

# Selection of the External Legal Counsel

Subject: The purpose of this Amendment is to:

- extend the submission deadline of proposals to October 17, 2017;
- extend the deadline to answer clarification questions to October 3, 2017;
- modify the provision of clause 3.3 (v) of the Section 2, instructions to the external legal counsel.

Therefore, the Request for Proposals is amended as follows:

- Extension of the deadline for submission of proposals
  - Letter of Invitation Requesting Proposals, A. Paragraph 8, third sentence, page 4:

#### Delete:

"Proposals duly signed by an authorized representative of Counsel must be submitted on or before 10:00 a.m., Benin time, 10 October, 2017 at the address indicated in paragraph 7 above."

## And replace by:

"Proposals duly signed by an authorized representative of Counsel must be submitted on or before 10:00 a.m., Benin time, 17 October, 2017 at the address indicated in paragraph 7 above."

ii) Paragraph 9, page 5

#### Delete:

"Technical Proposals will be opened in the presence of Counsel and/or their representatives who choose to attend at 10:15 a.m., Benin time, on 10 October, 2017 at the address for proposal submission"

## And replace by:

"Technical Proposals will be opened in the presence of Counsel and/or their representatives who choose to attend at 10:15 a.m., Benin time, on 17 October, 2017 at the address for proposal submission"

## B. Section 2, Instructions to the External Legal Counsel

# - Sub-clause ITC 4.5, first sentence, page 18

#### Delete:

"The MCA-Benin II shall open the Technical Proposals immediately on **10 October, 2017** in the presence of Counsel and their representatives as per Paragraph 9 of the Letter of Invitation after the deadline for their submission, as indicated in Paragraph 8 of the Letter of Invitation."

## And replace by:

"The MCA-Benin II shall open the Technical Proposals immediately on **17 October, 2017** in the presence of Counsel and their representatives as per Paragraph 9 of the Letter of Invitation after the deadline for their submission, as indicated in Paragraph 8 of the Letter of Invitation."

## II. Extension of the deadline to receive clarification questions

 Sub-clause 2.1, Clarification and Amendment of RFP Documents, page 13, last sentence

#### Delete:

"Every attempt will be made by the MCA-Benin II to issue responses in writing to all Counsels who have registered or obtained the RFP directly from the MCA Benin II, as the case may be, no later than **26 September**, **2017**."

## And replace by:

"Every attempt will be made by the MCA-Benin II to issue responses in writing to all Counsels who have registered or obtained the RFP directly from the MCA Benin II, as the case may be, no later than **3 October**, **2017**."

# III. Modification of provision of the clause 3.3(v) of the Section 2, Instructions to the External Legal Counsel, forth sentence, page 14:

#### Delete:

"The Counsel is required to identify a minimum of two (2) Key Professional Personnel – the Contract Relationship Partner, and Partner or Senior Counsel, which will be evaluated as Key Professional Personnel, and two (2) other attorneys (collectively, the "Professional Personnel")."

#### and replace by:

"The Counsel is required to identify a minimum of two (2) Key Professional Personnel – the Contract Relationship Partner, and Partner or Senior Counsel, which will be evaluated as Key Professional Personnel, and one (1) other law pratictioner (collectively, the "Professional Personnel")."

All the clauses of the initial proposal document which are not modified with this addendum remain valid.

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