



MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT NEPAL (MCA-NEPAL)

Minutes of Pre-Offer Conference

for

**Consultancy Services for Implementation of the Livelihood Restoration
Plan (LRP) for Transmission Line Project**

MCA-N/ETP/QCBS/015

**VENUE: DURBAR HALL, HOTEL YAK AND YETI, DURBARMARG,
KATHMANDU**

24 December 2024

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I. Introduction:

The Pre-Offer Conference session was called to order by the Procurement Manager of MCA-Nepal. He welcomed the attendees and thanked them for attending the conference. The Pre-Offer Conference was also conducted via web conference from 10:00 AM (Nepal Standard Time) on 24 December 2024.

II. Agenda:

- Registration
- Welcome by Procurement Agent
- Welcome remarks by MCA-Nepal
- Presentation on technical aspects of Request for Offers (RFO) Document
- Procurement Briefing on Request for Offers (RFO) Document
- Questions and Answers – Pre-Offer Conference
- Closing Remarks

III. Registration:

The attendance sheet is attached in Annex A.

IV. Welcome by the Procurement Manager

The Procurement Manager of the MCA-Nepal welcomed the attendees and opened the Pre-Offer Conference session. He also provided a brief presentation explaining the objectives of the Pre-Offer Conference, Agenda, and timeline for procurement activities. He also highlighted that in case of any discrepancy between the presentation and the request for offers (RFO) document, the RFO document will prevail. It was also notified that the answers provided in the Pre-Offer conference shall be considered as draft answers, and the final answer will be provided in writing.

V. Welcome remarks by the MCA-Nepal

The MCA-Nepal Deputy Executive Director - Project Delivery expressed gratitude towards all the participants and delivered a welcome address. He provided a brief description about status of other contracts being implemented by MCA-Nepal and importance of this procurement.

VI. Presentation on technical aspects of Request for Offers (RFO) Document – Technical Presentation:

Presenting the technical aspects of the project, the Lead Engineer – Transmission Line and ESP Specialist, delivered a technical presentation which includes MCA-Nepal formation and structure, brief description of MCC and MCA-Nepal, Projects Snapshot, Timeline of the Program, overall work progress of Electricity Transmission Project, Projects Working Areas, Electricity Transmission Line Project areas, Geographical Coverage, Resettlement Activities, Livelihood Restoration Plan (LRP), Policy documents, guidelines, plans, and procedures, Scope of works, LRP Implementation Supervision Consultant, Team Composition, LRP Implementation Time Frame and other relevant information. The presentation is attached as Annex B of this minutes.

VII. Procurement Briefing on the Request for Offers (RFO) Document:

The Senior Procurement Specialist of the Procurement Agent for MCA-Nepal presented the important parts of the RFO document and emphasized key points, particularly those points in which consultants typically encounter difficulties. He provided tips to avoid common mistakes in the submission of their proposals, and highlighted important points where the consultants need to understand clearly while developing their proposals. In addition to the points presented during the pre-proposal conference, it is advised to the prospective offerors to review the RFO document thoroughly before submitting the Offer.

In addition, Procurement Manager further highlighted the several points where the offerors should be more careful during the preparation of the Offers, which will help the offerors to have a responsive Offer.

VIII. Questions and Answers:

The participants of the prospective Offerors' representatives were provided the opportunity to ask queries/questions. The queries raised by the participants were responded by MCA-Nepal Technical, Procurement and Procurement Agent team. It was informed that MCA-Nepal will provide the answers to the raised queries during the conference, in writing. The questions raised by the consultants' representatives and MCA-Nepal team responses are presented in Annex C.

IX. Closing Remarks:

The Deputy Executive Director - Management of MCA-Nepal thanked the participants for their participation in the Pre-Offer Conference. She also highlighted the importance of this meeting and the importance of the offer submission deadline of this procurement for MCA-Nepal. She also requested to submit any remaining questions in writing which will be responded in writing in due course by MCA-Nepal and wished all consultants for a successful Offer submission. The link to access the video recording of the conference is available in Annex D.

The conference closed around 1:50 PM.

Annexes:

- Annex A: Attendance Register
- Annex B: Presentations
- Annex C: Questions and Answers
- Annex D: Video Recording of the Conference

Annexes/Attachments

Annex A

Attendance register
In-Person Attendance



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REGISTRATION SHEET - PRE OFFER CONFERENCE

Date: 24-Dec-24

Time: 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Venue: Durbar Hall, Hotel Yak & Yeti, Durbar Marg, Kathmandu

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Zoom Registrants:

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Zoom Registrants for 'Pre-Offer Conference for Consultancy Services for Implementation of the Livelihood Restoration Plan (LRP) for Transmission Line Project

