

CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

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To: Interested Service Providers
Contact: Procurement Unit (procurement@sprep.org)

Subject: Request for tenders (RFT): Review of Container Deposit Legislation and Design of National Product Stewardship Scheme (PSS) for the Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI)

Question 1:

Is the economic analysis focused on direct financial costs/benefits vs wider impacts?

Response:

The economic analysis will result in the production of a structured analytical framework - spreadsheet based. The objective of this activity is to analyse and forecast economic outcomes for the system and will help inform national decision on the value of levy and the investment needed for the system to be effectively implemented. The economic analysis should capture the cost of collecting materials from all communities in RMI (outside Majuro), processing and shipment.

The economic analysis should include detailed financial viability fee/deposit modeling and costs analysis. The consideration of social impacts should also be considered in the full economic analysis to the extent as related to the implementation of a national Product Stewardship Scheme. Consultations around this aspect would typically be through the outlined stakeholder consultations and national workshop.

Question 2:

The current CDL system has recently been introduced in Ebeye, can you confirm whether KALGOV should also be included in discussions in scheme design and configuration.

Response:

The expectation of the scheme design is to be a national one covering all communities in RMI. The assessment of the current CDL is to determine the shortfall of the existing system in expanding to other atolls/islands and introduce a design that will effectively collect materials from communities outside Majuro. Consultations with relevant authorities responsible for administration of outer islands and atolls are expected.

Question 3:

The RFP notes a desire to match RMI EPA schedule, can this be shared with tenderers?

Response:

This will be determined during the Inception meeting with the RMI EPA. The EPA may/ may not have a specific timeline for the new scheme to come online.

Question 4:

What is the available budget?

Response:

Approximately USD\$ 100,000.

Question 5:

The RFP notes that the consultant will assist MAWC to host National Stakeholder consultations. Can you please clarify, beyond the materials development and feedback review aspects, what the expectations are regarding assisting to host.

Response:

Assistance is expected in the form of presenting information pertaining to how the national scheme was designed and facilitation of national consultation.

Question 6:

Does the proposed schedule of 25 weeks allow for the MAWC consultation timeframes?

Response:

We expect consultations to be undertaken within the 25 weeks and will be led by the RMI EPA as the regulatory agency.

Question 7:

Can you please clarify that the development of drafting notes to reform the existing CDL is only to include the additional waste streams and does not include a wider review of the current system and any potential areas of improvement/refinement that may be required for the existing materials collected.

Response:

The third phase of this project is the review of existing Container Deposit Legislation, should there be a need to amend the current CDL, then the consultant is expected to provide drafting notes for these amendments.

Please note the due date for submissions will be extended to Friday, 13 February 2026, midnight Apia Samoa time.