



GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE RELATED TO THE COMPACT PROCUREMENT PLAN N°18

The Government of Benin acting through its representative - MCA-Benin II, has received grant funding amounting to Three Hundred Ninety-one Million United States Dollars (US \$391,000,000) from the Millennium Challenge Corporation ("MCC"), an agency of the United States Government, to enable MCA-Benin II to implement the MCC Compact (the "Program") and achieve its objectives. In the framework of this Program, it intends to apply part 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 Thirty Million Four Hundred and Forty-Five Thousand United States Dollars (US \$30,445,000).

MCC's funding is appropriated by the U.S. Congress and obligated to the Compact up-front, with no incremental or partial funding. So, when a contract is signed with an MCA Entity, money is already available to the MCA Entity and, for most contracts, invoices are paid directly to Contractors/Consultants/Suppliers by the US Treasury.

The Procurement Plan N°18 that follows the Compact's entry into force on June 22, 2017 covers the period of October 1st 2022 to June 22nd 2023. The activities that comprise the plan include the following:

Estimated value: US \$ 2 414 000
Covered period: October 1st 2022 – June 22nd 2023
Procurement of Goods and related services
GOODS for the Direction of Administration and Finance (DAF) and for the Electricity Distribution Project (EDP) of the MCA-Benin II Compact, including: Direction of Administration and Finance (DAF): <ul style="list-style-type: none">Acquisition of goods or services for an amount less than or equal to USD 5,000 per contract, in support of projects and administration. Electricity Distribution Project (EDP) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Acquisition of 3 PowerFactory software server licenses with unlimited nodes and multiple accesses for 5 simultaneous users and 2 single licenses with assistance, maintenance and 2-year warranty.
Procurement of Consultants Services
INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SERVICES for the Direction of Administration and Finance (DAF), for the Electricity Distribution Project (EDP), for Environmental and Social Performance (ESP) and Direction of Economy, Monitoring and Evaluation of the MCA-Benin II Compact, including:

Direction of Administration and Finance (DAF):

- Recruitment of individual consultants for technical support and assistance to MCA-Benin II for an amount less than or equal to USD 5,000 per contract.

Electricity Distribution Project (EDP)

- Recruitment of a software maintenance Expert specialized in software security and the fight against cybercrime to list and set up secure procedures and systems for monitoring and maintaining the operating software, deployed under the modernized distribution network.
- Recruitment of a Telecom Expert to support the Beninese Electric Energy Company (SBEE) in monitoring the implementation of the SBEE/Beninese Digital Infrastructure Company (SBIN) Agreement relating to the operation of the Electrical Community of Benin (CEB)'s dark optical fibers of the OPGW Backbone for the proper functioning of the national electrical energy distribution network.
- Recruitment of an individual consultant to support the Beninese Electric Energy Company (SBEE) in the development and implementation of an operational plan to build the capacity of the SBEE agents in charge of the operation and maintenance of the telecommunications equipment and systems deployed under the MCA-Benin II projects.
- Recruitment of a SCADA/DMS Expert for the capacity building of Beninese Electric Energy Company (SBEE) operators in the secure operation and management of the Gas Insulated (GIS) / Air Insulated (AIS) sub-stations built under the MCA-Benin II Program.
- Recruitment of an Expert in Underground Networks and Cable Monitoring to build the capacity of Beninese Electric Energy Company (SBEE) operators in the safe operation and management of Gas Insulated (GIS)/High Voltage (HTB) sub-stations built under the MCA-Benin II Program.
- Recruitment of an Expert in Protection and Digital Command Control (CCN) of Gas Insulated (GIS) / High Voltage (HTB) sub-stations for capacity building of Beninese Electric Energy Company (SBEE) operators in the safe operation and management of GIS/HTB sub-stations built under the MCA-Benin II Program.
- Recruitment of an Expert in the operation of Gas Insulated (GIS) / High Voltage (HTB) sub-stations to build the capacity of Beninese Electric Energy Company (SBEE) operators in the safe operation and management of GIS/HTB sub-stations built under the MCA-Benin II Program.
- Recruitment of a Telecom Expert for capacity building of Beninese Electric Energy Company (SBEE) operators in the secure operation and management of Gas Insulated (GIS) / High Voltage sub-stations built under the MCA-Benin II Program.
- Recruitment of an Expert in the operation of High/Medium/Low Voltage Power Transformers to build the capacity of Beninese Electric Energy Company (SBEE) operators in the safe operation and management of Gas Insulated (GIS) / High Voltage sub-stations built under the MCA-Benin II Program.
- Recruitment of an Environmental, Health and Safety Expert to build the capacity of Beninese Electric Energy Company (SBEE) operators in the safe operation and management of Gas Insulated (GIS) / High Voltage sub-stations built under the MCA-Benin II Program.
- Recruitment of an individual consultant for on-the-job training of 5 planning engineers from the Beninese Electric Energy Company (SBEE) + 1 from the Electrical Community of Benin (CEB) to ensure the optimization of the model of the interconnected distribution network using the PowerFactory software and the SBEE Dispatcher training simulator.

Environmental and Social Performance (ESP)

- Individual consultant to support the Direction of Operations (DO) in biodiversity conservation.

Direction of Economy, Monitoring and Evaluation

- Recruitment of an individual consultant to support MCA-Benin II in the preparation of the Program completion report.

CONSULTANT FIRMS for Environmental and Social Performance (ESP) and the Direction of Administration and Finance (DAF) of the MCA-Benin II Compact, including:

Environmental and Social Performance (ESP)

- Evaluation of measures to restore Project Affected Persons (PAPs)'s means of subsistence (Independent Power Production (IPP) and sub-stations).

Direction of Administration and Finance (DAF):

- Recruitment of a firm for the assessment of the real value of the assets to be transferred to the implementing entities (Beninese Electric Energy Company (SBEE)/Beninese Agency for Rural Electrification and Energy Management (ABERME)/ National Agency for Standardization, Metrology and Quality Control (ANM)/Ministry of Energy (ME)).

Procurement of Non-Consultant Services

NON-CONSULTING SERVICES for the Environmental and Social Performance (ESP) and the Electricity Distribution Project (EDP) of the MCA-Benin II Compact, including:

Environmental and Social Performance (ESP):

- Compensatory reforestation in Sèmè Podji, Porto Novo and Sakété on 6 ha.

Electricity Distribution Project (EDP)

- Recruitment of an Expert for the deployment of the PowerFactory Software (installation, configuration, and commissioning).

WORKS

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

Electricity Distribution Project (EDP)

- Execution of adaptation and rehabilitation works for the Beninese Electric Energy Company (SBEE) sub-stations to accommodate the new GE Scada equipment, supplied under the MCA-Benin II Program.
- Works for the reinforcement of the new sub-stations (Berlin wall, Ascena wall, construction of walls around the sub-stations and installation of barbed wire).

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>.

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

The specific procurement notices for the contracts to be tendered under the competitive bidding procedures for works, goods, consultant and non-consultant services 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.

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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:

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