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1	Min Raj	Bhandari	12/16/2024 20:17
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5	Laxman	KC	12/19/2024 15:07
6	Rishav	Maharjan	12/20/2024 10:45
7	Vipin	Atri	12/20/2024 10:51
8	Prajwal	Rajbhandari	12/20/2024 16:03
9	Joshna	Basnet	12/20/2024 16:37
10	Ankit	Bhattarai	12/20/2024 16:47
11	Sukuman	Dangol	12/22/2024 4:30
12	Shrijana	Bajracharya	12/22/2024 10:29
13	Sujan	Deo	12/23/2024 11:34
14	Sudil Gopal	Acharya	12/23/2024 14:11
15	Gehendra Gopal	Guruwacharya	12/23/2024 14:13
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20	Henri	TICHOUX	12/24/2024 8:35
21	Ruchi	Singal	12/24/2024 9:47
22	Surendra	Hydroconsult Nepal	12/24/2024 9:52
23	Narayan	Paudel	12/24/2024 9:55
24	Rishav	Maharjan	12/24/2024 9:57
25	Bishal	Dev	12/24/2024 9:58
26	Min	.	12/24/2024 9:58
27	Kumar	Khadka	12/24/2024 9:58
28	Atishai	Saxena	12/24/2024 9:59
29	Gurbaani	Manku	12/24/2024 9:59
30	Dr. Suman	Manandhar	12/24/2024 10:00
31	Srijana	Bhandari	12/24/2024 10:00
32	Krishna	Bhandari	12/24/2024 10:01
33	Aayush	Humagain	12/24/2024 10:03
34	Krishna	Neupane	12/24/2024 10:07
35	Anil	Neupane	12/24/2024 10:13
36	Dilchandra	Pandwy	12/24/2024 10:20
37	Diwakar	Dawadi	12/24/2024 10:21
38	Saroj	Rijal	12/24/2024 10:21
39	Madhusudan	Bhattarai	12/24/2024 10:21

40	Bhawani	Lamichhane	12/24/2024 10:22
41	Kedar	Thapaliya	12/24/2024 10:23
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43	Usha	Maskety	12/24/2024 10:33
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47	Deven	Bhatta	12/24/2024 11:38
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Annex B

Presentations



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Electricity Transmission Project (ETP) Pre-Offers Conference Implementation of the Livelihood Restoration Plan (LRP) for Transmission Line Project

24 December 2024



Objectives of the Pre-Offers Conference



Objective of the Pre-Offer Conference

- Provide Relevant Information/Clarifications To Prospective Offerors
 - Technical Information
 - Environmental, Social, GSI
 - Procurement Information
- Discuss Important Highlights of the RFO
 - Provide Tips and recommendations for submission of Offer
- Receive Questions/Clarifications from Prospective Offerors





AGENDA

- From 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM
- During first Half:
 - Presentations on technical aspects, Social, GSI
 - Presentation on the procurement aspects of the Request for Offers
- Lunch Break
- During Second Half : Questions and Answers Session
- Closing Remarks



Timeline for Procurement Activities



Event	Date	Remarks
Publication Date	12-December-2024	Completed
Pre-Offers Conference conference	24-December-2024	Today
Last date for requesting Clarifications	27-December-24	20 days prior to the Offers submission deadline
Last date for responding to request for Clarifications	02-January-2025	14 days prior to the Offers submission deadline
Submission Deadline	16-January-2025	Electronic Submission only
Offer's Validity	16-May-2025	120 days
Implementation Timeline	30 months after Contract Effective Date	Estimated date for contract signing: End of March-early April 2025



Question and Answers

- MCA-Nepal will try to provide best answers to raised queries
- All answers shall be considered as “draft answer (provisional)” as the official shall be in writing
- In case of any discrepancies RFO document prevails.
- It is possible that some clarifications and its responses may trigger an addendum to the bidding document.
- Minutes of the meeting (including Q&A document) and recording of the meeting (as available) will be circulated



Roads and Electricity, Way to Prosperity.



Electricity Transmission Project (ETP)

Pre-Offer Meeting

Consultancy Services for Implementation of the Livelihood Restoration Plan (LRP) for Transmission Line Project

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MCA-Nepal Formation and Structure

Formation

Government of Nepal (GoN) agency, formed under the Development Board Act 2013 BS (1956 AD) on 18 April 2018 to implement MCC Nepal Compact

Board of Directors

Chair: Secretary, Ministry of Finance (MoF)

Members:

- **Joint Secretary, Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport (MoPIT)**
- **Joint Secretary, Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation (MoEWRI)**
- **Managing Director, Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA)**
- **Private Sector Representative**
- **Civil Society Representative**
- **Executive Director, MCA-Nepal (Member Secretary)**

