



CLARIFICATION #3

FOR

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY SERVICES [TRANSPORT SPECIALIST/ECONOMIST AND TRANSPORT ENGINEER]
(2 POSITIONS)

Ref No: MCA-N/RMP/ICS/047

Date: 10 October 2023

SN	Reference of the RFA	Questions	Answer/Response of Millennium Challenge Account Nepal (MCA-Nepal)
1.	General	<p>The first four criteria are all based on a cardinal score, but the fifth criterion has an ordinal one (pass/fail). If a candidate happens to score 100 out of 100 on the cardinal basis but has no language ability in Nepalese, does this mean that he/she is disqualified or is there a partial penalty for fluency only in English?</p> <p>Whereas it is stated “that there is no preference for domestic or any other nationality under MCC Program Procurement Guidelines”, in fact there is a significant bias towards domestic Nepali nationals which appears highly discriminatory. In such circumstances, a “fail” grade totally undermines the value of the preceding four criteria...</p>	<p>Please note that there is no nationality preference, and any non-Nepalese who will comply with this criterion will be eligible for further evaluation.</p> <p>The language requirement is included in the Request for Application, as the Consultant who will be awarded this contract will have to perform the services in the Government of Nepal offices working with civil servants.</p> <p>Also, most of the business activities in the Government of Nepal will be held in Nepali Language. In addition, it should be noted that for some of the tasks included in the terms of reference, fluency in Nepalese language is a must for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Government of Nepal staff mostly works in Nepali language,2. Several documentations to be reviewed by the selected consultant are available only in Nepali language.

			<ol style="list-style-type: none">3. The selected consultant may have to talk to persons who are not conversant in English language.4. The Government audit is carried out only in Nepali language and thus the selected consultant is expected to read and understand the audit findings.5. Travelling to site for meetings with stakeholders which only speak the local language.6. Nepali language is required to study the government policies written in Nepali regarding RBN , DoR and road maintenance works <p>Consequently, Nepali language is set as a needed requirement to be evaluated based on pass/fail basis and not as a source of favoritism/discrimination.</p>
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