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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Date of Issue: June 5, 2026

RFP No.: PCS-2026-43

### SOLICITATION INFORMATION AND SELECTION SCHEDULE

Solicitation (RFP) Number: PCS-2026-43

Solicitation Title: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON SUICIDE PREVENTION AND STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR INTERGENERATIONAL TRAUMA

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### MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS AND DATES

Inquiries Due Date: June 11, 2026 (Thursday) 4:00 pm Palau Time

Answers/ Response: June 18, 2026 (Thursday) 11:00 am Palau Time

Expression of Interest: June 24, 2026 (Wednesday) 4:00 pm Palau Time

Proposal Due Date and Time: July 6, 2026 (Monday) 4:00 pm Palau Time

Proposals Opening Date: July 7, 2026 (Tuesday) 10:00 am Palau Time

Anticipated Contract Award: By August 7, 2026

Terralyn R. Nabeyama  
Director/Procurement Officer

## **SECTION A – RFP INFORMATION**

### **I. RFP Purpose, Type, Process**

- a. **Purpose.** The Bureau of Human Resources of the Government of Palau is soliciting proposals from interested, qualified individuals, business agencies, or institutions to **assist the Bureau of Behavioral Health in providing Technical Assistance on Suicide Prevention and Strategic Planning for Intergenerational Trauma.**
- b. Interested vendors may obtain copies of specifications by contacting the Bureau of Human Resources Procurement website <http://palaugov.pw/rfp-bids/> or calling 680-767-2415/1126.
- c. **Type of RFP.** This is a *competitively negotiated contract in which evaluation is based on various criteria.*
- d. **Funding.** This project will be fully funded by the **HRSA – H26PMHCA01-AUTS federal fund.** Offers or proposals may also be rejected, and no contract may be awarded by the Procurement Officer pursuant to the Republic of Palau Procurement law.
- e. **Inspection.** Offeror acknowledges that the submission of a proposal provides the Republic of Palau the right to inspect at a reasonable time the part of the plant or place of business of a contractor or subcontractor which is related to the performance of any contract awarded by the government. Failure to allow inspection may result in the proposal/offer being rejected.
- f. **Business Laws and Taxes.** The successful contractor shall comply with all applicable laws of the Republic of Palau and shall be responsible for all applicable taxes, duties, and fees. As a condition of award, the vendor shall provide proof of any required Republic of Palau Business License and shall be in good standing with the Bureau of Revenue and Taxation. However, a non-resident vendor providing services under a short-term contract, and having no business premises or other physical presence in the Republic of Palau, shall not be required to obtain a Republic of Palau Business License. In such a case, ten percent (10%) of payments under the contract shall be automatically withheld as tax and remitted to the Bureau of Revenue and Taxation.
- g. **Potential finalist interviews/demonstrations:** If necessary, the Procurement Officer will notify vendors to request additional information and/or hold discussions. However, proposals must include all information needed for the ROP to determine the best proposal.
- h. **Award.** It is anticipated that a vendor will be awarded within 30 days of the Bid opening unless otherwise approved by the Procurement Officer.

### **II. Preparation/Submission of Proposal**

- a. **Intention to Bid.** In order for your business to be considered for this RFP, you **MUST** submit a written Expression of Interest (EOI) to the Procurement Officer by **June 24,**

**2026**, by emailing [hr@palaugov.org](mailto:hr@palaugov.org) or providing a written EOI to the Bureau of Human Resources Office located at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Executive Building in Ngerulmud, Melekeok. The email or letter shall include Business or organization Name, Point of Contact or Authorized Representative, phone number, email address, and statement of your interest to bid.

- b. Vendors are invited to participate in the competitive selection process for the Services outlined in this RFP. Responding parties shall review their Proposal submissions to ensure the following requirements are met.
- c. Required Submittal Details and Quantities. ***Proposals must and shall be submitted as follows: one (1) original printed proposal, three (3) printed hard copies, and one (1) electronic copy saved on a USB/Flash Drive. All proposal materials must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, clearly addressed to the above office, with the applicable RFP Number indicated on the outside of the envelope. The electronic copy must contain the complete and finalized proposal in Microsoft Office, Microsoft Office-compatible, or PDF format, and must be an exact mirror image of the hard-copy submitted.*** Proposals must be received by the Bureau of Human Resources Office in Capitol by **4:00pm (Palau Time) July 6, 2026**, which is the closing date of this RFP. Proposals received before the issuance date and after the closing date of this RFP will not be considered.
- d. Proposal Format. Please comply with the following format:
  - i. Section 1 – Provide the Company Information – Name and contact information of authorized representative, copy of Business License, other information relevant to the service.
  - ii. Section 2 – Description services, schedules, etc.
  - iii. Section 3 – Total Cost of Proposal.
- e. Responsibility of Bidders and Offerors

Awards shall be made only to responsible bidders or offerors who:

- (1) Have adequate financial resources to perform the contract or the ability to obtain the finances;
- (2) Be able to comply with required delivery or performance schedule;
- (3) Have the necessary organization, experience, and skills required to perform the contract or have ability to obtain them;
- (4) Have the necessary production, construction, and technical equipment facilities or the ability to obtain them; and

(5) Be qualified and eligible to receive the award under applicable laws and rules. If you meet or can meet the above criteria, ensure to:

- i. examine the entire RFP,
  - ii. seek clarification of any item or requirement that may not be clear,
  - iii. check all responses for accuracy before submitting a Proposal and,
  - iv. submit the entire Proposal by the Proposal Due Date and Time.
- f. Cost of Proposal Preparation. The ROP does not reimburse the cost of developing, presenting or providing any response to this solicitation. Proposals submitted for consideration should be prepared simply and economically, providing adequate information in a straightforward and concise manner. The Vendor is responsible for all costs incurred in responding to this RFP. All materials and documents submitted in response to this RFP become the property of the ROP and will not be returned.