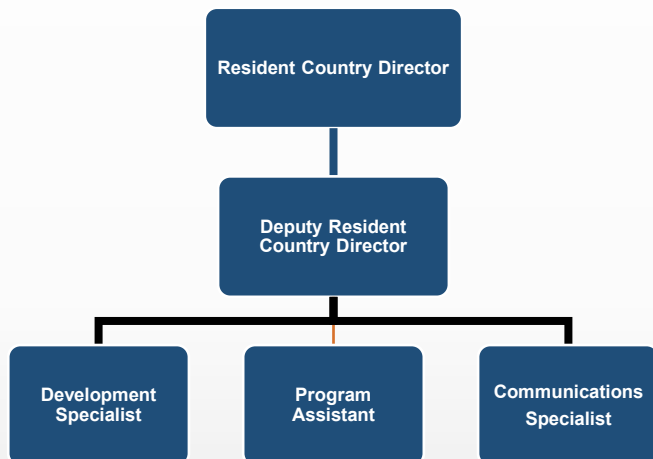


Compact signed on 14 September 2017



MCC and MCA– *Separate Entities*

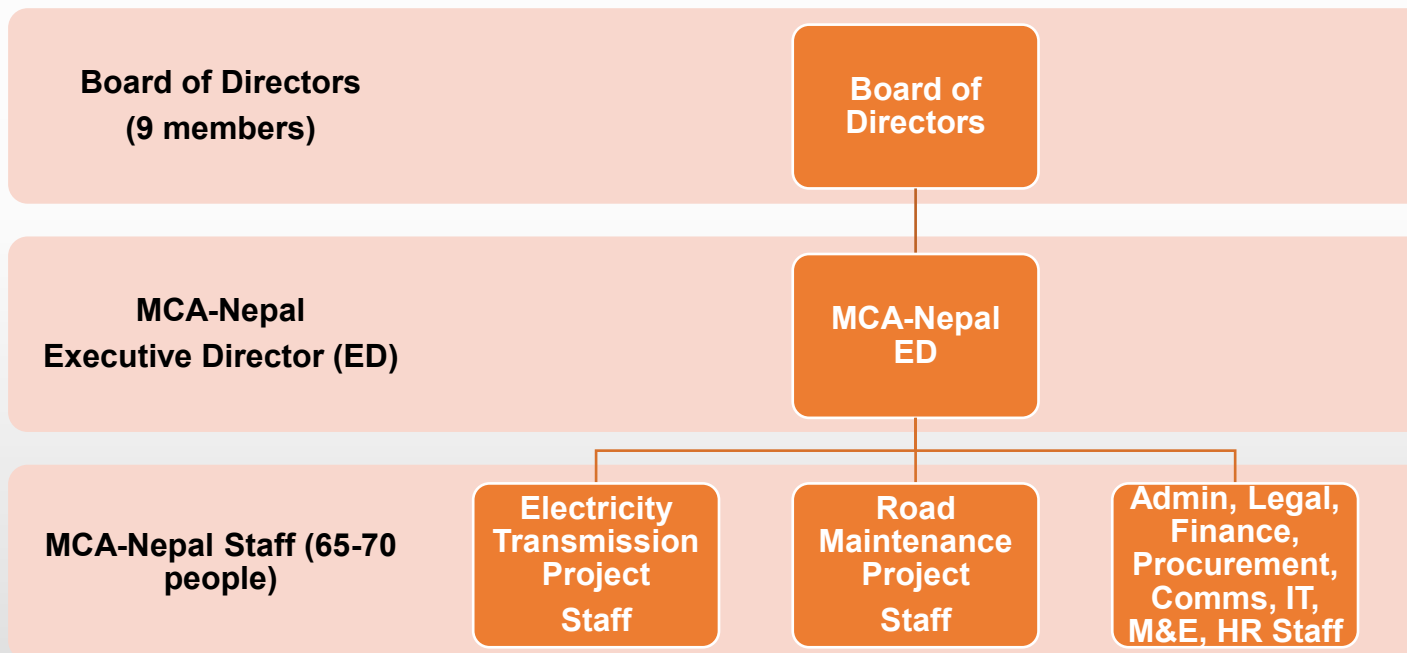
MCC-Nepal



The two entities work closely together, but they are separate entities.

MCC provides oversight and support to MCA-Nepal

MCA-Nepal





Projects- *Snapshot*

Electricity Transmission Project (ETP)



Road Maintenance Project (RMP)

The ETP has 3 Major Components



Up to 315 km of Transmission Line.



Substations



Technical Assistance to NEA and ERC

- MCC's USD 500 Million Grant assistance
- GoN's USD 197 Million investment

The RMP has 2 Major Components



Technical Assistance to Department of Roads and Roads Board Nepal



Enhanced road maintenance on up to 130 km of roads

- Construction of up to 315 km long 400 kV electricity transmission line.
- Three new 400 kV Sub-stations (Ratmate, New Damauli, New Butwal).
- Technical Assistance to NEA and ERC.

- Maintenance with modern technology of up to 40 km road segment of East-West Highway in Dang district.
- Periodic maintenance of MNRS.
- Technical Assistance to DoR and RBN.



