

SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE (SPN)

Procurement Name: Selection of Off Grid Clean Energy Facility Manager
Project Name: Millennium Challenge Account-Benin II
Type of Notice: Request For Proposals (RFP) - QCBS

General Information

Country: Benin
City/Locality: Cotonou
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Type of Procurement: Services

Procurement Code: 09310000 – Electricity
09330000 – Solar Energy
65400000 – Other sources of energy supplies and distribution

Main Text:

1. The Millennium Challenge Corporation (“MCC”) and the Government of **Benin** (the “Government” or “**GoB**”) have entered into a Millennium Challenge Compact for Millennium Challenge Account assistance to help facilitate poverty reduction through economic growth in **Benin** (the “Compact”) in the amount of **three hundred seventy five million United States Dollars** (375 000 000 USD), (“MCC Funding”). The Government, acting through Millennium Challenge Account-Benin II (the “MCA Entity”), intends to apply a portion of the MCC Funding to eligible payments under a contract for which the Request for Proposals is issued. Any payments made under the proposed contract will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Compact and related documents, including restrictions on the use of MCC funding and conditions to the disbursements of MCC funding. No party other than the Government and the MCA-Benin II shall derive any rights from the Compact or have any claim to the proceeds of MCC Funding.

2. The Benin power program consists of four (4) projects: (i) Policy Reform and Institutional Strengthening Project; (ii) Electricity Generation Project; (iii) Electricity Distribution Project; and Off-grid Electricity Access Project. MCC's assistance will be provided in a manner that responds to constraints to economic growth by aiming to improve the reliability and quality of power in Benin. The Compact Program will be executed over a period of five (5) years upon Entry into Force (EIF) of the Compact. There will be an initial period of Compact Implementation Funding (CIF) of 8-10 months to be used by the Government of Benin and MCA-BENIN II to facilitate the implementation of the Compact.
3. The Request for Proposal (RFP) is open to all eligible entities ("Consultants") who wish to respond. Consultant may only associate with each other in the form of a joint venture or in a sub-consultancy agreement to complement their respective areas of expertise to enhance their capacity to carry out the assignment successfully and so long as any association formed is in accordance with the terms of the RFP.

In furtherance of the development of the proposed Off-Grid Electricity Access Project, the MCA-Benin II requires the consultancy services referenced above. More details on this consultant service are provided in the Terms of Reference.

4. The Consultants services and the contract expected to be awarded, are divided into the following phases :
 - **Base period for duration of twelve (12) months.** The primary purpose of the Base Period is for the Facility Manager to establish a presence in Benin and to develop and put in place all of the necessary plans, processes, documents and governance required for the launch of the Off-Grid Clean Energy Facility (OCEF) Request for Applications (RFA). In addition, the Base Period will include the release of the RFA, a detailed review and due diligence of all proposals received, the development of a shortlist, including a technical assistance plan.
 - **Option Year 1** (if MCA-Benin II chooses to exercise this option) **will cover twelve (12) months.**

Based on the performance of the Facility Manager during the Base Period, the FM can be selected to exercise an Option Period for each of the remaining years of the Compact. The Option Period must be renewed each year, up to four times, i.e. Option Year 1, Option Year 2, Option Year 3 and Option Year 4. The primary purpose of the Option Periods is to carry forward the work from the Base Period by shepherding shortlisted proposals through to final grant award and then implementing grants according to the OCEF Operations Manual.
5. A Consultant will be selected under the QCBS method, the evaluation procedure for which is described in sections of the RFPS in accordance with "MCC Program Procurement Guideline" which are provided on the MCC website www.mcc.gov.
6. The RFP Document includes the following Sections:

PART 1 – PROPOSAL AND SELECTION PROCEDURES

Section I Instructions to Consultants

This section provides information to help potential Consultants prepare their Proposals; it also provides information on the submission, opening, and evaluation of Proposals and on the award of the proposed contract.

Section II Proposal Data Sheet

This section includes provisions that are specific to this procurement and that supplement Section I, Instructions to Consultants.

Section III Qualification and Evaluation Criteria

This section specifies the qualifications required of the Consultant and the criteria to be used to evaluate the Proposal.

Section IV A Technical Proposal Forms

This section provides the Technical Proposal Forms which are to be completed by a potential Consultant and submitted in a separate envelope as part of a potential Consultant's total Proposal.

Section IV B Financial Proposal Forms

This section provides the Financial Proposal Forms which are to be completed by a potential Consultant and submitted in a separate envelope as part of a potential Consultant's total Proposal.

Section V Terms of Reference

This Section includes the detailed Terms of Reference that describe the nature, tasks, and duties of the consulting services to be procured.

PART 2 – CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT AND CONTRACT FORMS

Section VI Contract Agreement and General Conditions of Contract

This section contains the form of Contract proposed to be entered into between the MCA Entity and Consultant.

Section VII Special Conditions of Contract and Annexes to Contract

This section contains the form of those clauses of the Contract that supplement the GCC and that are to be completed by MCA Entities for each procurement of Consulting Services. This section also includes Annexes to the Contract.

7. Consultants interested in submitting a Proposal should register their interest by sending an e-mail, giving full contact details of the Consultant, to the Procurement Agent through infobenin@charleskendall.com and must be copied to info@mcabenin2.bj. So that the document may be issued in PDF format by e-mail. Upon receipt the RFP please inform us in writing, or by electronic mail, at the address below:
 - (a) that you have received the RFP; and
 - (b) you will submit a proposal alone or in association.
8. A pre-proposal meeting will be held at Cotonou, Benin in MCA-Benin's Conference room on **August 25th, 2016 at 10:00 am Cotonou** as specified in the Proposal Data Sheet.
9. The closing date and time for receipt of proposal is **September 29th, 2016 at 10:00**

am local time in Cotonou, Benin. Proposal received after this date and time shall not be considered and will be returned unopened. Consultants should be aware that distance and customs formalities may require longer than expected delivery time.

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