



Economic Analysis Support Services Department of Policy & Evaluation

1. Introduction

Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) is a United States government-owned corporation responsible for the stewardship of the Millennium Challenge Account (MCA). MCC works with developing countries to promote sustainable economic growth to reduce poverty. One of MCC's guiding principles is a focus on measurable results. 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.

2. Scope

The Economic Analysis division of MCC's Department of Policy & Evaluation (DPE) 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 needs in cooperation with DPE and other MCC staff.

Duties will include (but are not limited to):

- 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
- Travel to MCC eligible countries

3. Period and Place of Performance

The consultancy will be for a period of up to 12 months, with the option for four additional one-year extensions. The consultant will be based in the MCC's Washington, D.C. offices, and must be able to obtain a public trust clearance. Contract administration will be performed by a third party to be determined by the MCC.

4. Evaluation Criteria

Technical capability

- 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

5. How to Apply

Interested parties should submit by email to recruitment@mcc.gov the following package: 1) Curriculum Vitae; 2) a brief cover letter that addresses the evaluation criteria and provides three professional references; and 3) Salary history with proposed hourly rate. Please include "Economic Analysis Support" in the subject line of your email. This announcement will remain open until filled.