Timeline of the Program

**Compact Signing:
14 Sept 2017**


**Entry Into Force –EIF
(*launch of Compact*)
30 August 2023**

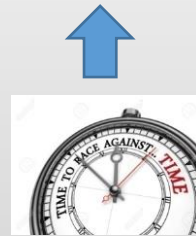
**Compact Closeout
30 August 2028**

5 Years after EIF

**Project Preparation and
Conditions Precedent**

**Project
Implementation**

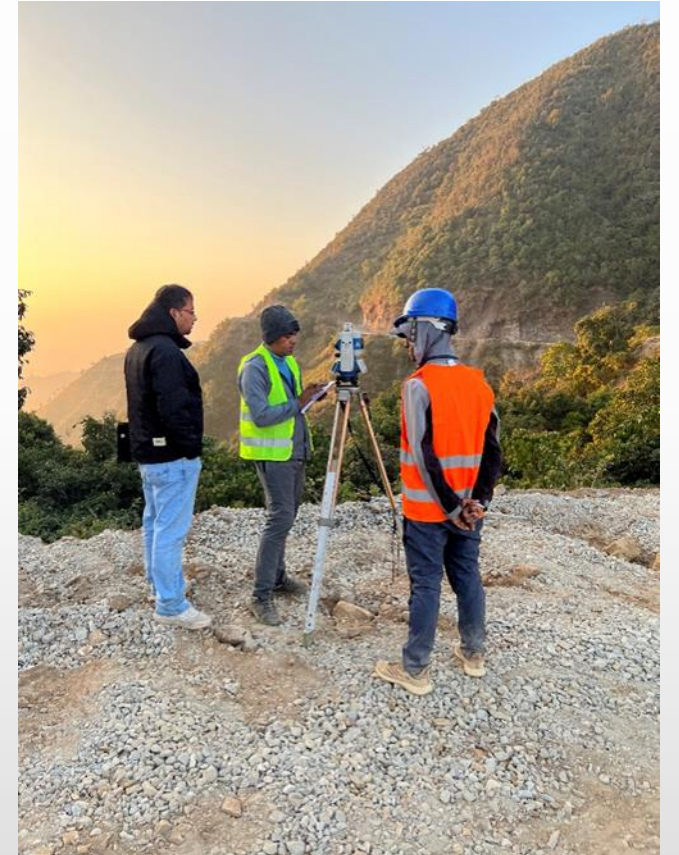

**MCC BoD
Selects Nepal**





Electricity Transmission Project : Overall Work Progress

- Contracts for three substations and Contract for 18km cross-border transmission lines awarded.
- Invitation for Bids (IFB) for 297km of transmission lines re-launched.
- Technical Assistance to Electricity Regulatory Commission (ERC) is ongoing.
- MCA Partnership Program (MPP), a benefit sharing program is ongoing for rural electricity distribution and system strengthening.



