

**CLARIFICATION #3: Procurement of Pool of Consultants to work as Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP)<sup>1</sup> members for Transmission Line (TL) and Substation (S/S) Bid Evaluations and Consulting Services for Evaluation of Embedded Advisors for Power Sector Technical Assistance (Electricity Regulatory Commission -ERC) (Several Consultants)**

**REF: MCA-N/ETP/ICS/035**

SN	Questions	Response of Millennium Challenge Account Nepal (MCA-Nepal)
1	<p>I am Substation and Transmission line consultant currently working in USA, but of Nepali origin. I am looking if subject procurement notice is for local candidates only (SAARC standard salary or wages) or a globally competitive position with US standard pay and benefit. Last year, I was selected as a successful candidate for PM role but offered local salary. The time to submit the proposal is approaching soon. I look forward for the information. Please advise.</p>	<p>MCA-Nepal does not evaluate individual consultants' applications and/or proposed fees using as a parameter local or international fees. According to MCC procurement principles, please note that the daily rate proposed shall be <b><i>reasonable</i></b> as per MCC Program Procurement Guidelines, which states:                      "only a commercially reasonable price (as determined, for example, by a comparison of price quotations and market prices) shall be paid to procure the consulting services."                      To ensure compliance with this principle, the MCA Entity shall conduct a price-reasonableness analysis of the prices offered in a procurement process (both for competitive and sole source procurements) for consulting services in accordance with the MCC Procurement Guidance Note: "Price-Reasonableness Analysis" and will not make any award without making a positive determination that the price is reasonable."</p> <p>This is the main reason why under the Letter of Invitation (LoI) you are requested to submit "CONSULTANT BIOGRAPHICAL DATA SHEET" and provide evidence of your recent daily rates. The LoI states:                      "The selected consultants will be requested to provide their Biographical Data Sheet and the proposed daily rate for the assignments, breakdown of cost and substantiation of rates quoted."                      Finally, please note that this Letter of Invitation is for a short term assignment rather than for a permanent position. MCA-Nepal will issue a task order for each short term assignment, when and as needed.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Pool of individual consultants to serve as Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP) as well as Bid Review Panel (BRP).