



MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT COTE D'IVOIRE

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Procurement of Environmental and Social Oversight Consultant (ESOC) Services for the Abidjan Transport Project (ATP)

In accordance with Items 8.1 and 8.3 of the Instruction to Consultants from the above-mentioned RFP, MCA-Côte d'Ivoire is responding to the questions (Q1 to Q11) raised by Consultants on 10th September 2018 during the pre-proposal meeting.

Questions/Answers	
Q1	Do the returnable documents also need to be included in French?
A1	Please refer to the RFP Section II. Proposal Data Sheet – ITC 11.1.
Q2	You expect all the experts to stay one full year in Abidjan?
A2	Please refer to the RFP Section V. Terms of Reference – Item 6.0 Staffing and Key Personnel that includes a table showing a duration period for each Key Personnel.
Q3	Experience shows MCC requires the presence of US firms in the consortium - can you confirm?
A3	No. There is no national preference applied.
Q4	ITC 1.5 of the RFP indicates that MCA will provide office space whereas the presentation just made indicates that the Consultant needs to provide the office. Can you clarify?
A4	This question will be answered in a subsequent clarification note.

Q5	How reasonableness price is going to be conduct? are a minimum or a maximum price to be respected versus the budget indicated in the RFP?
A5	<p>As indicated in the RFP, the firm that submitted the highest ranked Technical Proposal within the budget which did not get a negative determination during the verification of the market-reasonableness of the prices offered will be invited for negotiations.</p> <p>The price-reasonableness analysis is a review of the prices proposed by a contractor, supplier or consultant to ensure that the prices offered in the bids or proposals are fair to both parties considering the effort required to complete the task, the quality of the bid or proposal, and the comparability of the prices on similar projects in local and international markets. The prices are reviewed to ensure that the quoted prices of the selected contractor, supplier or consultant are neither unreasonably high (which could happen, for example, when there is a poor response to the Invitation for Bids or Request for Proposals, or collusion) nor unreasonably low (which could happen, for example, when there is severe price competition, or poorly understood description of the objective of the procurement). This analysis provides a secondary check by the MCA Entity that the MCC funds will be utilized in a cost-effective manner, and that the selected contractor, supplier or consultant will be able to meet the requirements of the procurement as set out in the solicitation documents.</p> <p>The price reasonableness analysis will be conducted on the following elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Price proposed for each period (Base and Options) • Level of Effort (LOE) proposed for each period; and • Monthly rate proposed for the Key Personnel <p>Please refer to Attachment 11. Guidance on the Price-Reasonableness Analysis of the MCC Program Procurement Guidelines (PPG) for more details on the price-reasonableness guidelines to be applied.</p> <p>You can access the MCC PPG through the following link: https://www.mcc.gov/resources/doc/program-procurement-guidelines</p>
Q6	Regarding the 3 references for each members of the project team, do we need to provide the coordinates of these references or actual reference letters from each of them?
A6	In addition of contact information of each reference (name, title, phone and email address), MCA-Cote d'Ivoire advises providing written reference letters for the proposed Key Personnel as indicated in the Tech-11 of Section IV.A.
Q7	What is the origin / underlying driver for this tender?

A7	An overview of MCC was provided in the presentation, for more information on MCC projects please visit their website www.mcc.gov
Q8	The non-key CV must be translated in French also?
A8	No. Please refer to Section 2 ITC 11.1
Q9	Do we understand that individual consultants cannot participate in more than 1 proposal?
A9	The proposed key personnel can participate in more than one proposal. Please refer to the Conflict of Interest clause 5.5 in Section 1 of the RFP.
Q10	We understand there is ongoing call for another MCC project related to engineering support for transport sector in Abidjan. How these two projects are correlated? What will be the coordination requirements?
A10	The Architectural & Engineering Design Consultant A&E(s) launched by MCC and the Environmental and Social Oversight Consultant “ESOC” launched by MCA-Cote d’Ivoire are not permitted to be the same firm. Consultants can bid on either, however can be selected for <u>only one</u> of the consultancy services.
Q11	RFP - page. 116 indicates that CV of non-technical staff is required. Please confirm that they are not necessary
A11	Section V of the RFP – Subsection 6.2 stipulate that: “The Consultant may provide additional technical support staff as may be required.”. Here, we confirm that CVs are required for these additional technical support staff but not required for the administrative support staff .