



CONSULTANT SERVICES **AGRICULTURE**

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.

Scope

MCC is seeking to obtain consulting services from experts in agriculture development to assist in country-led agriculture project design and implementation, and MCC agriculture project assessment and oversight.

Tasks

The consultant's assignments may include the following:

- Analyze all aspects of the agricultural investment project cycle including feasibility assessment, design, appraisal, and project evaluation in developing country situations.
- Assignments could include feasibility assessment of MCC-Eligible country agricultural projects, special studies related to agricultural/natural resource components, assessment of agribusiness support and marketing services, working with local consulting firms, government ministry representatives or research entities carrying out agricultural activities, and evaluating coordination of MCC program design with foreign donor activities in related areas.
- Analyze the agriculture sector in a MCA-Eligible country for its ability to meet MCC program poverty reduction and economic growth objectives.
- Identify agriculture sector development needs and recommend practical strategies to fulfill those needs.
- Analyze agriculture-related aspects of another project, such as infrastructure or financial sector development, and recommend strategies to ensure the agriculture sector of the country supports the activity in a sustainable manner.
- Draft project or project activity descriptions for inclusion in the Investment Memorandum, Board or Compact documents.
- Provide detailed written reports of findings and compilation of documents to MCC.
- Make public presentations on agriculture-related issues and/or projects.
- May conduct 'Project Activity Oversight' operations in accordance with the Statement of Work for that activity.
- May provide technical assistance under a 609(g) arrangement.
- Become intimately familiar with the Project, Project Activities, and Sub-Activities including budgets, schedules, implementers, beneficiaries and related parties.

- Coordinate with the relevant government agency, civil society, private sector, donor, and Project Management Unit staffs to facilitate Activity Oversight operations.
- Evaluate progress of a Project, Project Activities, and Sub-Activities.
- Provide detailed and comprehensive written reports on progress of a Project, Project Activities, and Sub-Activities to the Managing Director or Director of a Country Project.

Period and Place of Performance

This consultancy may be 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

- Knowledge and Technical capability in agriculture or land-related fields.
- Past Experience
- Fluent in English, with command of other languages spoken by MCA-eligible countries is highly desirable
- Excellent written and oral communications skills

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 Agriculture in the subject:

- 1) Cover Letter addressing evaluation criteria
- 2) Resume
- 3) Three professional references

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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