



Request for Expression of Interest

Procurement of Consultant Services for 27 Km Pilot Engineering Designs, Initial Environmental Examination (IEE), Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) Development, RAP Implementation and Construction Supervision for Pilot Works

Ref : MCA-N/RMP/QCBS/001

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 the Millennium Challenge Account-Nepal (the “MCA Entity”), intends to apply a portion of the MCC Funding to eligible payments under a contract for which this Request for Proposals (“RFP”) is issued. The Compact and its related documents can be found on the MCC website www.mcc.gov and on the website of the MCA Entity www.mcanp.org.

The Compact program includes two projects: (i) construction of about 300 kilometers of 400kV electricity transmission lines, three substations, and technical assistance for the power sector; and (ii) technical assistance to improve the road maintenance regime and road maintenance works on about 300 kilometers of the strategic road network. The program would include the procurement of contractors and consultants for design, construction and supervision of electricity lines and substations, road maintenance works, including a variety of technical services, equipment and construction works in different geographic locations within Nepal.

The Road Maintenance Project (RMP) objective is to maintain road quality across Nepal’s Strategic Road Network (SRN). As part of the Strategic Road Maintenance Works Activity, a pilot sub-activity focused on pavement recycling will be undertaken using new technology. Before the Entry into Force (EIF) of the Compact, which is expected late 2019, the Project will design a pilot Road Recycling Project in Nepal, in order to further refine the Road Maintenance Project. After EIF, the GoN will have five (5) years to implement the Compact.

This Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) is for the shortlisting of highly qualified engineering firms to provide engineering design, preparation of an Initial Environmental Examination (IEE), preparation of a Resettlement Action Plan (RAP), implementation of the RAP and construction supervision services for the Lamahi-Bhalubang road section (LBRS), as a part of the Mahendra Highway also called East-West Highway. The engineering design is based on the introduction of Full Depth Reclamation (FDR) with cement stabilization and the use of the Superpave Asphalt Mix Design approach, both of which are new to Nepal.

MCA-N now invites eligible consultants to express their interest in providing these services. Interested consulting firms are requested to provide information indicating their qualifications to

perform the services (*i.e. brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.*). The provided information will be used to do a shortlist of qualified consulting firms.

Interested consultants may submit their REOI as an individual firm or form a joint venture or other Association involving more than one consultant firm. All members of any such consortium shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire assignment and fulfill other requirements of MCC Program Procurement Guidelines and RFP to be issued. Through this REOI, a number of qualified firms will be shortlisted following the procedures set out in the MCC Program Procurement Guidelines that govern procurements funded under the MCC Compact. These Procurement Guidelines may be found at the following link: <https://www.mcc.gov/resources/doc/program-procurement-guidelines>.

Interested Consultants should register their interest and obtain further information regarding this REOI by sending an e-mail, giving full contact details to the **Procurement Agent** of MCA-Nepal at **MCANepalPA@cardno.com**. Standard forms to be used for the submission of the EOIs and more detailed (draft) scope of the assignment, with more background information on the Compact and the RMP will then be provided.

A pre-Expression of Interest submission informational event shall be organized through web conference and interested consultants can participate electronically using web link <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/dc65fc497c7465267510d14dfea9e911> on **26 April 2019 at 15:00 Kathmandu Time**. Please indicate interest in the registration email. Questions and clarifications shall be requested in writing via email to the email address of Procurement Agent stated above. The deadline for submission of questions is **29 April 2019 at 15:00 Kathmandu Time**. Responses will be provided within seven (7) working days of the deadline.

Expressions of interest must be uploaded in electronic format (pdf) to the <https://www.dropbox.com/request/oJPEpmm6HSzZQh3CaP2P> by **15:00 hours (Kathmandu) on 17 May, 2019**.

Yours Sincerely,

For MCA-Nepal:
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