



Millennium Challenge Account - Malawi

Lilongwe, Malawi

Supply, Install, Train and Provide required Goods for Dredger Spread at Kapichira (Base) and Nkula (Option) Hydropower Plants and

Bid Ref: CB No: PA/MCA-MW/MEA/GDS/101/2017

1. The Millennium Challenge Corporation (“MCC”) and the Government of **Malawi** (the “Government” or “**GoM**”) have entered into a Millennium Challenge Compact for Millennium Challenge Account assistance to help facilitate poverty reduction through economic growth in **Malawi** (the “Compact”) in the amount of approximately **350.7** million USD (“MCC Funding”). The Government, acting through **the Millennium Challenge Account- Malawi** (“MCA Entity” or “Purchaser”), intends to apply a portion of the MCC Funding to eligible payments under a contract for which this Invitation for Bids (“IFB”) is issued. Any payments made 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 of MCC funding and conditions to the disbursements of MCC funding. No party other than the Government and the Purchaser shall derive any rights from the Compact or have any claim to the proceeds of MCC Funding.
2. The Compact program focuses on investments in the energy sector that will increase availability, reliability, and quality of power; increase the availability of quality power to un-served users; and improve management and service delivery in the Energy sector. Existing businesses will benefit from improved access to power, which will enhance their competitiveness on the global market by reducing generator costs and improving their operational performance. In addition, new investment opportunities from existing and new sources will become more attractive encouraging private sector growth that in turn will drive new economic growth, increase incomes and ultimately reduce poverty in the country.

Specifically, the Electricity Supply Corporation of Malawi (ESCOM), plans to execute maintenance dredging at their hydro power plant (HPP) reservoirs at Kapichira and possibly Nkula, on the Shire River, with support from the Millennium Challenge

Account-Malawi, under the Environmental and Natural Resource Management Sub – Activity.

The aim of the planned maintenance dredging is:

- Removal of sediments in front of water intakes, to allow for future better base load operation of the power plant(s),
- Removal of sediments from flat embankment areas, to allow for restoration of currently lost active water storage. This will result in future longer peak-load electricity generation.

3. This IFB follows the General Procurement Notice that appeared in dgMarket and UNDB Online on November 6, 2017.
4. The Purchaser now invites sealed bids to provide the goods and related services referenced above (“Bids”). More details on the goods and related services are provided in the Schedule of Requirements.
5. This IFB is open to all eligible entities or persons (“Bidders”) who wish to respond. Bidders may only associate with each other in the form of a joint venture or under a sub-contractual agreement to complement their respective areas of supply to enhance their capacity to carry out the supply of goods and provision of required services and so long as any association is formed or sub-contract is entered into in accordance with the bidding document associated with this IFB.
6. The goods and related services, and the contract expected to be awarded, are divided into the following Lots:

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Bidders are to bid for both Dredges, however award of both the Base and Option Dredges will be at the discretion of MCA-Malawi.

7. A supplier will be selected under a competitive bidding method, the evaluation procedure for which is described in sections of the bidding document associated with this IFB in accordance with the “MCC Program Procurement Guidelines” which are provided on the MCC website www.mcc.gov.
8. The bidding document associated with this IFB includes the following Sections:

Section 1	Instructions to Bidders
Section 2	Bid Data Sheet
Section 3	Qualification and Evaluation Criteria
Section 4	Bid Forms
Section 5	Contract Forms
Section 6	Schedule of Requirements

9. The bidding documents associated with this IFB will be placed on the Purchaser's website at www.mca-m.gov.mw and prospective Bidders interested in submitting a Bid should submit an e-mail, giving full contact details of the prospective Bidder, to MCAMalawiPA@cardno.com .
10. A pre-Bid conference meeting through the Network Management Center in Lilongwe on **17 November, 2017 at 9 am**. Prospective bidders are advised that they can call into the center via the I P Address: **172.16.34.250** to participate in the pre-bid conference. Participation is strongly advised for all prospective Bidders or their representatives, but is not mandatory.
11. The closing time for receipt of Bids is **08 December, 2017 at 15:00 hours** local time in **Malawi**. Bids received after this time and date shall not be considered and will be returned unopened. Bidders should be aware that distance and customs formalities may require longer than expected delivery time.
12. Bids may be submitted electronically. The electronic bid shall be submitted at dredger@mca-m.gov.mw

The bid shall be password protected for access i.e pdf file(s) cannot be opened without password. The password to access the bid shall be sent by email to MCAMalawiPA@cardno.com no later than the deadline of submission of the bid. The bid of a bidder shall not be formally opened and entire bid shall be rejected if the password reaches the afore-stated email after the stated date and time in ITB 26.1.
13. All Bids must be accompanied by a bid security (as required) in the manner and amount specified in the Bid Data Sheet.
14. Bids will be publicly opened on **08 December, 2017 at 15:00** local time, at **Kang'ombe House, City Center, 1st Floor, West Wing**

Yours sincerely,

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