



MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT NEPAL (MCA-NEPAL)

Notification of Intent to Direct Contracting **53rd PURC/World Bank International Training Program on Utility** **Regulation and Strategy**

The Millennium Challenge Account Nepal is a Government of Nepal (GoN) agency, formed under the Development Board Act 2013 BS (1956 AD) to manage a USD 697 million infrastructure program. The program is co-funded by the US Government's Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) Compact grant of USD 500 million and GoN's contribution of USD 197 million. The program aims to increase the availability and reliability of electricity, maintain road quality and facilitate power trade between Nepal and the region to help spur investments and accelerate economic growth. The Electricity Transmission Project (ETP), a national pride project, and the Road Maintenance Project are two projects under the program.

MCA-Nepal as part of the Compact will provide Technical Assistance (TA) to the Electricity Regulatory Commission (ERC) of Nepal, which is a new organization regulating the energy sector of Nepal. Under the TA, MCA-Nepal has planned to provide several overseas trainings to ERC Executives and Staff including trainings on Utility Regulation, Leadership, Energy Pricing, Open Access, Benchmarking on Infrastructure and several other regulatory related training and visits before and during the Five-Year Compact Period.

In this context and as per the provision provided in the [Accountable Entity Procurement Policy & Guidelines](#) 6.6.1(c) regarding the Direct Contracting procurement method, MCA-Nepal hereby notifies its intent to award a contract to **Public Utility Research Center, University of Florida** with the purpose of providing training on **53rd PURC/World Bank International Training Program on Utility Regulation and Strategy** to participants from Electricity Regulatory Commission (ERC) and MCA-Nepal.

The Government of Nepal established MCA-Nepal on 18 April 2018 under Development Board Act, 2013 BS as the accountable entity to implement a program co-funded by Nepal and US Government's Millennium Challenge Corporation.

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