Re-survey work of 30 km

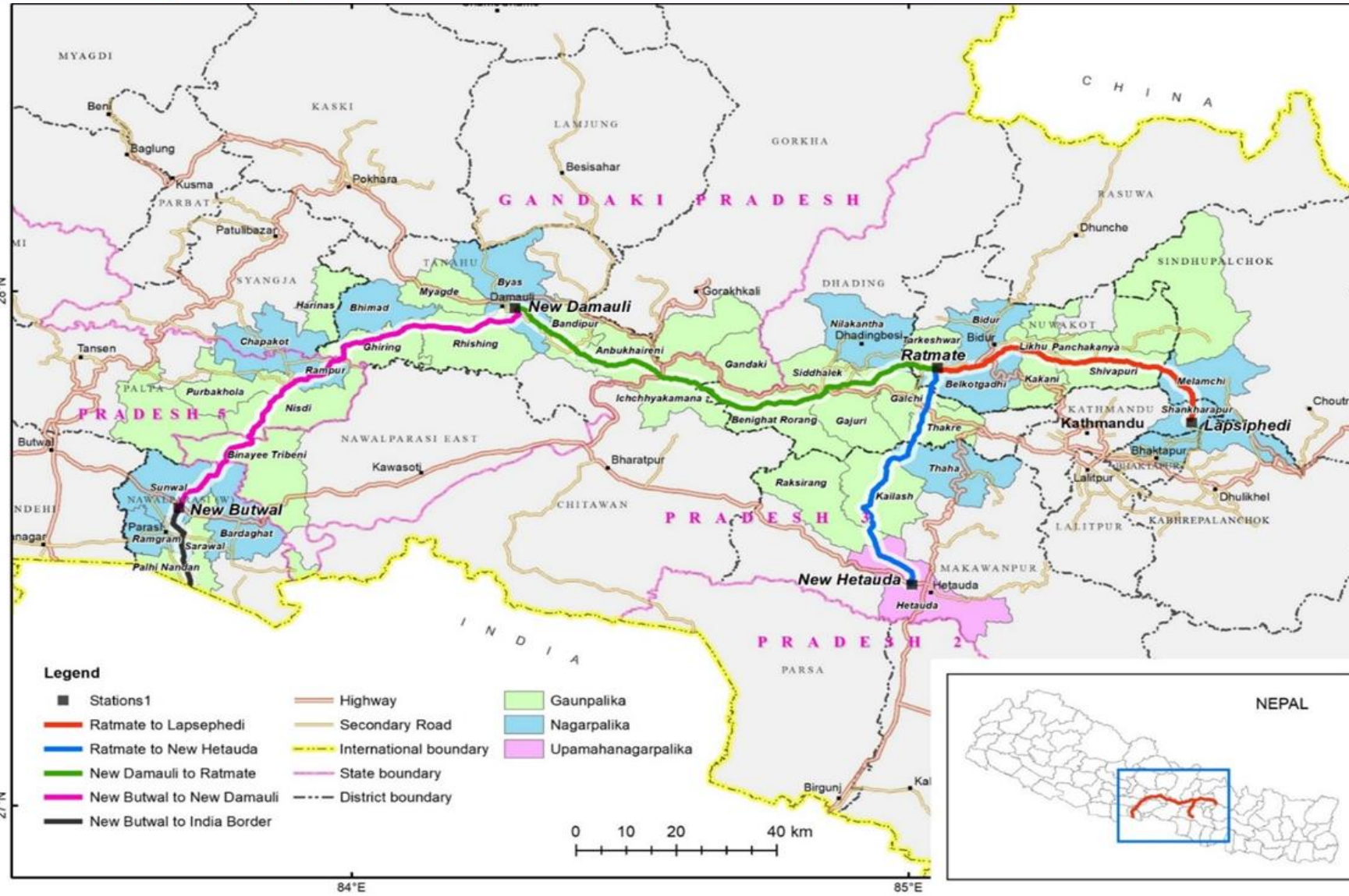


Projects- Working Areas





Electricity Transmission Line Project Area



10 Different Districts
30 Municipalities/Rural
Municipalities & sub-
metropolitan.
Total - 99 wards



Project Overview: Geographical Coverage

<u>Lot 1</u>	Province: Bagmati	Districts: 5 Kathmandu, Sindhupalchok, Nuwakot, Dhading and Makwanpur	Municipalities: 12	Wards: 39
<u>Lot 2</u>	Province: Bagmati and Gandaki	Districts: 4 Nuwakot, Dhading, Chitwan and Tanahu	Municipalities: 11	Wards: 31
<u>Lot3</u>	Province: Gandaki and Lumbini	Districts: 4 Tanahu, Palpa, Nawalparasi East and Nawalparasi West	Municipalities: 10	Wards: 32



Project Overview: Resettlement Activities

- Land requirements includes the acquisition of private land (68.7 ha), community forest land and government forest areas (49.8 ha), Barren and residential land (5.5 ha) Easement for the transmission line (1400 ha) for tower pylons and the Right of Way (RoW), which is 46m wide and 315 km long.
- Affected households lose land, structures, trees, and crops, particularly within the RoW, impacting their livelihood.



Livelihood Restoration Plan (LRP)

- **MCA-Nepal seeks consultancy services for the design and implementation of an LRP to restore livelihoods for the affected households.**
- **Better-off Approach:** to ascertain that affected entities are at least no worse off than they were prior to the project.
- **Objective of the Assignment:** The objective of the consulting services is to restore the livelihoods of eligible households (PAPs) to at least the same or higher level than the pre-project level.
- **Initial estimates suggest up to 1500 households across 10 districts will need livelihood restoration support.**



Policy documents, guidelines, plans, and procedures

To gain comprehensive information on policy documents, guidelines, plans, and procedures related to ETP LRP, the LRP Implementation Service Provider can thoroughly review the following documents available in offer document.

1. Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF),
2. Resettlement Action Plans and Livelihood Restoration Plans
3. IFC Performance Standards
4. MCC Environmental Guideline- 2010
5. Environmental, Social, Health and Safety Management Plan 2024
6. MCA-Nepal Social and Gender Integration Plan, TIP Risk Management Plan
7. MCC Gender and Inclusion Policy 2024
8. Guidance note to MCA-Nepal on Sexual Harassment 2016
9. MCC Counter Trafficking in Person Policy (C-TIP) 2021



Scope of Work

- **The LRP will cater to approximately 1500 PAPs across 10 districts, potentially adjusting the number of beneficiaries as surveys finalize.**
- **District-specific programs will primarily focus on agriculture-based interventions, except for urban areas.**
- **The LRP implementation contract will be 2 years 6 months (30 months) from the effective contract date. However, LRP implementation shall be minimum of two years in each district.**
- **MCA-Nepal is expecting a single LRP Service Provider for all three lots, although bidders can form joint ventures or subcontract parts of the assignment, subject to approval.**



Scope of Work

SN	Category of PAPs	Eligible No. of Total PAPs		
		Male	Female	Total
1	PAPs affected by Tower Footprints	878	184	1062
2	PAPs affected by loss of residential structure and business entity lost under RoW	96	15	111
3	PAPs affected in FUGs	162	116	278
4	Unidentified Participants	40	9	49
Grand Total		1176	324	1500



Scope of Work

- 1. Reconfirm PAPs details and livelihood options**
- 2. Review the best options for enhancement of LR options in each District and propose the most effective programs.**
- 3. Review potential local training provision in each District and assess opportunities for cooperation and inclusion.**
- 4. Conduct Entrepreneurship Development and Life Skills Training**
- 5. Conduct Technical Skill (land based, non-land) Development Training**
- 6. Conduct post training evaluations of impacts on livelihoods**



Scope of Work

- 1. Agriculture-Based: 275 PAPs; inputs include tools, seeds, fertilizers, irrigation, and market linkages.**
- 2. Forest-Based: 60 PAPs; focuses on NTFPs like mushrooms, with tools, training, and value addition.**
- 3. Livestock-Based: 916 PAPs; includes improved livestock breeds, shed improvement, and training.**
- 4. Horticulture-Based: 60 PAPs; supports fruit farming (e.g., kiwi, banana) with saplings and training.**
- 5. Off-Farm and Trade-Based: 189 PAPs; covers services like plumbing, driving, and hospitality, with advanced training and tools.**



Scope of Work

- **Entrepreneurship Development Training: All 1500 PAPs (1176 male, 324 female); motivational and preparatory for skill development, exposure visits**
- **Life Skill Training: All 1500 PAPs; focuses on essential skills for livelihood sustainability.**
- **Financial Literacy Training: All 1500 PAPs; enhances financial management and savings skills, linkages to financial institutions.**



