

**SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE (SPN)**

Procurement Name: **Recruitment of an individual consultant for the training of the Ministry of Energy staff on strategic planning and the sectoral vision of the Ministry of Energy and establishment of a budget platform PTF ONG and GoB**

Project Name: Millennium Challenge Account-Benin II (MCA-Benin II)
Type of Notice: Request for Applications (RFA) - Individual Consultant (IC)

General Information

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Main Text:

1. The government of Benin (the "Government") and the United States of America, through the Millennium Challenge Corporation ("MCC"), have entered into a Millennium Challenge Account Compact of approximately US \$ 375 million ("MCC Funding") to promote poverty reduction and economic growth in Benin (the "Compact"). The Government, acting through MCA-Benin II (the "MCA Entity"), intends to use part of the MCC Funding to eligible payments under the contract for which this Request for Applications ("RFA") is launched. Any payments made by the MCA Entity in accordance with the proposed contract will be subject, in all respects, to the terms of the Compact and related documents, including restrictions on the use of the MCC Funding and disbursement conditions of the MCC Funding. No party other than the Government and the MCA Entity will obtain any right under the Compact or have any right in relation to the amounts of the 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 programme 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 will be executed during a period of five years after the entry into force, that intervened on June 22, 2017.
4. MCA-Benin II now invites eligible individual consultants to submit a letter of application, a Curriculum Vitae (CV) and a financial offer for the training of the Ministry of Energy staff on strategic planning and the sectoral vision of the Ministry of Energy and establishment of a budget platform.
5. The mission will take place over a period of **seven Person-months (7 PM)** including **three Person-months (3 PM)** in the field and **four Person-months (4 PM) months** at headquarters, starting from the date of contract signature, without, however, going beyond the date of the Compact end, i.e. June 22, 2023. The place of the mission is Benin.
6. The qualifications required from the Consultant are indicated in the Terms of Reference contained in the RFA. They include among other the following:
 - Hold an engineering degree in electricity, economics (Master (BAC + 5) or in any other equivalent field;

- Have at least 15 years of experience in the electricity sector or in electricity utilities as a technician, manager or consultant, including at least 10 years in a planning position or any other position similar or compatible with this assignment;
 - Having supervised or worked for a team of management entrepreneurs within a public or private electricity service or in another structure for the management or operation of electricity (including the production, transportation and distribution of electricity), preferably in the distribution of electricity in a sub-Saharan Africa developing country;
 - Justify experience with projects financed by TFPs or other multilateral institutions;
 - Having conducted a mission financed by MCC would be an advantage;
 - He / she must also demonstrate successful experience in the field of management and coordination of a heterogeneous group of professionals, as facilitator of group work in the context of carrying out a study or a project of a nature and complexity similar to this assignment;
 - He / she must have at least two experiences in training on topics identical to this mission (planning, budgeting and monitoring evaluation) in the electricity sector;
 - He / she must have a strong ability to conduct group work, and stimulation of each participant expression;
- He / she must have an excellent command of the French language and good writing skills.
7. This RFA is open to all eligible Individual Consultants, as defined in the MCC Program Procurement Guidelines (PPG), available on the MCC website (www.mcc.gov), who wish to participate. The Individual consultants cannot associate in groups or subcontract the services.
 8. This RFA follows the Compact General Procurement Notice No. 14 Amendment N°1, published on dgMarket on **December 1st, 2021**, in the UN Development Business Online ("UNDB") on **December 06, 2021**, on the MCA Entity website - www.mcabenin2.bj - on **December 2nd, 2021** and in the local newspapers "La Nation" on **December 07** and "Le Matinal" on **December 09 and 13, 2021**.
 9. The Consultant shall be selected through the Individual Consultant selection procedures as specified in the MCC PPG (P.1. B.3.9.).
 10. Interested consultants should express their interest by sending a message (with the subject line: ***"Recruitment of an individual consultant for the training of the Ministry of Energy staff on strategic planning and the sectoral vision of the Ministry of Energy and establishment of a budget platform PTF ONG and GoB"***) to the email address of the Procurement Agent: info-benin@charleskendall.com and by communicating full contact details.
 11. The Application documents must be submitted electronically (by Dropbox) as indicated in the RFA.

12. The deadline for receipt of Application Documents is **January 11, 2022 at 03:00 pm** local time in Cotonou, Benin. The Application Documents received after this time and date shall not in any case be accepted or opened. They will be deleted from the place where they were submitted. Please note that paper-based or E-mail Application documents are **not** accepted.

13. Contact Information /Address:

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