters.

**QUESTION:**

2. Is GWA looking to replace only the meters and not the AMR modules? OR both the meters and modules?

**ANSWER:**

Both the meters and AMR modules (transponders) shall be replaced.

**QUESTION:**

3. Is GWA looking for bidder to do the meter replacements, also? Is this why it is a 'Professional Services Contract'?

**ANSWER:**

GWA is looking for supply of water meters but may also include training on equipment and software. Installation of meters will be performed by GWA Operations staff.

**QUESTION:**

4. Is GWA looking for a drive-by AMR system or a Fixed Network AMI system?

**ANSWER:**

GWA is looking for a drive-by AMR system but also may consider AMI system for the future.

**QUESTION:**

5. Does GWA want all of the 40,000 supplied and/or installed within the first 12 months?

**ANSWER:**

No. GWA does not expect to install 40,000 meters in a 12 month period. Supply of water meters will be by increment and to be determined on the next RFP stage (price proposal).

**QUESTION:**

6. Is GWA looking for the drive-by AMR module at the meter to be compatible with an electric 'smart meter' so the water meter read can 'hop' to the electric meter?

**ANSWER:**

GWA is looking for AMR drive-by read meters. But may consider other advanced technology for future upgrade.

**QUESTION:**

7. When do the successful bidders get paid? (i.e., At the point of shipping, at the time of delivery or at the time of installation).

**ANSWER:**

Ideally at the time of each delivery and acceptance however this would be determined during contract negotiation.

**QUESTION:**

8. Will GWA need logistic services/warehousing of the meters until they are needed for installation?

**ANSWER:**

GWA may consider this as an option.

**QUESTION:**

9. Is a 900 MHz product acceptable?

**ANSWER:**

Offerors shall provide the available frequencies and their advantages and disadvantages for GWA to consider.

**QUESTION:**

10. How many meter readers does GWA currently employ? When installed, how many meter readers does GWA project to employ?

**ANSWER:**

GWA currently has 11 meter readers and hopes to have fewer meter readers after the project is implemented.

**QUESTION:**

11. Is it possible to get a breakdown by size of the current meters?

**ANSWER:**

The following is the GWA meters currently in service.

Estimated ¾" Meters: 38,967

Estimated 1" Meters: 792

Estimated 1½" Meters: 553

Estimated 2" Meters: 256

Estimated 3" Meters: 64

Estimated 4" Meters: 134

Estimated 6" Meters: 79

Estimated 8" Meters: 15

Estimated 10" Meters: 5

Estimated 12" Meters: 1

Total number of meters: 40,866

**QUESTION:**

12. On the 5/8"x3/4" meter, will they accept a polymer meter versus bronze meter?

**ANSWER:**

GWA will determine this during RFP review. Each Offeror may provide both options.

**QUESTION:**

13. On Page 26 – Number of contracts and minimum supply. Will GWA accept up to three proponents with a minimum of 10,000 meters per company? By doing so, this could be three different systems from the same bidder.

**ANSWER:**

GWA will accept up to three meter vendors. Item 12 and 13 of the questionnaires asked for which company their radio module is compatible with.

**QUESTION:**

14. Will GWA accept a replacement of the cast iron Ford Meter boxes or at least the lid to obtain acceptable RF performance?

**ANSWER:**

To replace all the meter boxes is not feasible. Offerors may provide recommendations for GWA to consider.

**QUESTION:**

15. Section 4.3.2.H states "The meter reading data system shall be capable of integrating with the JD Edwards Financial Management System." Can GWA be more specific on the data structure/import requirements? Is the Customer Information System module JDE or a homegrown system?

**ANSWER:**

CIS module is not JDE but a system built by the vendor. GWA RFP review committee will discuss this issue with our IT personnel during RFP review process, and discuss with the Offerors during interviews. At this time, no specific information is available.

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