LRP Implementation Supervision Consultant

- **MCA-Nepal has hired a Supervision Consultant for Monitoring of LRP Implementation**
- **The commencement of Supervision works will be after onboarding of LRP Implementation Service Provider**
- **All the reports and deliverables shall be approved by MCA-Nepal under recommendation of LRP Supervision Consultant.**



Team composition

Key Personnel:

1. Team Leader-1
2. Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist-1
3. Lot Program Coordinator - 3
4. Senior Agriculture Specialist - 1
5. Senior Livestock Specialist - 1

Non-Key Personnel:

1. Database and Records Officer - 1
2. Gender and Social Inclusion (GSI) Specialist -1
3. Off-Farm Skill Development Specialist -1
4. Livestock Specialist -3
5. Agriculture Specialist -3
6. Entrepreneurship Development Officer-3
7. District Program Assistant-10

Note:

1. Total 1500 PAPs database management across 10 districts, 30 local governments, 99 wards
2. The Consultant must submit the CV of non-key staffs to be evaluated on pass and fail basis.
3. A livelihood restoration database will be dealing with highly sensitive information, payment, incomes, HH/plot information, skill training selection overtime, etc. The Database and Records Officer should be able to analyze livelihoods data to answer queries, identify issues or trends of concerns and raise these with M&E Specialists and LRP Team Leader.



LRP Implementation Time Frame

- **The Consultant's period of performance will be 2 years 6 months (30 months) from the effective contract date. However, LRP implementation shall be minimum of two years in each district.**
- **The implementation period must not exceed the Compact End Date (CED), which is 30 August 2028.**
- **LRP activities may not start simultaneously across all districts.**
- **LRP support to PAPs in each district will be a minimum of two years.**



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Annex C

Questions and Answers

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Questions raised via in person participation:		
1.	We have seen in the RFO that the CV submission is also required the for non-key personnel. Why is it so? Please clarify.	<p>The reason is to ensure the quality and availability of the non-key person.</p> <p>Please note that Note 2 below the table under paragraph “7. Team composition, key responsibilities, required qualification and experience” in Section V. Terms of reference states:</p> <p>“The Consultant must also submit the CV of following non-key experts to be evaluated on pass and fail basis during evaluation: Off-Farm Skill Development Specialist (1 No), Agriculture Specialists (3 Nos), Livestock Specialists (3 Nos) and Database and Records Officer (1No).”</p> <p>Thus, the offeror must submit the CV of the non-key experts as per the requirement stated under RFO.</p>
2.	Is there any mechanism to let us know about any further submission from our side during offers evaluation?	<p>The Offer must be submitted before the deadline of Submission stated under RFO. There is no mechanism to let the Offeror submit the Offer during Offer evaluation.</p> <p>After the expiration of the submission deadline, the Offerors may be requested clarification of the submitted offer, if required by MCA-Nepal to assist in the examination and evaluation of Offers at its own discretion, as per ITO 23.1 of the Request for Offers (RFO) document and other provisions stated in the RFO.</p> <p>The final notification of technical evaluation results will be provided to all the offers as per ITO 25.3 of the RFO document.</p> <p>For further details, please go through the RFO.</p>
3.	Can an expert be proposed for more than one proposal?	Yes. Please refer to Section II. Datasheet ITO 14.1 of the RFO document, which states as follows:

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		<p>A Sub-consultant or individual expert may participate in more than one Offer as a Sub-consultant or individual expert respectively.</p> <p>However, the Offerors are recommended to review the clauses related to the conflict of interest including ITO 5.8 to 5.11 before finalizing the individual for submission of the Offer.</p>
4.	Do you have threshold of operation and program budget for this assignment?	<p>There is no threshold of operation and program budget for this assignment. All the costs related to the assignment shall be included by the Offeror in the financial Offer. However, as per Accountable Entity Procurement Policy & Guidelines (AE PPG) MCA-Nepal will be carrying out the Price Reasonableness Analysis. The MCC Accountable Entity Procurement Policy & Guidelines (AE PPG) can be obtained from: https://www.mcc.gov/resources/doc/010124-ae-program-procurement-policy-guidelines/</p>
5.	In P-76 of the RFO document, it talks about Review of potential local training. In p-73 you are talking about the same thing but writing differently. The wordings seems different. Can you please clarify?	<p>Review potential local training provision in P73 and Research on Potential local Input suppliers and Service Providers in 76 mean the same thing despite different wordings. In both the pages it seeks research on Potential local Input suppliers and Service Providers in and around the project impact areas for the delivery of the Livelihood training.</p>
6.	Evaluation and Impact Assessment are mentioned in the ToR section 4.9 and 4.10/4.12. Are they same or different? Please make it clear.	<p>They all are different. 4.9 is the evaluation of the progress for each PAP after 26 months of the program implementation which will help to evaluate the output of the program and support in finalizing 4.10- Exit Strategies. 4.12 is the overall Impact Assessment of the LRP compared to the baseline.</p>
7.	In previous tenders, you used to ask the contact numbers of the personnel. Now you are also asking the reference letter.	<p>The requirement to include “References [provide reference letter from client]:” is the standard requirement of the new Request for Offers template.</p>
8.	As you are asking 20 years of experience for the Consultant experience. It is difficult for us to take experience letters from our previous/ongoing employers and prepare bid within the small stipulated duration of offers submission deadline. Can you please clarify it?	<p>The Consultants are expected to have 20 years of general experience as per the requirement of the RFO.</p> <p>The general experience can be demonstrated by providing information under TECH-3.</p> <p>Related to reference letter from the client the Consultant is expected to have it and provide the same with the Offer.</p>

