

## SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE (SPN)

Procurement Name:	Selection of equipment supplier(s) to establish a testing laboratory for refrigerators and lamps
Project Name:	Millennium Challenge Account Benin II (MCA-Benin II)
Type of Notice:	Competitive Bidding (CB)
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City/Locality:	Cotonou
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Buyer/Employer:	Millennium Challenge Account (MCA-Benin II)
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Procurement type:	Goods and Services Related
Procurement Code:	09310000 – Power 51430000 – Laboratory equipment installation services 39180000 – Laboratory furniture

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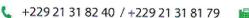
1. The Millennium Challenge Corporation ("MCC") and the government of Benin (the "Government" or "GoB") have entered into a Millennium Challenge Compact for Millennium Challenge Account assistance to help facilitate poverty reduction through economic growth in Benin (the "Compact") in the amount of three hundred seventy-five million (375 000 000) United States Dollars, ("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 this Invitation for Bids (IFB) 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. MCC's funding is appropriated by the U.S. Congress and obligated to the Compact upfront, 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.
- 3. 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 (iv) Off-grid Electricity Access Project. The objective of the program is to increase the productivity and production for businesses, generate more economic opportunities for households and improve the capacity to provide public and social services by improving the quantity and quality of power supply. The Compact Program will be executed over a period of five (5) years upon the Compact Entry into Force (EIF). The Power Compact of Benin entered into force on June 22, 2017. To face the challenges of the Covid pandemic, the Compact has been extended until June 22, 2023. This IFB is part of the activities under the Benin Compact Policy Reform and Institutional Strengthening Project.
- 4. This IFB follows the Amendment #1 to the Compact General Procurement Notice N°15 posted on dgMarket on March 07<sup>th</sup>, 2022, UNDB Online on March 09<sup>th</sup>, 2022, on the MCA Entity website www.mcabenin2.bj on March 08<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and published in the local newspaper "La Nation" on March 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 2022, "Le Matinal" on March 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- 5. MCA-Benin II, acting on behalf of the Government of Benin, now invites qualified Bidders to provide their best bid for the procurement related to the Selection of equipment suppliers to establish a testing laboratory for refrigerators and lamps. More details on the Goods and Related Services are provided at Section V ("Supply Requirements (Specifications for Goods and Related Services)") of the bidding document.
- 6. The IFB is open to all eligible entities ("Bidders") who wish to respond.
- 7. The procurement in reference consists of four (4) lots:

Lot 1: Measurement and test equipment for lamps safety and performance tests in compliance with the requirements of IEC standards 60968:2015, 60969:2016, 60081:2017, 62560:2015, 62612:2018 to be supplied to the Abomey-Calavi Polytechnic School (EPAC), with an indicative delivery time of 90 days;

Lot 2: Calm/still-air chamber for energy performance tests of household refrigeration appliances in accordance with the IEC 62552-X:2015 standard requirements, to be supplied to the National Agency for Standardization and Metrology (NASM), with an indicative delivery time of 190 days;



Lot 3: Measurement and test equipment for energy performance testing of household refrigeration equipment in accordance with the IEC 62552-X:2015 standard requirements to be supplied to the NASM, with an indicative delivery time of 150 days.

Lot 4: Supply and installation of furniture and specific furniture layout for test laboratories at EPAC and ANM, with an indicative delivery time of 150 days.

- **8.** One or more bidders will be selected using the Competitive Bidding (CB) method as part of open bidding procedures, as described in the relevant sections of the Bidding Document. Bidders are informed that these procedures are governed by the MCC Program Procurement Guidelines (PPG), which can be found on the MCC website: <a href="https://www.mcc.gov">www.mcc.gov</a>.
- **9.** Bidders interested in submitting a bid must express their interest by sending an e-mail with their full contact details to the contact point below:

Procurement Agent of MCA-Benin II,

info-benin@charleskendall.com

A copy in PDF of the Solicitation Document will be sent by e-mail with the File Request Link for bid Submission.

10. The Bidding Document consists of:

**PART 1 – BIDDING AND SELECTION PROCEDURES:** Section I – Instructions to Bidders ("ITB"); Section II – Bid Data Sheet ("BDS"); Section III - Qualification and Evaluation Criteria; Section IV - Bid Forms.

**PART 2 - SUPPLY REQUIREMENTS: Section V - Specification of Goods and Related Services.** 

PART 3 – CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT AND CONTRACT FORMS: Section VI - Contract Notices and Agreement; Section VII – General Conditions of Contract ("GCC"); Section VIII - Special Conditions of Contract ("SCC") and Contract Annexes.

- **11.** All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security by lot in the form and amount specified in the BDS.
- 12. The closing date and time for receipt of Bids is May 12, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. (Cotonou, Benin time). Please note that only electronic Bids will be accepted.

Bidders are informed that the capability of their internet bandwidth will determine the speed in which their Bids are uploaded via the File Request Link. Bidders are therefore advised to commence the process of uploading their Bids via the File Request Link in good time before the bid submission deadline and submit their bid by the established deadline.

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