

SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE (SPN)

Country	Benin
City	Cotonou
Agency	Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC)
Buyer	MCA-Benin Régional
Project Name	Corridor Infrastructure and Efficient Corridor Operations Projects
Procurement Title	Program Management and Environmental and Social Management Consulting Services
Procurement Reference number	UCF-B/Consult/QCBS/027
Type of Procurement	Consultant Services (Firms)
Publication date	December 20, 2023
Submission deadline	April 01, 2024 at 2:00 pm – UTC+01:00

1. The United States of America, acting through the Millennium Challenge Corporation (“MCC”), and the Government of Benin (the “Government”), signed on **December 14, 2022** in **Washington DC** a Compact for a program pursuant to which MCC agreed to provide a grant of up to **two hundred two million dollars (\$ 202,000,000)** (« MCC Funds ») to the Government, as well as a **fifteen million one hundred fifty thousand (\$15,150,000) contribution** from the Government, to facilitate development of a Compact Program to reduce poverty through economic growth in Benin (« The Compact »). The Government acting through MCA-Benin Regional intends to apply a portion of the MCC Funding to eligible payments under a contract for which this Request for Proposals (“RFP”) is issued. The Compact and related documents are available on MCC website (www.mcc.gov) and on the Equipe Technique de Formulation du Compact Régional (www.ucfbenin.bj)
2. The Compact program consists of the following two (2) projects:
 - (i) **The Corridor Infrastructure Project (CI)** which aims to reduce transportation costs along the transport corridor that runs from Cotonou, Benin, Niamey, Niger;
 - (ii) **The Efficient Corridor Operations Project (ECO)** aims to reduce transportation costs along the transport corridor from Niamey, Niger to Cotonou, Benin including vehicle operating costs, time-related costs, injuries and deaths as well as costs related to unreliable processes and market inefficiencies.
3. MCC requires that all beneficiaries of MCC Funding, including the MCA Entity and any applicants, Bidders, Suppliers, contractors, Subcontractors, consultants, and sub-consultants under any MCC-funded contracts, observe the highest standards of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts. MCC’s Policy on Preventing, Detecting and Remediating Fraud and Corruption in MCC Operations (“MCC’s AFC Policy”) is applicable to all procurements and contracts involving MCC Funding and can be found on the MCC website at: <https://www.mcc.gov/resources/doc/policy-fraud-and-corruption>.

4. This Request for Proposal complements the General Contracting Notice that has been published on the MCA-Benin Regional websites (<https://www.ucfbenin.bj/>) as well as in the local newspaper la Nation on **October 09, 2023** and as amended and published on the Dg Market websites (<http://www.dgMarket.com>) on **November 13, 2023**, of UNDB Online (<http://www.devbusiness.com>) on **November 14, 2023**, of MCA-Benin Regional (<https://www.ucfbenin.bj/>) on **November 15, 2023** and in the local newspaper la Nation on **November 17, 2023**.
5. MMD now invites proposals from legally constituted consulting firms and other organizations to conduct **Program Management and Environmental and Social Management Consulting Services (“Proposals”)**. More details on these services are provided in the Terms of Reference in Section V of the RFP.
6. This RFP is open to all eligible entities (“Consultants”) who wish to respond. Subject to restrictions noted in the RFP, consultants may associate with other consultants to enhance their capacity to successfully carry out the assignment.
7. A Consultant will be selected under the **Quality and Cost-Based Selection (“QCBS”)** method, an evaluation procedure that is described in sections of the RFP in accordance with the “MCC Program Procurement Guidelines” provided on the MCC website (www.mcc.gov/ppg). The selection process, as described, will include a review and verification of qualifications and past performance, including a reference check, prior to the contract award.
8. Please note that a Pre-Proposal Conference was held on **January 08, 2024**. A second pre-proposal conference will be held on **February 21, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. – UTC +01:00** as described in the Proposal Data Sheet (“PDS”), Section II of the RFP. Attendance at the Pre-Proposal Conference is not mandatory but is strongly advised for all interested Consultants or their representatives.
9. The complete RFP can be downloaded through the following link: <https://ln5.sync.com/dl/87e4d4e40/h4ksrh9n-3pzn7uwx-banuv9ei-59hzqx5z>. Consultants interested in submitting a Proposal, must express their interest by filling out the online registration form via the link <https://forms.office.com/e/enKsZHqYWv>. This will ensure they receive any updates regarding this RFP.
10. The proposals (Technical and Financial) shall be submitted in the manner specified in the PDS ITC 17 no later than **April 01, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. – UTC +01:00**. **Only electronic proposals submitted via the File Request Link (FRL) will be accepted.** Late Proposals will not be accepted under any circumstances.

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