



## **CONSULTANT SERVICES** **ECONOMIC ANALYST**

### **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).

### **Scope**

MCC is seeking consulting services from experts on a wide-range of topics in economics and economic development. Candidates should be recognized experts in their field with a significant publication record. Examples of topics include evaluation of proposals from foreign countries that raise difficult economic issues requiring further study, assessment of experience on similar projects in other countries, original data gathering and analysis, and rigorous impact assessments.

The consultant is accountable to MCC's Economic Analysis and/or Monitoring and Evaluation teams, and shall follow guidelines as described in MCC's *Guidelines for Economic and Beneficiary Analysis*.

### **Tasks**

The consultant's assignments may include the following:

1. Developing the economic logic for specific projects and activities identified for potential inclusion in a Compact
2. Literature review of similar projects in the region or globally as appropriate, and field review of similar projects, focusing on the economic logic, cost-benefit analysis, beneficiary analysis, and M&E framework.
3. Review of existing or planned projects by other donors that are similar to, complementary to, or otherwise relevant to, the potential projects identified, with a particular focus on the economic logic, costs and benefits, beneficiary analysis, and M&E framework.
4. Developing cost-benefit analysis and beneficiary analysis for potential projects and activities, including economic rate of return (ERR) spreadsheet models, consistent with MCC's *Economic and Beneficiary Analysis Guidelines*. This analysis should be based on a clear articulation of "without project" and "with project" scenarios, should make use of and cite relevant evidence, and should make key assumptions explicit. Include in each case:
  - a. Project costs (i.e., costs borne by all sources, including opportunity costs and transaction costs).
  - b. Project benefits (whether they accrue at household, community, or regional level, expressed in income terms).
  - c. Distribution of benefits by income class.
  - d. Distribution of benefits by gender.

5. Development of the monitoring and evaluation framework for potential projects that have been identified for inclusion in the Compact, including potential results indicators, available baselines, and targets.
6. Making recommendations with respect to design aspects of the potential MCC intervention such as:
  - a. Geographic and other potential targeting strategies expected to maximize impacts.
  - b. Complementary policy reforms and institutional capacity activities.
  - c. Activities that would lend themselves to piloting and potential later scaling-up.
  - d. Salient impact evaluation questions associated with evaluation designs and data requirements.
  - e. Potential efforts to enhance sustainability.
  - f. Potential risks and mitigation activities.
7. Collecting reports and data as needed for the above tasks.

### **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**

- Expertise in the field of Economics
- Experience evaluating proposals from foreign countries that raise difficult economic issues requiring further study
- Experience with original data gathering and analysis
- Experience with rigorous impact evaluations
- Previous working experience in developing countries
- Language proficiency in English and relevant local languages
- Experience with econometric analysis of in a variety of sectors (e.g. health, education, environmental and natural resource, energy, procurement systems, etc.)
- Experience conducting applied field research in developing countries
- Significant publication record is preferred

### **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 Economic Analyst 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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