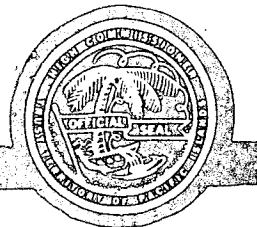


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PROPOSALS FOR TRUST TERRITORY AIR SERVICE SOUGHT

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Mar. 24 . . . Invitations to more than 25 prospective contenders among leading air carriers to submit proposals for the operation of the Trust Territory Air Service on a commercial basis were sent out today by the High Commissioner. Advertisements in aviation trade and financial journals will invite all other interested parties to make an offer for at least five years of service at, or preferably above, the present level of air transportation in the Territory.

The invitation for service proposals emphasizes the need for providing modern facilities and equipment in order to meet the increasing demand for transportation and passengers, cargo, and mail in Micronesia.

Pan American Airways has served the Territory since July 1, 1960 and the present agreement will expire on December 31, 1967. Because of the absence of local commercial facilities, the Trust Territory is contracting for commercial air transportation and is desirous of receiving proposals for air services in addition to the basic minimum requirements.

Present commercial service consists of daily DC-4 service, except Sundays, between Guam and Saipan; bi-weekly DC-4 service between Guam, Yap and Koror, Palau, and weekly DC-4 flight service between Guam, Truk, Kwajalein and Majuro, Marshall Islands. Weekly service between Truk and Ponape, and Ponape-Kwajalein, is provided by SA-13 amphibian aircraft

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making connections at Truk and Kwajalein with weekly eastbound and westbound DC-4 flights. The current air service system consists of 2,589 unduplicated route miles and it is anticipated that approximately 30,000 revenue passengers will be served during the current fiscal year.

Interested parties may obtain copies of the invitations by contacting the Office of the High Commissioner, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950.

Proposals should be submitted to the High Commissioner, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950, and copies should be sent via airmail to the Director, Office of Territories, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240. Delivery of proposals at either the Office of the High Commissioner or the Interior Department must be on or before June 30, 1967.

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