



Specific Procurement Notice

Lusaka, Zambia
3 June 2024

Re: Fiscal Agent Services

Ref: **MPCAZ-24-4001**

In December 2021, the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) selected the Government of the Republic of Zambia (GRZ) for the development of a potential second compact. The Millennium Project Completion Agency Zambia Limited (MPCA-Z) was appointed by the GRZ to facilitate the development of this compact. Following MCC's early assessments and in support of the GRZ's national priorities, MCC and MPCA-Z agreed to jointly pursue the development and continued due diligence on (1) Roads and Access; (2) Asset Finance; and (3) Agriculture Policy Reform and Institutional Strengthening.

MCC and the Government of the Republic of Zambia have entered into a Compact Development Funding Grant Agreement ("Agreement") in the amount of approximately USD 12,000,000. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreement, related agreements, and the availability of funds, the Government intends to use a portion of the funds to finance professional fiscal agent services from a legally constituted firm ("Fiscal Agent" or "Offeror") to assist the Government with the implementation of the proposed Compact program in a transparent and sound manner. The Fiscal Agent will provide such support in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in an agreement (the "Fiscal Agent Agreement"), a form of which is attached to this Request for Offers ("RFO") in Section VI.

In issuing this RFO, the Government has designated the MPCA-Z to manage the implementation of the Activities, including entering and managing the Government Service Provider Contracts. MCC hereby acknowledges and consents to the designation of MPCA-Z. The Government hereby confirms to MCC that MPCA-Z has the authority to enter into obligations and act on behalf of the Government with regard to all Activities hereunder. The MPCA-Z will continue until such time as the Government establishes the Millennium Challenge Account Zambia II ("MCA-Zambia II") to serve as the accountable entity for implementing the proposed Compact. Prior to the establishment of MCA-Zambia II, any references to actions taken or rights received by MPCA-Z in this RFO, including in the Form of Contract, shall be taken or received by the MPCA-Z on behalf of the Government, and any references herein to MCA-Zambia II shall be deemed to mean the MPCA-Z during this period.

MCC is a U.S. government agency focused on assisting countries dedicated to good governance, economic freedom, and investments in people. The Compact will include an investment from MCC of approximately US\$ 400 million to US \$450 million to be approved and a corresponding contribution of approximately US \$ 30 million to US\$ 34 million from the Government. The Fiscal

Agent will be required to manage partial amount, or all, of the funding contributed by MCC and the Government's contribution. Compact project descriptions and other details will be provided after the signing of the Compact and the Program Implementation Agreement between the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Zambia.

MPCA-Z requires the services of the Fiscal Agent ("FA") for a base period of twelve (12) months at a fixed price. Thereafter, MPCA-Z will require six (6) 12-month option periods at a fixed price. However, the final option period (Option Period 6) may be more or less than 12 months and will include a 120-day period after the expiration of the Compact. For purposes of preparing Offers, Offerors should assume that the final option period (Option Period 6) will be for full 12 months from the time of option effectiveness. Despite this, Option Period 6 will vary in actual implementation, and could be shorter or longer than 12 months, including the 120-day closure period. At least one year prior to exercising the 6th option, the payment for this period will be adjusted on a pro-rata basis (using the evaluated Option Period 6 price above as the basis) to account for the actual number of days that Option Period 6 will cover.

This RFO follows the General Procurement Notice that appeared in dgMarket and UNDB Online on March 5, 2024.

The MPCA-Z now invites Offers from legally constituted consulting firms and other organizations to provide the Fiscal Agent services ("Offers"). More details on these services are provided in the Terms of Reference in Section V of this RFO.

This RFO is open to all eligible entities ("Offerors") who wish to respond. Subject to restrictions noted in the RFO, Offerors may associate with other Offerors to enhance their capacity to successfully carry out the assignment.

An Offeror will be selected under the **Quality and Cost-Based Selection ("QCBS")** method, an evaluation procedure that is described in Section III of the RFO in accordance with the "MCC Accountable Entity Procurement Policy and Guidelines" provided on the MCC website (www.mcc.gov/ppg). The selection process, as described, will include a review and verification of qualifications and past performance, including a reference check, prior to the contract award.

The RFO includes the following Sections:

PART 1 – OFFER AND SELECTION PROCEDURES

Section I Instructions to Offerors ("ITO")

This section provides information to help Offerors prepare their Offers; it also provides information on the submission, opening, and evaluation of Offers and on the award of the proposed contract.

Section II Offer Data Sheet ("DS")

This section includes provisions that are specific to this procurement and that supplement Section I, Instructions to Offerors.

Section III Qualification and Evaluation Criteria

This section specifies the qualifications required of the Offeror and the criteria to be used to evaluate their Offer.

Section IV A Technical Offer Forms

This section provides the Technical Offer Forms that Offerors are to complete and submit in a separate envelope as part of their total Offers.

Section IV B Financial Offer Forms

This section provides the Financial Offer Forms that Offerors are to complete and submit in a separate envelope as part of their total Offers.

Section V Terms of Reference

This Section includes the detailed Terms of Reference that describe the nature, tasks, and duties of the consulting services to be procured.

PART 2 – CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT AND CONTRACT AGREEMENT

Section VI Contract Agreement

This section contains the draft form of a Contract, including the annex, proposed to be entered into between the Accountable Entity and the winning Offeror.

Please note that a Pre-Offer Conference will be held as described in the Offer Data Sheet (“DS”), Section II of the RFO. Attendance at the Pre-Offer Conference is not mandatory but is strongly advised for all interested Offerors or their representatives.

Offerors interested in receiving the RFO and submitting an Offer should register using the following link: http://ebmse.com/Zambia_FA_RFO_4001. Offerors should provide their correct email contact details. This will ensure that the Offerors receive updates regarding this RFO.

Offers must be delivered electronically to the address and in the manner specified in the DS ITO 17, no later than **4:00pm CAT (GMT+2), on 8 July 2024.**

Please note that only electronic Offers shall be accepted. Late Offers will not be accepted under any circumstances.

Yours sincerely,

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