



REQUEST FOR CONSULTANT'S QUALIFICATIONS
Procurement of Individual Consultant
ADVISOR FOR FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE
PARTNERSHIPS (PPPs)
No. IC-UMBRAL-04-2015

Country: **Honduras**

City/Locality: **Tegucigalpa**

Project: **Threshold Program**

Contract Number: **IC-UMBRAL-04-2015**

Submission Deadline: **May 4th, 2015, 5:30 p.m.**

Funding Agency: **Millennium Challenge Corporation**

Buyer: **Millennium Challenge Account – Honduras (MCA-Honduras)**

Introduction

The Government of the Republic of Honduras has received grant funding of Fifteen Million Six Hundred and Fifty Thousand United States Dollars (USD 15,650,000.00) from the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) of the United States Government to enable the Government of Honduras to implement the activities and achieve the objectives of the MCC Threshold Program Grant Agreement, and it intends to apply parts of the proceeds of the funds to payments for a contract for which this Request for Qualifications is issued.

MCA-Honduras requires the services of an individual consultant to provide the following services:

Summary of Services:

The Consultant's objective is to strengthen the capacity of SEFIN (and other GoH entities as needed) to conduct financial assessment of projects (including contingent liabilities) in order enable the GoH to structure PPP projects that offer optimal value for money while responsibly limiting fiscal costs and risks arising from PPPs. In order to achieve the objective of the consultancy the Consultant will (i) provide hands-on assistance in managing responsibilities related to the financial aspects of PPPs, and (ii) develop resources needed to effectively manage these responsibilities, such as policies, procedures, reference materials and training courses.

The Consultant will live in Tegucigalpa and provide technical assistance to strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Finance (SEFIN) and COALIANZA to implement their respective responsibilities related to the financial analysis of projects including project prioritization, selection, structuring, and tendering, according to international best practice. A full Terms of Reference is available on the MCA-H website at www.mcahonduras.hn.

Duration of Assignment: 12 months + two 12 month option periods.

Minimum Requirements

- a. An undergraduate degree in engineering, economics, public administration or finance is required and advance degree in one of these disciplines is highly preferred.
- b. Minimum of 10-years of experience in project finance, preferably related to PPPs.
- c. Spanish fluency is required.

MCC requires that all beneficiaries of MCC funding observe the highest standards of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts. The selection shall be carried out in accordance with the procedures set forth in the MCC Program Procurement Guidelines (see the Procurement page on the MCC website www.mcc.gov for the selection of Individual Consultants at P.1.B.3.9 and 3.10 and Fraud and Corruption at P1.B.1.20 and 1.21). Interested candidates will be evaluated based on the qualifications set out in the Terms of Reference (TORs). Shortlisted candidates that meet these qualifications will be invited for an interview (in person, by video conference or by telephone). The selected Consultant shall be the best qualified and shall be fully capable of carrying out the assignment. The selected Consultant will sign a contract agreement on the basis of a lump sum fixed price/fee.

Eligibility

This procurement is open to all eligible and qualified Consultants except those who are debarred from procurements funded by the World Bank and/or prohibited by United States law, Executive Order or policy from participating in procurements funded by the Government of the United States of America

Application Procedure

Interested individual consultants are requested to send their responses, which should include an expression of interest to be considered for the assignment, date of availability, an updated CV showing the minimum requirements described above, contact details (i.e., telephone and e-mail address), at least three references that can comment on the consultant's related work experience. Responses in the MCA-Honduras Expression of Interest format (Forms 1 and 2 attached hereto) should be emailed to the Procurement Group, MCA-Honduras, at: asesoralianzapp@mcahonduras.hn An email response will be sent to applicants verifying receipt of email, and if no response is received please resubmit or call MCA-Honduras at +504-2232-3513 or +504-2232-3514.

Deadline for submission of responses: May 4th, 2015, 5:30 p.m.

Evaluation Criteria and Process

Stage I: Evaluate the application formulated from the Applicant's CV and Expression of Interest. The application evaluation will have a weight of 70 percent of the Total Score. Applicants who have obtained a score of 80 points or above will be shortlisted for interview. The application evaluation criteria are the following:

Criteria	Points
Education and training	20
Similar working Experience	70
Language and computer skills	10
Application evaluation score	100

Stage II: Only shortlisted applicants will be invited for an interview. Interview will be held at the MCA-Honduras office located in 5to piso, edificio Los Castaños, Tegucigalpa. Otherwise, a video conference or phone interview will be arranged. The interview evaluation will have a weight of 30 percent of the Total Score and the minimum passing score for the interview will be 80 points. The interview evaluation criteria are:

Criteria	Points
Job understanding	20
Communication skills	20
Confidence and professionalism	20
Creativity and problem solving	20
Leadership and team working	20
Interview evaluation score	100

Stage III: The Evaluation Panel will prepare a final report and calculate the Total Score according to the following formula:

Total Score = Application evaluation score X 70 % + Interview evaluation score X 30%

The minimum passing Total Score is 80 percent.

Stage IV: The candidate who obtains the highest Total Score will be invited for Fee negotiation until an agreement to the terms of contract is reached. Otherwise, negotiation will be made with the next preferred candidate and soon.

Supplementary Information/Documents: During the evaluation process, the Evaluation Panel has the right to ask the Applicant to submit clarifying and/or supplementary information and documents to verify the stated information in the Applicant's CV and Statement of Key Qualifications.

Data Confidentiality: MCA-Honduras will handle all applications and information contained in them with strict confidentiality.