



## SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE (SPN)

Procurement Name: **Recruitment of an Operator for the Management Contract of the Beninese Electric Power Company (SBEE)**

Project Name: Millennium Challenge Account-Benin II  
Type of Notice: Invitation for Bids (IFB)

### General Information

Country: Benin

City/Locality: Cotonou

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Buyer: Millennium Challenge Account-Benin II

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Type of Procurement: Management services

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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 invitation for Bid ("IFB") is launched. It is specified that this contract will extend beyond the implementation period of the Compact (closed on June 22, 2022) and that the Government will pursue alone and with the possible financial partners the commitments subscribed under this contract after the Compact. Any payments made by the MCA Entity in accordance with the proposed contract and during the implementation period of the Compact 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. The Compact and its associated documents can be found on the MCC website ([www.mcc.gov](http://www.mcc.gov)) and on the MCA Entity website.
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 (iv) 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.
3. This Invitation for Bids (IFB) follows the Amendment No. 1 of the Compact General Procurement Notice No. 2 which was published on dgMarket on **July 13, 2018**, in the UN Development Business Online ("UNDB") on **July 16 July, 2018**, on the MCA Entity website of the Entity MCA [www.mcabenin2.bj](http://www.mcabenin2.bj) on **July 13, 2018** and in local newspaper "La Nation" and "Le Matinal" of **July 19 and 23, 2018**.
4. MCA-Benin II invites the operators, legally constituted and qualified to submit their bids in the framework of the Recruitment of an Operator for the Management Contract of the Benin Electric Power Company (SBEE).
5. A detailed description of the services is provided in the Tender Documents (Section V: Service Descriptions).
6. This Invitation to Bid is open to all eligible operators ("Bidders") who wish to bid. Subject to the limitations contained in the tender document, Bidders may form a consortium to optimize their ability to successfully execute the contract.
7. The services and the contract to be awarded are for a period of four (04) years.
8. An Operator will be selected under the QCBS method, selection method based on Quality and Cost, the evaluation procedure, the steps of which are described in the sections of the bidding document in accordance with the "Procurement Guidelines of the MCC Program" available on the MCC website ([www.mcc.gov/ppg](http://www.mcc.gov/ppg)). The selection process, as described, includes the review and verification of past qualifications and achievements, as well as a reference check, prior to contract award.

9. The complete tender dossier will be made available to interested Bidders after registration by using the address below and by communicating all full contact details.
10. The Bidding Document includes the following Sections : PART I - BID SELECTION PROCEDURES - Section I - Instructions to Bidders: This section provides information to help potential Bidders in preparing bids, and also describes bid, opening and the evaluation of the Bids and the award of this contract; Section II - Bid Data Sheet: This section includes the provisions specific to this procurement and supplements Section I, Instructions to Bidders; Section III - Qualification and Evaluation Criteria: This section specifies the qualifications required from the Bidders and the evaluation criteria of their bid; Section IV A - Technical Bid Forms: This section contains the Qualification and Technical Bid Forms that must be completed by each potential Bidder and submitted in a separate envelope as part of its overall Bid; Section IV B - Financial Bid Forms: This section contains the Financial Bid Forms to be completed by each potential Bidder and submitted in a separate envelope as part of its overall bid; Section V - Description of Services: This section contains a detailed description of the services setting out the nature, tasks and services to be provided; Section VI - Data room: This section contains the architecture of the documents made available to the Bidders, the access rules to the Data room and the confidentiality commitment to be subscribed by the Bidders; PART II - TERMS OF CONTRACT AND CONTRACTUAL FORMS - Section VII - Contract and General Conditions (GC): This section contains the contract form to be concluded between the Government of Benin, MCA-Benin II and the selected Operator; Section VIII - Special Conditions of the Contract and Annexes to the Contract: This section contains the form including the contractual clauses that complete the GC and that must be completed by the MCA Entities for each procurement of services. This section also includes an Annex (Annex B: Supplementary Provisions) containing provisions which are an integral part of the obligations of the Government and the MCA Entities under the provisions of the Compact and associated documents which, in accordance with those provisions, shall be transferred to all Operator, Subcontractor or Associate involved in procurement by MCC.
11. A site visit and a Pre-Bid meeting will be held as described in the Bid Data Sheet, Section II of the Bidding Document. Attendance is strongly advised for all interested Bidders or their representatives but not mandatory.
12. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security equal to the amount specified in the Bid Data Sheet.
13. The deadline for receipt of tenders is **11 December 2018 at 10:00** local time in Cotonou, Benin. Bids received after the deadline will not be considered and will be returned unopened. Please note that electronic submissions are not accepted. Bidders should be aware that distance and formalities to access the MCA-Benin II Office may take longer than expected.

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