### III. Inquiries

- a. All Inquiries and Clarification shall be received by email [hr@palaugov.org](mailto:hr@palaugov.org) no later than 4 pm (Palau Time) **June 11, 2026**.
- b. Answers/Responses to Inquiries shall be available online at <http://palaugov.pw/rfp-bids/>- COB on **June 18, 2026**.

### IV. RFP Timeline:

Bidding Period	June 5, 2026 – July 6, 2026
Inquiries/Clarification Due	June 11, 2026 (4pm Palau Time)
Answers/Responses Posted by COB	June 18, 2026 (11am Palau Time)
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### V. Scope of Work

#### Purpose

To provide targeted technical assistance (TA) in Palau focused on suicide prevention and strategic planning to address risk and protective factors associated with intergenerational trauma. This activity will strengthen the capacity of PMHCA partners and health providers to develop coordinated, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive pediatric mental health programs and services.

#### Project Alignment:

This activity supports the approved project goal:

- Retain experts to train and support the development of pediatric mental health programs and services by August 2026.

**Objectives:**

1. Strengthen understanding of suicide risk and protective factors within the context of intergenerational trauma.
2. Build the capacity of PMHCA partners and health providers to apply trauma-informed and resiliency-based approaches.
3. Support development of strategic plans for prevention, early intervention, and coordinated care.
4. Promote culturally responsive and community-informed approaches to youth and family mental health.

**Scope of Services:**

**1. Pre-Technical Assistance Preparation**

- Conduct approximately **20 hours of pre-engagement preparation**, including coordination with project staff and partners.
- Review existing data, priorities, and current practices related to suicide prevention and trauma.
- Develop a structured TA plan, agenda, and facilitation approach tailored to the Palau context.
- Prepare tools and materials for strategic planning and assessment.

**2. Technical Assistance Delivery (In-Person – Palau)**

- Deploy **one (1) qualified consultant** to deliver the TA.
- Provide **4 days of on-site technical assistance and facilitation**, consistent with travel and per diem coverage.
- Facilitate structured sessions, including presentations, guided discussions, and planning exercises.
- Provide technical assistance on:
  - Suicide prevention frameworks and evidence-informed strategies
  - Risk and protective factors related to intergenerational trauma
  - Trauma-informed and culturally responsive care approaches
  - Identification of service gaps and opportunities for system improvement
  - Development of strategic priorities, action steps, and coordination mechanisms
- Engage participants in collaborative planning to strengthen cross-sector coordination.

**3. Post-Technical Assistance Activities**

- Conduct approximately **50 hours of post-engagement activities**, including analysis and reporting.
- Compile and synthesize participant input, findings, and identified priorities.
- Prepare a summary report outlining key outcomes, recommended strategies, and next steps.
- Provide technical input to support the implementation of identified strategies and strengthening of pediatric mental health services.

**Deliverables**

The consultant/vendor will submit:

1. Technical assistance plan, agenda, and materials
2. Completed 4-day in-person TA sessions
3. Participant attendance records and evaluation summaries
4. Final TA summary report, including key findings, strategic recommendations, and next steps

**Period of Performance**

- Anticipated implementation: August 2026
- Includes pre-engagement preparation, 4-day on-site TA, and post-engagement reporting

**Location**

- Republic of Palau (in-person delivery)

**Target Participants**

- PMHCA partners and stakeholders
- Health providers (including behavioral health and primary care providers)

Community and social service providers

**Evaluation Criteria**

No	Criteria	Percentage
1	• <b>ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE AND CAPACITY</b>	<b>40%</b>
2	• <b>FEASIBILITY AND APPROPRIATENESS OF PROPOSAL</b>	<b>20%</b>
3	• <b>PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION AND TIMELINES</b>	<b>20%</b>
3	• <b>COST AND PRICING</b>	<b>20%</b>

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>
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The maximum possible total combined score for a proposal is 5 weighted points. Each Major category is assigned a weight, and each evaluator will rate the categories with the following points:

<b>Points</b>	<b>Description</b>
0	Fails
1	Poor
2	Fair
3	Good
4	Very Good
5	Excellent

*Proposals will be evaluated based on the following formula:*

*Criteria 1 Points x Weight % = Criteria 1 Score*

*Criteria 2 Points x Weight % = Criteria 2 Score*

*Criteria 3 Points x Weight % = Criteria 3 Score*

**Criteria 1 + Criteria 2 + Criteria 3 = TOTAL SCORE**