



## SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE (SPN)

**Procurement Name:** IPP Framework Consultant and IPP Transaction Advisor  
**Project Name:** Policy Reform and Institutional Strengthening Project  
**Type of Notice:** Request For Proposals (RFP)-QCBS

### General Information

Country: Benin  
City/Locality: Cotonou  
Notice/Contract Number: PP4-CIF- PRISP-04  
Publication Date: July 13, 2017  
Deadline: September 14, 2017  
Funding Agency: Millennium Challenge Account (MCA)  
Buyer: Millennium Challenge Account-Benin II  
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**Type of Procurement:** Services

**Procurement Code:** 09310000 Electricity

09330000 Solar Energy

90700000 Environmental Services

73220000 Development consultancy services



## Main Text:

The Millennium Challenge Corporation (“MCC”) and the Government of Benin (the “Government”) 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 USD three hundred and seventy-five million (“MCC Funding”). The Government, acting through the Millennium Challenge Account-Benin II (“MCA-Entity”), intends to apply a portion of the MCC Funding to eligible payments under the contract for which this 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-Entity shall derive any rights from the Compact or have any claim to the proceeds of MCC Funding.

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. The Power Compact of Benin entered into force on 22th June, 2017.

The Request for Proposal (“RFP”) is open to all eligible entities or persons (“Consultants”) who wish to respond. Consultants 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 successfully carry out the assignment and so long as any association is otherwise formed in accordance with the terms of the RFP.

In furtherance of the development of the proposed Policy Reform and Institutional Strengthening Project, the MCA-Benin II requires the consultancy services referenced above.

The consultant services, and the contract expected to be awarded is for an estimated duration of **27 months**. The consultancy is structured with a base and four options. Base Period Services will commence upon award of the contract and issuance by MCA-Benin II of the Notice to Proceed (“NTP”) while the options are exercisable at the discretion of MCA-Benin II. The five phases are described as follows:

- A Base Contract, IPP Consultant: covers laying the groundwork for IPPs in Benin.
- Option 1, IPP Technical Consultant: will address technical and environmental aspects of solar PV solicitation, if MCA-Benin II exercises this option.
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- Option 3, Transaction Advisor: will cover structuring and leading transaction to award of contract(s) for IPP project(s), if MCA-Benin II exercises this option.
- Option 4, Technical and Legal Advisor: will provide support through financial close of IPP transaction(s).

More details on this consultant service are provided in the Terms of Reference.

3. 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.
4. A Consultant will be selected under the **Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method**, the evaluation procedure for which is described in sections of the RFP in accordance with the “MCC Program Procurement Guidelines” which are provided on the MCC website [www.mcc.gov](http://www.mcc.gov). 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.
5. The RFP Document includes the following Sections: Section 1 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 2 Proposal Data Sheet. This section includes provisions that are specific to this procurement and that supplement Section 1, Instructions to Consultants. Section 3 Qualification and Evaluation Criteria. This section specifies the qualifications required of the Consultant and the criteria to be used to evaluate the Proposal. Section 4A 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 4B 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 5 Terms of Reference. This section includes the detailed Terms of Reference for this procurement that describe the nature, tasks and duties of the consultant services to be procured. Section 6 Contract Forms: I Contract Agreement, II General Conditions of Contract, III Special Conditions of Contract, IV Appendices.
6. Consultants interested in submitting a Proposal should register their interest by sending an e-mail, giving full contact details of the Consultant, to: [info-benin@charleskendall.com](mailto:info-benin@charleskendall.com) and must copy [info@mcabenin2.bj](mailto:info@mcabenin2.bj). So, the document of

Request for Proposals will be delivered to them by e-mail in PDF format. Having received the RFP, please inform us about it in writing or by e-mail at the address above:

- a) That you had received the RFP;
- b) That you would submit a single proposition or in association.

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7. A pre-Proposal meeting will be held at Cotonou, Benin in MCA-BENIN II's conference room on **August 3, 2017 at 10Hoo Cotonou time** if so specified in the Proposal Data Sheet.

Attendance is strongly advised for all prospective Consultants or their representatives but is not mandatory.

8. The closing time for receipt of Proposals is **September 14, 2017 at 10Hoo local time** in Benin. Proposals received after this time and date 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.

MCA-Benin II Address:

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