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Department of Resources and Development /Division of Tourism, Pohnpei State Government is accepting proposals to **Develop a Management Unit for the Nan Madol World Heritage Site.**

We invite you or your company to submit your proposal to us by May 12, 2025, to the Department of Resources and Development or email us at pnitourism@gmail.com for consideration.

The rationale for this need is as follows:

Current policy and legislation, both at the State and National level, are inadequate to support the development of a national protected areas network. The nation's decentralized political system will require the development of a unique legal and policy framework, conceivably consisting of a national policy enabling each of the four States in their PA development. In addition, current government institutions lack the capacity and, in some cases, the authority to develop and enforce a protected areas network. Most of the FSM's existing PAs utilize a combination of traditional and legislative controls. This dual authority and management approach has been quite effective, and it is locally perceived to be a practical way of establishing protected areas. The development of a national protected areas network offers a major opportunity to provide a framework for the FSM's national and state governments to collaborate on the dual objectives of protecting the country's terrestrial and marine biodiversity and assisting with local management of natural resources through establishing an interconnected network of protected areas. ([FSM Action Plan for Program of Work for Protected Areas and Target 11, 2021](#))

The duties and responsibilities of the contractor will include:

Surveying options for establishing a management unit for protected areas, including and most immediately for the Nan Madol World Heritage Site. This will foreseeably involve the following activities:

- a) Collect documents that have been used to structure and implement management units for protected areas where a combination of traditional and legislative controls is in effect;
- b) Hold initial remote meetings (via Zoom or other videoconferencing software) to share reviews of these documents and discuss which would be most valuable in planning for the protected area management unit;
- c) Arrange for on-site inspection of the Nan Madol World Heritage Site and a week of meetings in Pohnpei attended by the members of the World Heritage Site Management Unit Initiative and the Pohnpei State Governor's Task Force for Nan Madol as well as representatives from organizations that have long experience in managing and forming Trusts for the management of protected areas;

- d) Develop a legal and policy framework, conceivably consisting of a national policy enabling each of the four States in their protected area development;
- e) Draft the legal framework that will provide the capacity and, in some cases, the authority to develop and enforce a protected areas network to include the Nan Madol World Heritage Site;
- f) Provide for optimal visitation strategies;

Identify funding sources if visitation income is not sufficient for the sustainable conservation of the Nan Madol World Heritage Site and extend this strategy to other protected areas. This will include creating a donor mapping system for the State of Pohnpei that would assist the

- a) State by identifying resources and tying the identified resource to the Nan Madol World Heritage Site and other relevant projects for implementation;
- b) Ensure reporting deadlines are met by all participants;
- c) Maintain records of World Heritage Site Management Unit Initiative activities, discussions, recommendations, and accomplishments; and
- d) Compile and submit a written report to the Governor.

Contractor Qualifications

Bidders must have experience in developing management documents for World Heritage Sites. A list of these World Heritage Sites and the management documents prepared for each must be submitted with the proposal.

The lead person for the project must have at least 10 years of experience in developing management documents for protected areas.

The lead for the project must possess an advanced degree in archaeology or a related field.

For more information or if you have any questions, please call Tourism Office at 320-2421 or Director of R&D Office at 320-2712