



MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT NEPAL (MCA-NEPAL)

Notification of Intent of a Direct Contracting Procurement

Procurement of ASTM training to MCA-Nepal and its Project Partners

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 has signed a Project Cooperation Agreement with the Department of Roads and Roads Board Nepal as part of the Technical Assistance to respective Government of Nepal agencies. Accordingly, lab equipment was provided to DoR with the respective equipment functioning under ASTM technical standards. For further enhancement of the technical capabilities of both DoR and RBN technician, a training on established lab equipment facility with hands on experiments is required and has accordingly been planned in consultation with MCC. This training is a part of technical capacity strengthening of DoR, RBN, and MCA-Nepal engineers in further technical capabilities enhancement, regular up keeping and usage of the equipment as per ASTM standards.

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 **American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken** with the purpose of providing training on ASTM standards to MCA-Nepal and its project partners.

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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