



COMITE NATIONAL POUR LA MISE EN ŒUVRE DU PROGRAMME COMPACT DU MILLENNIUM
CHALLENGE CORPORATION

SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE (SPN)

REF No: CNPC/Consult/QCBS/013

**Environmental and Social Oversight Consultant (ESOC) Services
for the Skills for Employability and Productivity Project (SKILLS)**

Deadline for the submission of Proposals is November 23rd, 2018 at 2:00pm - Abidjan time.

1. The United States of America, acting through the Millennium Challenge Corporation (“MCC”) and the Government of Cote d’Ivoire (the “Government” or “GoCI”) have entered into a Millennium Challenge Compact for Millennium Challenge Account assistance to help facilitate poverty reduction through economic growth in Cote d’Ivoire (the “Compact”) in the amount of approximately US\$ 524.7 million (“MCC Funding”). The Government, acting through MCA-Cote d’Ivoire/CNPC (the “MCA Entity”), intends to apply a portion of the MCC Funding to eligible payments under a contract for which this Request for Proposals (“RFP”) is issued. Any payments made by the MCA Entity under the proposed contract will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Compact and related documents, including restrictions on the use and distribution of MCC Funding. The Compact and its related documents can be found on the MCC website (www.mcc.gov) and on the CNPC website (www.cnpc-mcc.ci).
2. The Compact program includes two (2) projects:
 - i. **The Skills for Employability and Productivity Project** (Skills Project) which aims to increase the number of years of education received and improve the acquisition of quality, in-demand basic skills, including reading, math, and soft skills, for lower secondary students; and (ii) to improve the acquisition of quality, in-demand technical skills and increase job placement rates among graduates of Compact-supported technical and vocational education and training (“TVET”) centers;
 - ii. **The Abidjan Transport Project** (ATP) which aims to reduce vehicle operating costs and travel times along targeted road segments, while improving overall pedestrian and vehicle mobility and safety. The Transport Project will include infrastructure and institutional strengthening investments designed to improve traffic fluidity and decongest a central corridor of the city linking the Port of Abidjan to points north, west and east.

MCA-Côte d’Ivoire /CNPC, serving as the client, will hire a consulting firm (the “Consultant”) as the Environmental and Social Oversight Consultant (“ESOC”) for the Skills Project. The ESOC shall participate in the preparation and implementation of the MCA-Cote d’Ivoire Environmental and Social Management System (“ESMS”). The ESOC shall also provide support, expertise, and general program management concerning: stakeholder engagement, preparation of CGES and RPF, as well as global environmental, social, resettlement, health and safety overseeing, in compliance with MCC Environmental Guidelines and IFC Performance Standards.

In order to perform services under this contract, the Consultant will also have to work in close

consultation with other Consultants hired by the MCA-Côte d'Ivoire/CNPC Skills as well as certain GoCI ministries and agencies referred to as the Implementing Entities ("IEs") that will collaborate with MCA-Côte d'Ivoire/CNPC in furtherance of the Compact program. Each of the Implementing Entities will sign an Implementing Entity Agreement ("IEA") with MCA-Côte d'Ivoire/CNPC.

3. In issuing this Request for Proposals (RFP), the Government is represented by the Comité National chargé de la mise en œuvre du Programme Compact du Millennium Challenge Corporation (CNPC). However, it is anticipated that the Millennium Challenge Account-Côte d'Ivoire (MCA-Côte d'Ivoire), a government entity, established and designated to serve as the accountable entity for Compact Implementation purposes on behalf of the Government. Prior to operationalization of MCA-Côte d'Ivoire, any references to actions taken or rights received by MCA-Côte d'Ivoire in this RFP, including in the Form of Contract, shall be taken or received by CNPC on behalf of the Government, and any references herein to MCA-Côte d'Ivoire shall be deemed to mean CNPC during this period.
4. This Invitation for Proposals follows the General Procurement Notice that appeared on the CNPC website www.cnpc-mcc.ci on April 24th, 2018, in dgMarket on April 26th, 2018, and UNDB on April 23rd, 2018, and local newspapers "Fraternite Matin" on May 8th, 2018.
5. The Request for Proposal (RFP) is open to all eligible entities "Consultants" who wish to respond.
6. A Consultant will be selected under the **Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method**, the evaluation procedure for which is described in sections of the RFP in accordance with "MCC Program Procurement Guidelines" which are provided on the MCC website www.mcc.gov.
7. **Consultants interested in receiving the RFP document including the Letter of Invitation and the Terms of Reference should register their interest by sending an e-mail, giving full contact details of the Consultant, to MCACotedIvoirePA@cardno.com**
8. A Pre-Proposal Meeting will be held on **October 26th, 2018 at 2:00pm Abidjan time** by web conference using **Zoom (www.zoom.us)**. Consultants who request the RFP will be sent the RFP and the weblink to attend the web conference.
9. MCA-Cote d'Ivoire/CNPC is not bound to accept any proposal and reserves the right to annul the Request for Proposal ("RFP") process, at any time prior to Contract award without thereby incurring any liability to any Consultant.
10. The closing date and time for receipt of proposals is **November 23rd, 2018, at 2:00pm Abidjan time**.
11. Clarifications may be requested by e-mail at the addresses indicated above.

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