

### Government of Nepal Ministry of Finance MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT NEPAL

(A joint Initiative of the Government of Nepal and the Millennium Challenge Corporation, USA)

### **Specific Procurement Notice**

First Date of Publication: 22 February 2019

#### **Invitation for Bids**

for

Procurement of "Supply and Installation of a Falling Weight Deflectometer (FWD) including Training, Oversight on Data Collection, Back calculation Analysis of Pavement Layer Moduli etc and Related Services"

#### Ref: MCA-N/RMP/CB/001

- 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 that appeared in dgMarket on 8 February 2019, UNDB Online on 9 February 2019, and local newspaper "The Himalayan Times" on 13 February 2019.
- 4. MCA-Nepal now invites sealed bids from eligible entities ("Bidders") for the provision of "Supply and Installation of a Falling Weight Deflectometer (FWD) including Training, Oversight on Data Collection, Back calculation Analysis of Pavement Layer Moduli etc. and Related Services "within 6 months of Base Period and provide training and home office support during three Option Periods. 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. The Bid shall be valid for One Hundred Twenty (120) days from deadline of submission.



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- 6. This IFB is open to all eligible Bidders who wish to respond. Subject to restrictions noted in the Bidding Document, eligible entities may associate with other Bidders to enhance their capacity to successfully carry out the assignment.
- 7. A Supplier will be selected under the Competitive Bidding method, 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 (<a href="www.mcc.gov/ppg">www.mcc.gov/ppg</a>). 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.
- 8. Bidders interested in submitting a Bid should register their interest by sending an email, giving full contact details of the Bidder, to the following point of contact. This will ensure that the Bidders receive the bidding document, file request link (for electronic bids submission) and updates regarding this IFB.

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

Kathmandu, Nepal.

Attention: Procurement Agent

Email: MCANepalPA@cardno.com and cc to luis.villalta@cardno.com

Subject: Procurement of Supply and Installation of a Falling Weight Deflectometer (FWD) including Training and Oversight on Data Collection, Back calculation Analysis of Pavement Layer Moduli etc. and Related Services (MCA-N/RMP/CB/001)

- 9. A Bid security **is required** for this bidding process and shall be submitted in accordance with the provisions in the Instruction to Bidders and Bid Data Sheet.
- 10. Clarifications may be requested by e-mail not later than **18 March 2019**, so that responses can be issued to all Bidders not later than 25 **March 2019**.

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Attention: Procurement Agent Email: MCANepalPA@cardno.com

MCA Entity's Website Address: https://mcanp.org/procurement/procurement-

notices/

- 11. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held **at 17:00 hours** (local time of Nepal (GMT+5:45)) on **11**<sup>th</sup> **March 2019**. Moreover, web conference will also be conducted for bidders who would prefer to participate electronically. The Pre-bid conference web link is <a href="http://bit.ly/prebidfwd">http://bit.ly/prebidfwd</a>. 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-N will try to record the pre-bid conference through Zoom video conference platform.
- 12. 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.



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- 13. 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 Request Link can be used more than once to submit additional documents.
- 14. The deadline for submission of Bids is as follows: 8th April 2019, 15:00 hours local time in Kathmandu, Nepal (GMT+5:45).

Yours Sincerely, For MCA-Nepal

Khadga Bahadur Bisht
Executive Director
MCA-Nepal