



CONSULTANT SERVICES

ENGINEER, PROJECT DEVELOPER, PROJECT MANAGER, INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT, ASSESSMENT, MONITORING, AND EVALUATION

Introduction

The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) is a U.S. Government corporation whose mission is to provide assistance that will support economic growth and poverty reduction in carefully selected countries that demonstrate a commitment to just and democratic governance, economic freedom, and investments in their citizenry. For more information on the MCC, please visit www.mcc.gov.

MCC invites eligible countries to develop and submit grant proposals to MCC for consideration. Included within the proposal from any given country may be one or more infrastructure projects, varying in scale and type. To carry out its operational mandate, MCC seeks the services of experienced Engineers, Project Developers, Project Managers and Consultants who are specialists in one or more **infrastructure sub-sectors**, for example, but not limited to transport, energy and electricity, water resources management, irrigation systems, water supply and sanitation, industrial and institutional facility development, housing, information and communication technology.

Architect-engineer (A-E) services are required for a range of engineering services and other consulting services in connection with the development, assessment, monitoring, and evaluation of infrastructure projects in developing countries to be funded by the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC). This notice is being procured in accordance with the Brooks Act as implemented in FAR subpart 36.6. Consultants will be selected based on demonstrated competence and qualifications for the required work.

Scope

MCC seeks consultants in conducting technical due diligence on infrastructure projects submitted for consideration and in further developing or refining projects proposed for assistance and monitoring project implementation, construction progress, and/or milestones for MCC. Assistance may also be requested post project completion to periodically review and evaluate project sustainability, performance and impacts.

Tasks

The consultant's assignments may include the following:

- Assist MCC in the review for the adequacy of all documentation (including but not limited to terms of reference, bidding documents for procurements, environmental management plans, evaluation panel reports, progress reports, typical contracts, schedules, site selection, and change order requests) provided by the MCA-eligible country. Advise action as appropriate.
- Assist MCC in assessing the capacity of the MCA-eligible country's engineering firms and construction consultants to successfully execute the Compact projects, given time, budget, and procurement constraints.

- Assist MCC in assessing the capacity of the current MCA-eligible country entity in regard to the implementation of construction supervision and works. Report to MCC recommendations to expeditiously build the capacity of the MCA or outsource such work if deemed necessary.
- Assist MCC in discussions with the MCA on best practices in managing the design and construction of works, including the roles and responsibilities of MCC, MCA, project management consultants, design engineering firms, construction supervisory firms, and construction consultants.
- Additional travel to the MCA-eligible country for finalization of recommendations or presentation of recommendations as required.
- Assess and recommend improvements to proposed timing, institutional framework and management arrangements for the implementation of the project, as well as the post-construction arrangements for maintenance.
- Work closely with MCC and MCA-eligible country's infrastructure, environment and economics staff to review and comment on a Work Plan, Budget, Staffing and Institutional Arrangements for project implementation.
- Assess and recommend improvements of all bidding documents.
- Assess and recommend improvements to technical and cost submittals and provide input to MCC with regard to their quality, perceived shortcomings in the packages, and evaluation of the design considerations, as necessary for the MCC to gauge the likelihood that contracts awarded to those submitters will result in substantially good delivered products.
- Review proposal evaluation reports from technical panel and procurement agent.
- Assist MCC in reviewing Terms of Reference for project management/construction supervision services and other project related services solicited by the MCA-eligible country and provide comments and recommendations as necessary to provide understanding and information on industry best practices and procedures.
- Assist MCC in reviewing and assessing the adequacy of documentation (including but not limited to terms of reference, bidding documents for procurements, evaluation panel reports, progress reports and change order requests) provided by the MCA-eligible country for "no objection" approval, authorization or content. Advise action as appropriate.
- Assess and recommend improvements to final detailed plans, cost estimates, specifications and tender documents to ensure that documents are fully ready for construction procurement and are within MCC's Compact budget, within acceptable international standards.
- Undertake missions, as required by MCC, and provide review of construction progress, Quality Assurance and Quality Control, EMP compliance, and material usage as per standard construction practice.
- Assess potential risks to the MCC including cost overruns, constructability, liability and develop risk mitigation plans, as required.
- Review the consultant's progress reports and identify potential problems that could introduce risk to the MCC and provide advice on mitigation measures.
- Provide general technical advice and assistance to MCC related to the implementation of the Project Activity.
- Review proposal evaluation reports from technical panel and procurement agent;
- Review proposed implementing entity arrangements and cooperation agreements between governmental entities as they pertain to the projects;
- Review safety design features, recommendations and applicable programs;
- Review maintenance plans and funding arrangements;
- Review conditions precedent in Compact to ensure progress made is in line with MCC expectations;
- Travel to the MCA-eligible countries;

- Assist MCC in reviewing qualifications of key MCA-eligible country technical staff prior to their engagement;
- Assist MCC in reviewing the adequacy of all reports that are provided by the Consultant(s), Implementing Entity and Accountable Entity, and that the reports fulfill the reporting requirement obligations of these entities under the Program to assist MCC's authorization of disbursement requests; and
- Assist MCC in the production of draft Implementing Entity Agreements with consultation of the Implementing Entity, MCC, MCA-eligible country and other relevant government entities.

Period and Place of Performance

This consultancy maybe filled as a short or long term consultancy with a base period of twelve months with up to four twelve month option years.

The consultant will work from its home office and/or MCC headquarters or any MCC eligible country.

Subcontracting

The consultant is authorized to subcontract data collection, data preparation, economic analysis, and related services as needed. The overall costs for subcontracting shall not exceed 25% of the consultant's total negotiated unloaded direct labor cost.

Evaluation Criteria

1. Educational background, professional experience (and licenses or professional registration, where appropriate) in one or more infrastructure sub-sector ((1) transport, (2) energy and electricity, (3) water resources management, (4) irrigation systems, (5) water supply and sanitation, (6) industrial and institutional facility development, (7) housing, (8) information and communication technology, (9) other.).
2. Experience working in developing countries.
3. Excellent oral and written communication skills.
4. Skilled in performing project analysis and appraisal, with an ability to identify the essential risks and issues (including environmental and social) of concern to a funding entity.
5. Ability to identify implementation risks and appropriate mitigation measures.
6. Ability to work as part of multi-disciplinary project teams.
7. Ability to brief high-level U.S. and foreign government officials on critical technical matters.
8. Coordinate with local authorities responsible for MCC Compact development as well as other donors, where relevant.

Other requirements:

International travel may be required. The Consultant may be requested to mobilize on a short notice and will be expected to deliver high quality finished products in a timely manner.

How to Apply

Please include the following in your application to recruitment@mcc.gov with A&E in the subject:

- Cover letter addressing the evaluation factors and Sub sector(s) of interest; geographic region(s) of interest; regional and language experience;
- Resume/capability statement
- Past Performance - specific project experience– please include: project subsectors, location, duration, and client in addition to general explanation of responsibilities in the project; and
- Three professional references

This is a Brooks Act procurement. DO NOT SUBMIT ANY RATE INFORMATION WITH YOUR RESUME.

This announcement will be open and continuous.

Your application will be on file for six months after the announcement closes or six months from the date you applied to an open and continuous announcement.

Applications are reviewed every three months.

If selected for an assignment, you will receive an email notification from MCCs Office of Contracts and Grants Management

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