

PRELIMINARY SCOPE OF SERVICES GUAM SELF-DETERMINATION STUDY

Description of Work Involved: On behalf of the Government of Guam, the Commission on Decolonization is soliciting proposals from an offeror to oversee a yearlong *Guam Self-Determination Study Project* (“Project”). The Project is intended to create resources that illuminate Guam’s current political status as an unincorporated territory and the need for political status change. The Project shall also provide a framework for each of the three political status options available to Guam. The resources developed from the Project, whether in the form of studies or reports, will be integral in the development of an effective education campaign that will precede a decolonization vote.

This Preliminary Scope of Services describes the initial work sought to be accomplished. Upon final selection of a firm or individual, the scope of services may be modified and refined during the fee negotiation.

The scope of services solicited for by this RFP contemplates that the Project will be composed of two main phases:

PHASE 1: DEVELOPMENT OF A *SELF-GOVERNANCE ASSESSMENT FOR GUAM* STUDY AND REPORT.

The selected contractor shall develop and conduct a *Self-Governance Assessment for Guam* study that analyzes Guam’s current political status as an unincorporated territory of the United States. A written report compiling the data and findings from the study shall be presented to the Commission. The report shall provide a complete political portrait of Guam in its current unincorporated territorial status and shall contain a detailed discussion of the ways in which Guam falls above or below the minimal standards for a non-self-governing territory.

In conducting the study, the selected contractor shall:

1. Research and analyze Guam’s current unincorporated territory status by reviewing all available literature and laws related to Guam and other territories, including but not limited to U.S. Government studies, U.S. legislation on the political status evolution of U.S. territories, and United Nations reports and resolutions;
2. Collect from Government of Guam agencies and relevant non-governmental organizations any data necessary to create a complete and in-depth portrait of Guam’s current unincorporated status; and
3. Formulate indicators to establish and determine Guam’s current level of self-governance relative to the standards mandated by the Charter of the United Nations, General Assembly Resolution No. 1514 (XV), *Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples* (14 Dec. 1960); and General Assembly Resolution No. 1521 (XV), *Establishment of a United Nations Capital Development Fund* (15 Dec. 1960). [See, Attachment A].

PHASE 2: PREPARATION OF POLITICAL STATUS MODELS.

Upon the completion of Phase 1, the selected contractor shall develop and prepare a draft model that discusses Guam's future under each of the three political status options (Statehood, Free Association and Independence). The three models shall be based upon what Guam currently has in terms of resources, limitations and advantages, and it shall propose model frameworks of political, social, cultural and economic advancement that are in line with Guam's realities and the direction represented by each political status option.

In preparing the draft models, the selected contractor shall use the data and research gathered in the Phase 1 *Self-Governance Assessment for Guam* study and report, as well as data and findings to be gathered from ten (10) academic studies which will be conducted by the contractor or its subcontractor based upon criteria to be determined by the Commission on Decolonization and the three political status task forces. The 10 academic studies will be conducted by experts in their respective fields, whether located in Guam or elsewhere. Based on specific scenarios, the studies will provide concrete information on future realities and possibilities. The studies are intended to assist the task forces and the Commission in their educational outreach by providing statistics and data to support the various political status change positions.

Suggested topics for the academic studies may include, but are not limited to:

- A debt study for Guam and how each political status would affect it.
- A study of the market value of Guam lands currently controlled by the US Department of Defense.
- A study of tax changes and economic impacts under each political status.
- A study of tourism expansion that questions whether Guam control its own immigration.

In addition to the academic studies themselves, the selected contractor will also be responsible for creating a series of educational materials that distill the most pertinent aspects of what was gleaned from all of the research and academic studies into forms that are easily digested by the general public.

At the conclusion of the Project, the selected contractor will assist the Commission and the task forces in organizing a conference or public outreach program that will help disseminate the information that has been created.

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