



Specific Procurement Notice (SPN)

MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT TIMOR-LESTE

Country	Timor-Leste
Project Name	Water, Sanitation and Drainage
Procurement Title	Program Management and Construction (PMC) Supervision for the Water disinfection, Sanitation and Drainage
Procurement Ref. Number	TL/2023/QCBS/CFF/007
Type of Procurement (goods, works or services as applicable)	Consultancy (Firms)
Employer	Millennium Challenge Account-Timor-Leste
Publication Date	November 20, 2023
Submission Deadline	December 20, 2023

The United States of America, acting through the Millennium Challenge Corporation (“MCC”), and the Government of Timor-Leste (GoTL) signed a grant agreement (“Compact”) on July 19, 2022, in the amount of 420 million US Dollars (USD) (“MCC Funding”) to address a major constraint to economic growth: low human capital. The Timor-Leste Compact aims to improve the health and skills of people in Timor-Leste by reducing the disease burden caused by contaminated water sources and enhancing teaching and learning at the secondary school level.

The program is designed to achieve its objective through two primary projects: the Water, Disinfectant, Sanitation, and Drainage (WSD) Project and the Teaching and Leading the Next Generation of Timorese (TALENT) Project. MCC and GoTL are preparing the WSD project for implementation by developing preparatory studies, project designs, Environmental and Social Impact Assessments (ESIA) and Resettlement Action Plans (RAP). The WSD Project is anticipated to take the entire Compact Period for implementation. Therefore, MCC and GoTL plan to have studies, designs, environmental impact assessments, permitting/licensing and resettlement action plans be sufficiently complete before the Compact’s Entry Into Force (EIF) so that construction can commence immediately following EIF. The preparatory activities before EIF and the implementation phase of the WSD project will require a Program manager and Construction

Supervisor to assist the Government of Timor-Leste’s Accountable Entity during the implementation phase. The WSD Project includes the following activities in Timor-Leste:

Water Disinfection: to provide disinfectant (sodium hypochlorite) for use in disinfection of drinking water and wastewater to serve the needs of the capital city of Dili and certain surrounding municipal districts.

Sanitation: to provide a piped wastewater collection, conveyance, treatment, and disposal system for wastewater generated in Dili.

Associated Drainage: to construct planned in-street drainage box culverts in certain public roads where sanitation systems will be installed.

Institutional Strengthening and Regulatory Reform Activity: to support Timor-Leste’s newly established water utility to operate and maintain the assets constructed under the Compact.

Household Sanitation and Water Management: to support social and behavior change efforts to improve household water management and hygiene practices.

Through this request for proposals (“RFP”), MCA-Timor Leste intends to retain a consultant to provide Program Management Services and Construction Supervision Services from the pre-EIF stages through the five-year Compact Period. Funding for Construction Supervision Services will only be disbursed after EIF. Hence the Consultant’s contract will be structured as a combination of three (3) years of Base Services and Five (5) Yearly Options to be exercised on a yearly basis during the five-year Compact implementation period. Base Services can extend into the Compact Implementation Period.

This re-launch of a Request for Proposal follows a Cancellation Notice issued on dg market on **17 November 2023** and UNDB on-line on **20 November 2023**. The cancellation Notice followed the Specific Procurement Notice (SPN) for which was published in dgMarket on 27 July 2023, and on UNDB Online on 28 July 2023. The initial SPN for this RFP followed the General Procurement Notice that appeared in dgMarket on 30 September 2022 and UN Devbusiness.un.org on 3 October 2022.

MCA-TL now invites proposals from legally constituted consulting firms and other organizations to provide consulting services for Program Management and Construction Supervision Services (“Proposals”). More details on these services are provided in the Terms of Reference in Section V of this RFP.

This RFP is open to all eligible entities (“Consultants”) who wish to respond. Subject to restrictions noted in the RFP, consultants may associate with other consultants and subcontractors to enhance their capacity to successfully carry out the assignment.

A Consultant will be selected under the **Quality and Cost-Based Selection (“QCBS”)** method, the evaluation procedure of which is described in Section III of the RFP in accordance with the “MCC Program Procurement Guidelines” provided on the MCC website (www.mcc.gov/ppg). The

selection process, as described, will include a review and verification of qualifications and past performance, including a reference check, prior to the contract award.

The Millennium Challenge Account- **Timor-Leste** has received financing from the Millennium Challenge Corporation toward the cost of the **Water, Sanitation and Drainage**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for **Program Management and Construction (PMC) Supervision for the Water disinfection, Sanitation and Drainage**.

MCC's funding is appropriated by the U.S. Congress and obligated to the compact up-front, with no incremental or partial funding. So when a contract is signed with an MCA Entity, money is already available to the MCA Entity and, for most contracts, invoices are paid directly to Contractors/Consultants/Suppliers by the US Treasury.

MCA **Timor-Leste** now invites **proposals** from eligible **consultants** for **Program Management and Construction (PMC) Supervision for the Water disinfection, Sanitation and Drainage**.

Bidding will be conducted through the **Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)** procedures as specified in the MCC Program Procurement Guidelines (PPG) and is open to all consultants as defined in the PPG.

A complete set of bidding documents (Request for Proposal) may be obtained by interested eligible bidders upon the submission of a written application/registration form at the following link: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/DesignPageV2.aspx?subpage=design&FormId=5SXnDPvPq0WEFvCh2WFWfQ3A57IHFFDrIeoOaxihYpUM0FBTk5NREpRS0ZEUDQxVIFDN0M4RkpRTy4u&Token=59ea1937204b42a58b552ef4e1c8200b>

The deadline for submission of Proposals is 14.00hrs, 20 December 2023, Dili Timor-Leste time (GMT+9) and must only be submitted electronically through the File Request Link (FRL): <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/cm9or20pw94llg89omck3/h?rlkey=z5fzw9b3xe4tdpqxtreodqp68&dl=0> on or before **14.00hrs, 20 December 2023, Dili Timor-Leste time (GMT+9)**. **Late proposals will be rejected.**

Proposals will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the following link:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetupjoin/19%3ameeting_NmQ0NTVjMmYtZGMjYy00YmM3LWJmNmEtYTc5YWU4YzhiM2Zj%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%220ce725e5-cffb-45ab-8416-f0be87658559%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%229e0337f4-1ce5-4351-ac87-a839ac62858a%22%7d

at **14.30hrs, on 20 December 2023, Dili Timor-Leste time (GMT+9)**. All proposals **will not** be accompanied by a **Bid Security**.

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