

MILLENNIUM PROJECT COMPLETION AGENCY ZAMBIA LIMITED (MPCA-Z)

Specific Procurement Notice

Country	Zambia
Project Name	Roads and Access Project
Procurement Title	Feasibility Study, Detailed Engineering Design and Environmental and Social Impact Assessment for the Improvement of Prioritized Roads
Procurement Ref. Number	MPCAZ-24-4006
Type of Procurement (goods, works or services as applicable)	Consultant Services
Accountable Entity	Millennium Project Completion Agency Zambia Limited (MPCA-Z)
Publication Date	25 October 2024
Submission Deadline	18 December 2024

The United States of America, acting through the Millennium Challenge Corporation ("MCC") and the Government of the Republic of Zambia (GRZ) (the "Government") entered into the Zambia Farm-to-Market Compact on 17th October 2024 to facilitate poverty reduction through economic growth in Zambia (the "Compact") in the amount of Four Hundred and Fifty-Eight Million United States Dollars (US\$ 458 million) ("MCC Funding"). The Compact also includes an additional US\$ 33.75 million from the Government (the "Country Contribution"), bringing the total Compact proposed investment to US\$ 491.75 million.

The Compact program consists of four Projects: (1) the Roads and Access Project; (2) the Asset Finance Project; (3) the Agriculture Policy Reform and Institutional Strengthening Project; and (4) the American Catalyst Facility for Development (ACFD) Project.

MCC's funding is appropriated by the U.S. Congress and obligated to the Compact up-front, with no incremental or partial funding. Therefore, when a contract is signed with an Accountable Entity, funds are already available to the Accountable Entity and, for most contracts, invoices are paid directly to Offerors by the US Treasury.

In issuing this Request for Offers (RFO), the Government has designated the Millennium Project Completion Agency Zambia Limited (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 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.

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 engineering firms to provide Feasibility Study, Detailed Engineering Design and Environmental and Social Impact Assessment for the Improvement of Prioritized Roads ("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 General Conditions of Contract ("GCC")

This section contains the form of Contract proposed to be entered into between the Accountable Entity and Consultant.

Section VII Special Conditions of Contract ("SCC")

This section contains the form of those clauses of the Contract that supplement the GCC and that are to be completed by the Accountable Entity for each procurement of consulting services.

Section VIII Contract Forms and Annexes

This section contains forms and annexes to be sent to the successful Offeror.

Only registered Consulting Engineering firms interested in receiving the RFO and submitting an Offer should register using the following link: RFO Request MPCAZ-24-4006-Millennium Project Completion Agency Zambia Limited (office.com). Prospective Offerors should provide their correct email contact details. This will ensure that the Offerors receive updates regarding this RFO. Please take note that this RFO is not open to Individual Consultants.

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.

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 **18 December 2024.** Please note that only electronic Offers will be accepted. Late Offers will not be accepted under any circumstances.

Yours sincerely,

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