



CLARIFICATION#1

FOR

CONSULTANT TO SUPPORT MCA-NEPAL AND NEPAL ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY (NEA) IN OPERATIONALIZING JV COMPANY FORMED BETWEEN NEA AND POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED (PGCIL)

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SN	Reference of the RFA	Questions	Answer/Response of Millennium Challenge Account Nepal (MCA-Nepal)
1.	Section 2 (4) The MCA-Nepal now invites Applications to select eligible Individual Consultant to provide the consultancy services to "Support MCA-Nepal and Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) in operationalizing JV Company formed between NEA and Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL)".	<p>It is to be clarified whether, individual consultants will be allowed through firms or not?</p> <p>It is humbly submitted that such flexibility may be included in the clause such that individual can apply through a firm. This would provide credibility to the submitted proposal. This practice is also aligned with other multilateral agencies such as ADB.</p> <p>“The MCA-Nepal now invites Applications to select eligible Individual Consultant (individually or through a firm) to provide the consultancy services to "Support MCA-Nepal and Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) in operationalizing JV Company formed between NEA and Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL)".</p>	<p>Please note that as per MCC PPG P1.B.3.9 Individual consultants are employed on assignments for which (a) teams of personnel are not required, (b) additional outside (home office) professional support is not required, and (c) qualifications of the individual are the paramount requirements. All the above conditions apply for this procurement.</p> <p>Accordingly, MCA-Nepal’s requirement is for hiring the services of an individual consultant but not through a firm.</p>
2.	Section 5 – Evaluation Criteria 2.4) Good written, reading, and spoken knowledge of the English and Nepali languages – Pass / Fail	<p>It is acknowledged that, a person with command in local language has an advantage, but given the nature of services, primary objective, should be to select an individual with sound technical experience as required for the identified scope. Local language barriers may not be a matter of concern if the individual has a command in common language that is English.</p>	<p>As the Consultant needs to work very closely with NEA officials on a day-to-day basis and the official language of Nepal, which includes NEA, is Nepali, the language credentials are very important for this position.</p> <p>Thus, this evaluation criteria will not be modified</p>

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		It is humbly submitted that language evaluation may be deleted from evaluation criteria and be kept as an added advantage, separate from evaluation criteria.	
3.	<p>Section 5 – Evaluation Criteria</p> <p>2.2) Participation in two transmission system projects, in the last 10 years, specifically in the supervisory capacity in the development/construction and operation of the transmission system. Experience in cross-border transmission line will be an added advantage.</p>	<p>The evaluation criteria 2.2 requires a consultant to have experience of participating in two transmission projects in past 10 years. It is humbly submitted that this criteria may be suitably revised considering that within transmission sector, there have been very limited project opportunities. Capping the time to 10 years may not provide the appropriate bandwidth to applying consultants, which have had first hand experience implementing transmission projects especially related to RE projects.</p> <p>It is therefore submitted to appropriately change the evaluation criteria as under</p> <p>Participation in two transmission system projects, in the last 10 years, specifically in the supervisory capacity in the development/construction and operation of the transmission system. Experience in cross-border transmission line will be an added advantage</p>	This evaluation criteria will not be modified