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		Regarding small stipulated duration of offers submission deadline, please refer the issued addendum.
9.	Regarding financial capacity requirement, should be deposited in Bank of can also be reflected in the last year's audit report	The question is not very clear. However, the consultant may provide the letter from their Bank demonstrating that they have availability of US\$490,000 dedicated for the implementation of this assignment and be attested by an authorized representative of the Consultant.
10.	While awarding contract, will you award it to only one offerer or will there be multiple offerors to award the district wise or lot wise contracts?	This contract will be awarded to the one offeror. This will be a single contract.
11.	It seems, the scope and the activities are diversified and scattered. Is the estimated budget of \$ 4.9 M the field budget or operation budget.	The estimated budget was calculated by the expert of MCA-Nepal which includes all costs required to complete the assignment successfully as per the requirement stated under the Terms of Reference and Conditions of Contract. The Offeror are free to submit an offer above or below the estimate but within a reasonable price as per requirement of MCC AE PPG.
12.	As we are not registered in VAT. We have only PAN. How can we offer? How will we be paid in case we are	If the contract is awarded to a non-VAT registered offeror, the offeror should register VAT once the contract is signed.
13.	In the TOR Section 4.9, 4.12 Evaluation survey and Impact assessment surveys, are these surveys same or different, can you please clarify.	Both are different. 4.9 is the evaluation of the progress for each PAP after 26 months of the program implementation which will help to evaluate the output of the program and support in finalizing 4.10- Exit Strategies. 4.12 is the overall Impact Assessment of the LRP compared to the baseline.
Questions sent via Zoom message:		
1.	Standard Bidding Document: Consulting Services (1 Mar 2020) P. 73: Section 4.4.1 "PAPs will be provided with appropriate training as well as be supported by additional inputs and resources that include: (List ...)": who will be responsible for the procurement of the inputs & resources, will these be paid from another budget ?	Please refer to ITO 12.4 (c), which states the total budget of the RFP which includes all the inputs and resources for implementation of the project.
2.	Is the 4,9 M US\$ estimated price budget for all three (3) lots ? if so, what would be the budget for each lot ? (if a firm decides to bid for one lot only)	The Estimated Budget disclosed in the RFO is the estimated budget for the whole assignment.

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		Please note that there are no lots to be awarded in this procurement and there will be a single contract under this procurement.
3.	Can an NGO apply as a lead offeror or as a sub-offeror/associate?	<p>Instruction to Offerors (ITO) 5.1 states “An Offeror may be a private entity, certain government-owned entities (in accordance with MCC PPG), or any combination of such entities supported by a letter of intent to enter into an agreement or under an existing agreement of association in the form of a joint venture or other association.”.</p> <p>However, the NGO should convert its PAN to VAT after the contract is awarded and the same should be reflected in the invoice submitted for payment.</p> <p>Yes. If the Offerors wishes to apply as a JV then, they can. However, the JV should be registered under Nepal law and get VAT registration once the contract is awarded to the JV firm.</p>
4.	This tender lands completely during Christmas and New Year holidays, most offices are closed during that period. We need to have our legal, ORM and taxation specialists to agree to a Go, however they will not be at office during the holidays. We kindly request an extension of at least three (3) weeks - thanks for your understanding and acceptance.	The submission deadline has been extended. Please refer to the addenda to the RFO issued.
5.	According to the guidelines or eligibility criteria, it is stated that the offeror must have 20 years of general experience and 15 years of experience in designing and implementing livelihoods-related projects. Does this requirement also apply to sub-offerors, associates, or consortium partners?	<p>The requirement is for Offeror and Offeror also Constitute JV Partners/Associates. This requirement is not for Sub-Consultant.</p> <p>The Single Entity must meet the requirement.</p> <p>In case of Joint Venture the requirement must be met by at least one member.</p>
6.	What about bank guarantee? In case of joint venture, who should make guarantee document?	<p>There is no bid security in the form of Bank Guarrantee required in the Procurement of Consultancy Serivces.</p> <p>However, Evidence of financing is required as per Tech-2A of the RFO document.</p>
7.	Do we need to submit Tech-12 for non-key experts as well?	Yes.

