



MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT NEPAL (MCA-NEPAL)

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Request for Information about prospective Consulting Services for Individual Consultant's for Embedded (Resident) Regulatory Advisors for Electricity Regulatory Commission (ERC) under Electricity Transmission Project (Power Sector Technical Assistance Activity) in Nepal

Background

The Millennium Challenge Corporation (“MCC”) and the Government of Nepal (the “Government” or “GoN”) have entered into a Millennium Challenge Compact for Millennium Challenge Account assistance to help facilitate poverty reduction through economic growth in Nepal (the “Compact”) in the amount of approximately USD500 million “MCC Funding” and USD130 million “GoN Funding”. The Government is acting through the Millennium Challenge Account Nepal (the “MCA-Nepal”) for the implementation of the projects funded under the Compact.

The goal of the Compact is to reduce poverty through economic growth. The Compact program includes two projects: (i) construction of about 300 kilometers of 400kV electricity transmission lines, three substations, and technical assistance for the power sector; and (ii) technical assistance to improve the road maintenance regime and road maintenance works on about 300 kilometers of the strategic road network. The technical assistance activity for the power sector will support activities designed to strengthen the performance of Nepal’s power sector institutions, including the Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) and the Electricity Regulatory Commission (ERC) in support of the overall project objective. The Compact can be accessed at: http://mcanp.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Millennium_Challenge_Compact.pdf.

Summary of Expected Scope of Work

The Millennium Challenge Account Nepal (MCA-Nepal) is in the process of gathering information to support the development of anticipated consultancy assignments to support the newly established Nepal Electricity Regulatory Commission (ERC). MCA-Nepal expects to hire long-term (the assignment would include a base period of one to two (1-2) years for each position and an additional two to three (2-3) years option period based on their performance (if exercised and at the sole discretion of MCA-Nepal) embedded advisors for the ERC, who can perform a diverse set of activities to establish a sound regulatory framework, working in partnership with direct-hire staff at ERC on an embedded (resident) basis with location in Kathmandu, Nepal.

The objectives of this support are to (i) build the capacity of ERC staff in core regulatory skills and principles; (ii) help ERC permanent staff and commissioners to put in place effective organizational practices; (iii) deliver on early regulatory priorities such as implementing a

consistent tariff process, a monitoring framework, and effective oversight of development of the sector; and (iv) to strengthen the awareness and commitment of the public and other stakeholders to the new regulatory framework.

This is a Request for Information (RFI), which offers the opportunity for interested individual Consultants to provide recommendations on approaches to contracting the expected technical assistance for the ERC. In responding to this RFI, significant emphasis should be placed on reflecting capacity to respond to different contracting scenarios and risks or constraints that may help inform MCA-Nepal's decision-making.

Submission of Request for Information

The purpose of this RFI notice are as follows:

1. Request information from prospective Individual Consultants willing to participate in the procurement processes that eventually MCA-Nepal may launch.
2. Identify interested and qualified individual Consultants willing to submit their CV's (preferably not more than 7 pages) and being placed on MCA-Nepal's mailing list to receive the Specific Procurement Notice (SPN), if it becomes available.

The full Request for Information document can be requested from **MCANepalPA@cardno.com** with a copy to **MCANepalPA@mcanp.org**.

The deadline for submission of your responses to the RFI is set on **17:00 Hours Kathmandu Time (GMT+5:45) on 5 March 2020, as follows:**

Millennium Challenge Account Nepal

Hotel Yak & Yeti Convention Center, Second Floor, Durbar Marg Kathmandu, Nepal

Attention: Procurement Agent

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