

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

General Information: The Yap State Historic Preservation Office (YSHPO), Department of Youth and Civic Affairs, Yap State Government in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) is hereby posting this Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit proposals from qualified individuals and/or firms to provide professional services in the forms of technical assistance and advice in relation to the transnational serial World Heritage nomination for the Yapese Stone Money. An initial unsuccessful nomination was submitted to the world Heritage Centre in 2011. The aim of this consultancy is to re-draft and improve on the initial nomination in light of the recommendations on the first nomination and new research for submission to the World Heritage Centre by **November, 2018**.

The consultancy will:

- 1) liaise with the other professionals who have been and are still involved in developing the trans-boundary serial nomination that includes the Mangyol Stone Money Bank and Quarry Sites in respectively, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and the Republic of Palau;
- 2) review, revise and finalise the draft World Heritage nomination and management plan for the Mangyol Stone Money Bank
- 3) report to the YSHPO, FSM HPO and Palau HPO on the status of the final draft nomination in relation to the recommendations of the World Heritage Committee (WHC) and ICOMOS in relation to the previous nomination (2012).

The interested individual or firm shall have knowledge of and practical experience in the World Heritage Convention, and in particular, the requirements for nomination and management of cultural sites. Any interested individual or firm shall submit, along with the proposal, a copy or evidence of prior professional works done in the past with respect to UNESCO nomination of archaeological sites.

The qualified and selected individual or firm shall perform the following tasks:

Terms of Reference:

- 1) review and consult with the prior and current professionals who have worked and assisted with the preparation of the original nomination dossier or application

- 2) review the WHC's recommendations (2012) and the original comparative analysis and the management plans and consult with the consultants who worked on the analysis and the plan on how to improve them based on the WHC's recommendations;
- 3) meet with the stakeholders including those from the Republic of Palau to consult on how the whole nomination can be improved and to discuss the development of the over-arching management plan for both the FSM and Palau;
- 4) improve on and re-write the management plan(s) and the comparative analysis and submit to other consultants for review and comments before finalizing them;
- 5) incorporate the comments and recommendations and produce both the final analysis and the management plans for inclusion in the final draft nomination
- 6) re-draft the World Heritage nomination incorporating subsequent (post-2012) research and the revised comparative analysis and management plans
- 7) submit a final draft nomination to the Yap Historic Preservation Office and Palau Historic Preservation Office by mid-October for submission to the World Heritage Centre by November, 2018.

Services needed and enumerated above for this project must be initiated as soon as possible and completed, in the final forms/reports, **by mid-October, 2018**, or be negotiated by YSHPO and the Contractor or selected professional/firm.

YSHPO reserves the right to reject, waive or negotiate any irregularities with the proposals as well as the right to reject any and all the proposals submitted. All bid proposals shall be received no later than **April 30, 2018**.

Proposals shall be mailed or e-mailed to:

Yap State Historic Preservation Office

P.O. Box 714

Colonia, Yap 96943

or

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Any interested individuals, entities or firms may contact YSHPO for further details, questions or any information needed by the concerned party by contacting e-mail or telephone at yaphpo@mail.fm or call 691-350-4226.