



Specific Procurement Notice

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Invitation for Bids

for

Procurement of “Supply and Installation of Various Laboratory Equipment, Associated Training and Related Services”

Ref: MCA-N/RMP/CB/002

1. The United States of America, acting through the Millennium Challenge Corporation (“MCC”) and the Government of Nepal (the “Government” or “GoN”) have entered into a Millennium Challenge Compact for Millennium Challenge Account assistance to help facilitate poverty reduction through economic growth in Nepal (the “Compact”) in the amount of approximately USD 500 million (“MCC Funding”). The Government, acting through Millennium Challenge Account -Nepal (“MCA Entity” or the “Purchaser”), intends to apply a portion of the MCC Funding to eligible payments under a contract for which this Invitation for Bids (“IFB”) is issued. Any payments made by the MCA Entity under the proposed contract will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Compact and related documents, including restrictions on the use and distribution of MCC Funding. No party other than the Government and the MCA Entity shall derive any rights from the Compact or have any claim to the proceeds of MCC Funding. The Compact and its related documents can be found on the MCC website (www.mcc.gov) and on the website of the MCA Entity at <https://mcanp.org/>.
2. In issuing this Invitation for Bids (IFB), the GoN is represented by the Millennium Challenge Account – Nepal (MCA-Nepal).
3. This IFB follows the General Procurement Notice 3.1 that appeared in dgMarket on 7 April 2019, UNDB Online on 4 April 2019, the MCA Entity’s website <https://mcanp.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/General-Procurement-Notice-GPN-3.1.pdf> on 4 April 2019, and local newspapers Kantipur on 4 April 2019.
4. The Purchaser now invites sealed bids from eligible entities (“Bidders”) for the **Procurement of “Supply and Installation of Various Laboratory Equipment, Associated Training and Related Services”**. More details on these goods and related services are provided in the Schedule of Requirements and Technical Specifications in the bidding document associated with this IFB (the “Bidding Document”).
5. A Supplier will be selected under the Competitive Bidding, the evaluation procedure for which is described in this Bidding Document, in accordance with the “MCC Program Procurement Guidelines,” which are provided on the MCC website (www.mcc.gov/ppg). The selection process, as described, will include a review and



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verification of qualifications and past performance, including a reference check, prior to the contract award.

6. Bidders interested in submitting a **Bid should register their interest by sending an e-mail, giving full contact details of the Bidder**, to the following point of contact. This will ensure that the Bidders receive the bidding document and updates regarding this IFB.

Millennium Challenge Account – Nepal (MCA-Nepal)

Hotel Yak & Yeti Convention Center, second floor, Durbar Marg

Kathmandu, Nepal.

Attention: Procurement Agent

Email: MCANepalPA@cardno.com

Subject: Procurement of Supply and Installation of Various Laboratory Equipment, Associated Training and Related Services (MCA-N/RMP/CB/002)

7. A Bid security **is required** in the amount of **US\$ 10,000.00 (Ten Thousand United States Dollar** or Purchaser's local currency equivalent only) for this bidding process and shall remain valid for a period of twenty-eight (28) days beyond the original validity period of Bids which is **31 October 2019**. In addition the Bid Security shall be submitted in accordance with the provisions in the Instruction to Bidders and Bid Data Sheet.
8. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at **17:00 hours (local time of Nepal (GMT+5:45))** on **10th May, 2019**. Moreover, web conference will also be conducted for bidders who would prefer to participate electronically. The pre-bid conference web link is <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/baf3abfacaaa4fc17c24e00bf0acd2b8>. Attendance to the Pre-Bid Conference is strongly advised for all prospective Bidders or their representatives but is not mandatory. Please be noted that MCA-Nepal will try to record the pre-bid conference through Zoom video conference platform.
9. The Employer is not bound to accept any Bid and reserves the right to annul the Invitation for Bids ("IFB") process, at any time prior to Contract award without thereby incurring any liability to any Bidder.
10. Please note that **only electronic Bids** submitted via the **File Request Link** shall be **accepted**. Submissions by **hard copy** or by **email are not acceptable** and shall culminate in Bid rejection. The File link for submission of bid is included in Annex 1 of the Bid Data Sheet in the Bidding document.
11. The deadline for submission of Bids is as follows:
5th June 2019, 15:00 hours local time in Kathmandu, Nepal (GMT+5:45).

Yours Sincerely,

Millennium Challenge Account Nepal (MCA-Nepal)