



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR INFORMATION SERVICE



OFFICE OF TERRITORIES

For Release To PM's, FEBRUARY 22, 1958

### AIR SERVICE BIDS SOUGHT BY TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

The Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands is seeking bids from airlines and aircraft operators to provide air service from Guam to various points in the Caroline, Marshall, and Mariana Islands, Anthony T. Lausi, director of the Office of Territories, announced today.

Transocean Air Lines has served the area since May 1951, and the present contract expires on June 30, 1958. Because of the absence of commercial facilities, the Trust Territory Government must contract for air transportation, Mr. Lausi said.

Proposals are invited on the basis of a cost-per-mile for a minimum of 270,000 nautical miles of flight and mileage which may be called for in excess of that figure. Interested parties may obtain copies of the invitation by contacting the Director, Office of Territories, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C.

Bids should be submitted to the Director, Office of Territories, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C., and copies of proposals should be sent via airmail to the High Commissioner, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Box 542, Agana, Guam.

Bids should include a minimum dollar value of the services the Government would be required to utilize and a maximum dollar value of services the contractor would agree to furnish.

All spaces on aircraft would be reserved by the Territorial Government, and all passenger and cargo revenues would accrue to the Territorial Government. The contractor would maintain offices on Guam, a minimum of two qualified crews, and a standby pilot. Three amphibious planes would be supplied by the Government.

x x x