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		<p>You are required to carryout the compliance check for you (Offeror), and each member of the Joint Venture (in case of JV), sub-consultant, individuals (key and non-key) and any other entity associated with the Offeror.</p>
8.	<p>Are NGO's eligible to bid for this project</p>	<p>Instruction to Offerors (ITO) 5.1 states “An Offeror may be a private entity, certain government-owned entities (in accordance with MCC PPG), or any combination of such entities supported by a letter of intent to enter into an agreement or under an existing agreement of association in the form of a joint venture or other association.”</p> <p>However, NGO should convert its PAN to VAT after the contract is awarded and same should be reflected in the invoice submitted for payment.</p>
9.	<p>Do the offerors need General, Specific and Geographical experience in the Power Sector? Section III. Qualification and Evaluation Criteria ITO 24.1: Criteria, sub criteria It is mentioned that “Evidence of organizational capability and relevant experience in the execution of projects of a similar scale and complexity in the power sector, as follows:“ This line indicates that the RFO requires the consultant to submit relevant experience in livelihood planning and development specifically in the power sector, in alignment with the three (3) sub-criteria outlined in sections 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3 of ITO 24.1. We seek clarification on whether work experience related to livelihood planning and development in infrastructure projects beyond the power sector—such as roads, irrigation, water resources, and agriculture—will also be considered during the evaluation process.</p>	<p>The requirement in the RFO document is stated as follows:</p> <p>“Evidence of organizational capability and relevant experience in the execution of projects of a similar scale and complexity in the power sector, as follows: ”</p> <p>The current requirement is “experience in the execution of projects of a similar scale and complexity in the power sector” unless it is modified by MCA-Nepal.</p> <p>Please note that if the Offeror will meet the requirement stated under the RFO, they will be provided 80% of the points allocated. The deviation from the requirement will be evaluated lower as per 3.6 Technical Evaluation Framework, under Section III.</p> <p>Further, please refer to addendum to the requirement if issued by MCA-Nepal.</p>
10.	<p>INGO and Consulting Firm can jointly make proposal for LRP</p>	<p>Instruction to Offerors (ITO) 5.1 states “An Offeror may be a private entity, certain government-owned entities (in accordance with MCC PPG), or any combination of such entities supported by a letter of intent to enter into an agreement or under an existing agreement of association in the form of a joint venture or other association.”</p>

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		<p>Yes. If the Offeror wishes to apply as JV then, they can. However, JV should be registered under Nepal law and get VAT registration once the contract is awarded to the JV firm.</p>
11.	<p>Can you please clarify the document requirement for the sub-consultant. Specially LoI, copy of the contract, financial eligibility etc.?</p>	<p>Please refer the RFO for detail specifically refer 3.7 Qualification table under Section III. Qualification Evaluation Criteria of RFO document for the requirements to be met by sub-consultant.</p> <p>The Consultant should clearly identify the Sub-Consultant and what is the sub-consultant are expected to carryout. The Sub-consultant should have experience in carrying out the task they are proposed for, experience certificate for the task assigned, the sub-consultant intention to participate as sub-consultant need to be included with the Offer.</p> <p>The approach and methodology can state how the sub-consultant can help the consultant in achieving the objective of the assignment. However, the Consultant only has to satisfy the experience requirement and proposed sub-consultant experience shall not be considered during evaluation.</p> <p>Contract will not be signed with the sub-consultant, the consultant and sub-consultant is required to fulfill eligibility criteria. Consultant/Offeror is required to fulfill the financial requirement but sub-consultant do not have to fulfill financial requirement.</p> <p>Depending on the proposed sub-consultant, MCA-Nepal may further request information during evaluation or during negotiation.</p>
12.	<p>Form TECH-2A. Financial Capacity of the Offeror: Does the lead partner need to issue evidence of financing or can a JV partner can issue the same of behalf of consortium? Pls confirm</p>	<p>Below mentioned document is required to be submitted by all members of the Joint Venture.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audited financial statements for the last three (3) years, supported by audit letters; or • Certified financial statements for the last three (3) years, substantiated by the corresponding tax returns. <p>However, the Evidence of financing can be met by all members combined.</p>

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13.	Will the digitally (scanned) signed documents are accepted?	Documents with digital signature are acceptable.
14.	If a consultant has worked as a sub-consultant in past projects meeting the stated requirement (not as a lead or JV partner), will that experience count under ITO 24.1 Criteria (1.1 to 1.3) if they now want to bid as a JV partner for this opportunity?	Please refer ITO 12.5(c) for details, which states “Information should be provided only for those assignments for which the Offeror was legally contracted as a corporation or as one of the major firms within a joint venture.”, So, experience as a Joint Venture member is acceptable. Please note you are required to provide “Approx. value of the services provided by your firm under the contract (in current US\$)” under TECH-4.
15.	FIN-3: re VAT, how do we know if it applies and if it does, is it included in the 4,9 M US\$ budget or will it be paid by MCA ? (or, are MCA projects exempt from VAT ?)	Estiamte does not include VAT. MCA-Nepal is tax exempted entity however any VAT paid by MCA-Nepal will be reimbursed by GoN through its regular process.
16.	In certificate of sanctions forms, there are eight section us as an firm Do we have to provide proof of every eight sections ? And secondly there is a table too so do we have to fill the table for all key personnel and non key personnel ? Or just firm and Jv firms ?	Please note that “Instructions for Completing the Compliance with Sanction Certification Form” states: Based on the results of these eligibility verifications, the Offeror shall provide the applicable certification in the attached certification form. Note that for the purposes of this certification, Offeror are only required to submit detailed back-up documentation about the eligibility verifications together with their certification form if the Offeror identifies adverse or negative results. If not, Offerors are free to mark the certification form accordingly and submit it to the appropriate recipient (although the Offeror must maintain records per the instructions below).

Annex D:

Video Recording of the Conference

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