



## **CONSULTANT SERVICES** **ECONOMIC ANALYSIS SUPPORT**

### **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](http://www.mcc.gov).

Prior to signing a compact, MCC conducts cost-benefit analysis to assess the proposed projects' likely economic impact and cost effectiveness. MCC also analyzes the likely poverty and distributional impacts of proposed projects as part of a beneficiary analysis. During and after the compact is implemented, MCC conducts rigorous impact evaluations that seek to quantify the projects' actual impact on poverty. MCC strives for transparency in all of its programs and posts many of these analyses on the agency's public website.

### **Scope**

The Economic Analysis division is seeking individual consultants to assist in a number of economic analysis tasks related in particular to reviewing and assisting with constraints analysis, cost-benefit analysis and beneficiary analysis of Compact programs. The consultant will work in collaboration with MCC economists and technical specialists under the direction of MCC's Managing Director for Economic Analysis. The consultant also will respond to country- or sector-specific economic analysis.

### **Tasks**

The consultant's assignments may include the following:

- Develop, review and update, as needed, constraints analyses, beneficiary analyses and economic rate of return (ERR) models for Compact countries
- Research current issues that can have an economic impact on MCC countries or sectors of intervention; prepare written documentation as needed
- Conduct research and analysis in support of activities within the Department; prepare written documentation as needed
- Provide technical assistance in data collection and analysis efforts, including survey methodology, sampling, dataset cleaning and analysis
- Provide technical support in the conduct of Constraints Analyses (Growth Diagnostics)
- Develop other related materials, including fact sheets, guides for use of spreadsheets, and other public communication tools
- Conduct economic research and analysis in support of other activities within DPE, such as country selection, monitoring and evaluation, Threshold programs and donor Coordination

### **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**

- Minimum master's degree in economics or public policy or closely related fields that have a high component of quantitative analysis
- Demonstrated education and/or experience in international development issues; experience in a less developed country desirable
- Understanding of benefit-cost analysis, survey analysis and impact evaluation methods
- Experience with Microsoft Excel, including macro capabilities
- Knowledge of Stata, particularly survey analysis tools
- Excellent written and oral communication skills, including document editing and layout design
- Ability to work affectively under tight deadlines with, at times, minimal oversight

### **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](mailto:recruitment@mcc.gov) with ECON ANALYSIS SUPPORT 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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