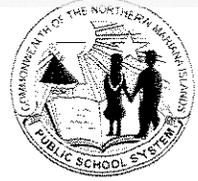




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Subject: PSS MAJOR PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS AND PLANS

Dear Honorable Sablan:

Thank you for your support and cooperation to obtain funding for the CNMI Public School System. We look forward to any additional support you can provide us. Below is a brief description of each proposed project and how PSS intends to go about expediting these projects. Unfortunately we only have one project that is "Pre-Packaged" and ready for bidding. This project is the completion of the Tinian High School Gymnasium.

We do however have several completed designs that only need to be adapted to specific sites for grading purposes. Permitting would also need to be completed, but this should not be a major issue as most of the sites discussed are already cleared for homestead development or are within existing school properties. PSS is also working to finalize an 8 classroom building that can be placed on almost any property. We intend to utilize this design in the future as it provides PSS with an energy efficient structure that can be adapted to have either a metal truss roof system or a concrete roof system, depending on the amount of funding available.

Tinian High School Gymnasium and Baseball Field:

Plans and Specifications for the completion of this project are ready to go. PSS could easily re-activate the previously obtained permits so that this project could be put out for bidding in a very short time period. Funding is however currently unavailable for this project. PSS estimated cost for this facility is \$2,000,000

School Classroom Replacement and Rehabilitation:

Many of the existing CNMI school classrooms are in disrepair or were built as temporary structures. PSS continues to work on rehabilitating these facilities however, what is really



needed is the replacement of many of these structures. PSS expects to have a completed design within the next six months that would be suitable for use as a replacement for any of these classrooms. The design would basically be the same as was constructed at the Marianas High School Building "J". PSS facilities that urgently need replacement classrooms are Dan Dan Elementary School, San Antonio Elementary School, Hopwood Jr. High School, Oleai Elementary School and Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School. PSS estimated cost for each 8 classroom building is \$700,000 for metal "Butler" roofing and \$900,000 for concrete roofing.

Marianas High School Cafeteria:

PSS has a completed design and specification recently constructed on the San Vicente Elementary School Campus. This same design could be adapted to the Marianas High School property. Minor site adaptations and permitting would be needed to move this project forward. PSS expects that this project could be under construction within six months of obtaining funding. PSS CIP could adapt these plans to any site and obtain the permits required to move forward within six months of obtaining funding. PSS estimated cost for this facility is \$1,000,000

Saipan Southern High School Gymnasium:

A partial design for a Gymnasium has been completed for this project. Basically the architectural overall scheme of the building is completed. PSS expects a Design Build contract could be put together and released for bidding in a matter of six months should funding be available. We would expect overall design completion and construction would take approximately twenty four months after Notice to Proceed is issued. PSS estimated cost for this facility is \$2,000,000

Rota High School Gymnasium and Field Rehabilitation:

The Rota Gymnasium was damaged approximately four years ago. The building was left open and graffiti and theft of the wiring occurred over time. Since then the roof, the windows and the doors have been replaced and the facility is now secured. PSS does not currently have the funding to rewire the building and repaint the interior. Also the plumbing and locker room facilities need upgrading due to lack of use and additional vandalism that occurred while the building went unused. PSS expects that the cost to rewire the building and the adjacent baseball field as well as correct any additional deficiencies in the interior of the building would cost \$1,000,000.

Kagman II Elementary School:

Kagman currently has a number of undeveloped homestead lots. It is the Public School Systems belief that should these lots become occupied with families, the current school facilities in Kagman would be undersized to suit the number of students in the Kagman



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Area. PSS proposes to take the current specifications and design for Kagman Elementary School and construct a second school on another location. PSS is already working with Department of Public Lands to designate adequate property for this project. A package could be put out to bid placing the responsibility of the citing of the structures and the permitting for the construction on the winning Contractor. PSS expects that a bid package could be completed and construction begun within one year of obtaining funding for the project. Construction should take approximately one year after Notice to Proceed is issued to the contractor. PSS estimated cost for this facility is \$5,000,000

Koblerville II Elementary School:

Department of Public Lands has a planned housing development in the Koblerville area. The Koblerville Elementary School is currently at full capacity. PSS plans to utilize the Kagman Elementary School design again and develop the plans and specifications around the site in the Koblerville area. Similar to the Kagman project we expect that a project could be put together and start construction within one year of receiving funding depending on the site provided to us by DPL. Permitting at this point in time is unknown as the location is yet to be determined. PSS estimated cost for this facility is \$5,000,000

Koblerville Jr. High School:

As stated above, the Department of Public Lands has a planned housing development in the Koblerville area. This would bring about the necessity of a Jr. High School in the Koblerville area as Hopwood Jr. High School is already overcrowded and in need of repairs. PSS plans to utilize the Cha Cha Jr. High School design and develop the plans and specifications around the site in the Koblerville area. Similar to the Kagman project we expect that a project could be put together and start construction within one year of receiving funding depending on the site provided to us by DPL. Permitting at this point in time is unknown as the location is yet to be determined. PSS estimated cost for this facility is \$7,000,000

Marpi/As Matuis High School:

Department of Public Lands is also planning a housing development in the Marpi area. PSS expects that it would need to place a High School facility in this area to service the increased number of students living in this area. Again PSS proposes to take the Cha Cha Jr. High School plans and specifications and adapt them to a site in Marpi. Similar to the other projects we expect that a project could be put together and start construction within one year of receiving funding depending on the site provided to us by DPL. Permitting at this point in time is unknown as the location is yet to be determined. PSS estimated cost for this facility is \$7,000,000



I hope that the information provided above is adequate for your needs. Please feel free to contact Mr. David Loan at 237-3009 with any questions or if there is anything else you require.

Regards,

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