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GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE RELATED TO THE COMPACT PROCUREMENT PLAN N°4

The Government of Benin acting through its representative - MCA-Benin II, has received grant funding amounting to Three Hundred and Seventy-Five Million United States Dollars (US \$375,000,000) from the Millennium Challenge Corporation ("MCC"), an agency of the United States Government, to enable MCA-Benin II to implement the MCC Compact and achieve the objectives. In the framework of this Program, it intends to apply parts of the proceeds of the funds to payments for contracts for goods, works and services. The Government of Benin's contribution to the Program is Twenty-Eight Million, One Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand United States Dollars (US \$28,125,000).

This Procurement Plan N°4 that follows the Compact's entry into force on June 22, 2017 covers the period of April 2019 to March 2020. The activities that comprise the plan are as follows:

Estimated value : US \$ 19,909,207
Covered period: April 2019 - March 2020
Procurement of Goods
<p>Procurement of goods for the Administration and Finance Direction (DAF), the Monitoring & Evaluation (SE) Direction, the Policy Reform and Institutional Strengthening Project (PRISP), the Off-grid Electricity Access Project (OGEAP) and the Electricity Distribution Project (EDP) of the MCA-Benin II Compact including:</p> <p>Administration and Finance Direction (DAF):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquisition of office furniture for the Implementing Entities and MCA-Benin II ; Acquisition of mobile phones for the Implementing Entities and MCA-Benin II. <p>Monitoring & Evaluation (SE) Direction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquisition and installation of smart meters for collecting data from the SBEE subscribers. <p>Policy Reform and Institutional Strengthening Project (PRISP):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selection of equipment suppliers to establish a testing laboratory for refrigerators and lamps ; Acquisition and installation of automatic weather stations at the four (04) sites of PV solar power plants ; Technical Assistance by METEO BENIN (National Meteorological Agency) in the framework of the acquisition and installation of four automatic stations. <p>Off-grid Electricity Access Project (OGEAP):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquisition of measurement equipment for the energy audits and the monitoring of electrification works ; Acquisition of PVSyst software and training of users for the benefit of the implementing entities ; Acquisition of MAPSource software and training of users for the benefit of the implementing entities ;

- Acquisition of AUTOCAD software and training of users for the benefit of the implementing entities.

Electricity Distribution Project (EDP)

- Acquisition of personal protective equipment for the implementing entities.

Procurement of Works

Procurement of works for the Electricity Distribution Project (EDP) of the MCA-Benin II Compact including:

- Cotonou and regional Grid Strengthening: Construction works and extension of 161 kV and 63 kV substations.

Procurement of Consultant Services

Contracts with firms for Consultant Services for the Environmental and Social Performance (ESP) Department, the Monitoring & Evaluation (SE) Direction, the Electricity Distribution Project (EDP), the “Gender integration and Social Inclusion” (GSI) Department and the Communication and Public Relations Direction (DCRP) of the MCA-Benin II Compact including:

Environmental and Social Performance (ESP) Department:

- Selection of a Consultant for the waste management identified by the Hazardous Materials study.

Monitoring & Evaluation (SE) Direction:

- Selection of a Consultant for the second data quality review.

Electricity Distribution Project (EDP):

- Techno-economic study for the choice of optimal solutions for the routing of data through telecommunication networks on behalf of the SBEE Dispatching ;
- Recruitment of a consultant for the supervision of construction works for the Distribution Project.

“Gender integration and Social Inclusion” (GSI) Department:

- Selection of a Consultant for the implementation of Gender Audit recommendations.

Communication and Public Relations Direction (DCRP):

- Recruitment of a communication agency for MCA-Benin II.

Individual Consultants for the Monitoring & Evaluation (SE) Direction, the Administration and Finance Direction (DAF) and the Policy Reform and Institutional Strengthening Project (PRISP) of the MCA-Benin II Compact including:

Monitoring & Evaluation (SE) Direction:

- Update No. 1 of Economic Rate of Return (ERR) & beneficiary analysis.

Administration and Finance Direction (DAF):

- Recruitment of individual Consultants to provide administrative support to MCA-Benin and the implementing entities ;

Policy Reform and Institutional Strengthening Project (PRISP):

- Selection of an individual consultant to develop service regulations as part of the ARE and SBEE support process.

The Contracts for Goods, Works and Services financed under the Program will be implemented according to the principles, rules and procedures set out in the MCC Program Procurement Guidelines which can be found at the MCC website at <https://www.mcc.gov/resources/doc/program-procurement-guidelines> and www.mcabenin2.bj.

The procurement is open to all bidders/consultants from eligible source countries as defined in the MCC PPG.

Specific procurement notices for contracts to be tendered under the competitive bidding procedures and for consultant contracts will be announced, as they become available, on the MCA website at <http://www.mcabenin2.bj>, United Nations Development Business (UNDB) Online website at <http://www.devbusiness.com/>, Development Gateway Market (dgMarket) website at <http://www.dgmarket.com/>, in local newspapers, and other media outlets as appropriate.

Interested eligible suppliers, contractors and consultants who wish to be included on the mailing list to receive a copy of advertisements, or those requiring additional information, should contact:

The Millennium Challenge Account - Benin II

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