



**GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA  
MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT LIBERIA  
RESPONSES TO REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION**

**Ref: Ref: 4A1506/ME/006**

**DATA QUALITY REVIEW CONSULTANT**

Following the advertisement and issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the **Data Quality Review Consultant, a pre-proposal conference was held on May 26, 2020 at 2:00 pm (Liberia time)**. Consultants were provided the opportunity to ask questions and request clarifications related to the RFP in writing.

The following are the request for clarifications from participants of a Pre-Proposal Conference held on May 26, 2020 and after the Pre-Proposal Conference:

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1.	Due to the COVID-19 lockdown, all our teams are working from home and the organizational business processes have been impacted. We request you to consider extending the bid submission deadline by further 10 working days.	<i>There will be no extension of the submission date of the proposals.</i>
2.	ITC 17.2 <b>Written Power of Attorney</b> is required – Due to lockdown, the Courts in India are closed. Further our key signatory will not be able to physically sign any document. In lieu of the Power of Attorney, can you please accept a letter of authority?	<i>Refer to Addendum #1 to the RFP.</i>

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3.	Special Conditions of Contract, GCC 10.5: A <b>resident project manager</b> shall be required for the duration of this Contract – considering the nature of services required, we request you to consider relaxing this to “key personnel will be available in the country during critical phases of the assignment”	<i>This clause remains unchanged for now but can be considered during contract negotiations with the recommended Consultant supported by a COVID-19 Response Plan.</i>
4.	Please confirm that <b>logistic expense related to organizing of all workshops</b> will be borne by MCA-Liberia.	<i>Confirmed.</i>
5.	We understand that funding under the <b>Compact is Tax exempt</b> and hence no taxes, including but not limited to VAT, Withholding Tax, Sales Tax, etc. will be levied by the Government of Liberia on invoices raised by the Consultant. Can you please confirm this understanding?	<p><i>Section 2.6 of the Millennium Challenge Compact (“Compact”) directs that “all MCC Funding is free from the payment or imposition of any existing or future taxes, duties, levies, contributions or other similar charges.” Annex II of the Program Implementation Agreement (PIA) explains that MCA-Liberia, the Project Implementation Unit at the Liberia Electricity Company (the “PIU”), and all Providers, Covered Providers, Implementing Entities, eligible contractors (prime contractors and subcontractors), eligible consultants and other eligible entities and individuals that receive MCC Funding directly or indirectly in furtherance of the Compact are (an “Exempt Entity” in the case of a legal person or an “Exempt Individual” in the case of a natural person) required eligible to benefit from the relief from taxes contemplated by Section 2.6 of the Compact.</i></p> <p><i>Only natural persons who are not citizens or permanent residents of Liberia; and legal persons that are not formed under the laws of Liberia (but excluding MCA-Liberia and any other entity formed for the sole purpose of implementing the Government’s obligations hereunder) are eligible for the tax exemption under the Compact.</i></p> <p><i>Both the Compact and the PIA were signed by the United States of America and the Government of Liberia and then subsequently ratified by the National Legislature of Liberia and signed into law by President. Therefore, the tax provisions in the Compact and PIA have the force of law in Liberia.</i></p>

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6.	<p>Special Conditions of Contract, GCC 36.1 (<b>Insurance related risks and minimum coverage</b>): We have a global insurance policy in place which will be able to cover the relevant risks and coverages required under this assignment. This insurance policy is issued in and governed by laws of the United States of America. We would be able to add MCA-Liberia as a "Co-insured" in this policy, if required.</p> <p>Can you please confirm that such a policy would suffice the insurance requirement? In case Liberia is an "admitted market" for insurance, can you please share the relevant regulatory instruments of the country which require one to procure a local insurance policy?</p>	<p><i>Insurance that is intended to cover Liberian citizens/residents or property that is located in Liberia requires locally procured insurance. This includes, but not limited to, motor vehicle insurance for motor vehicles that will be operated in Liberia or life, health, or travel insurance for Liberian residents/citizens. MCA-Liberia should be named as additional insured for any insurance obtained by the Consultant.</i></p> <p><b><i>Additional Provisions with respect to insurance included in Annex B to the Contract (Section VII), shall also apply.</i></b></p>
7.	<p>TOR section 2.6.3 -- <b>Support High Quality Q19 ITT Reporting</b>:</p> <p>a. If the period of performance overlaps with the Q19 ITT such that it is the round of review is set to naturally occur during Q19, this task may be combined with Task 2. – can you please clarify this statement?</p> <p>Which Task 2 is being referred here? What if it does not overlap – will the Consultant be required to undertake a separate data collection mission?</p> <p>b. Since it is difficult to estimate the level of efforts required for this task, we suggest that MCA-Liberia provides an estimate of</p>	<p>a. <i>Task 2 of the TOR refers to: Familiarization with the MCA-Liberia Monitoring and Evaluation System and Data Collection-Data Reporting Cycle. (Ref. 2.6.1). MCA systematically and regularly receives data from its counterparts each quarter and uses these data to populate the ITT. Approximately one month before the completion of each quarter, MCA sends a draft of the ITT to MCC for review and make revisions as necessary before submitting the ITT for review by the MCA-Liberia Board quarterly. While MCA-Liberia is the principal Implementing Entity, LEC also carries out some responsibilities as an Implementing Entity.</i></p> <p><i>Establishing a good understanding of these data collection and reporting processes is very useful for evaluating the quality of the data provided.</i></p> <p><i>Q19 ITT is expected to be reported by December 10, 2020. The Consultant is expected to ensure that the Q19ITT data that will be provided by LEC is of high quality before it is reported to MCC.</i></p> <p><i>If the period of performance of the data quality review round overlaps with the timing of submitting the Q19 ITT, then Section 2.6.3 will be combined with Section 2.6.1. In the case where</i></p>

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	man-days for each of the key personnel positions, for this task.	<p><i>there is no overlap Section 2.6.3 will be implemented separately,</i></p> <p><i>b. The RFP may provide either, but never both, the estimated budget or the estimated level of effort of key staff. The estimated budget has been provided in the PDS (Section II).</i></p>
8.	<p>Review of ACMS: OPTIONAL</p> <p>a. When will it be decided to exercise this option?</p>	<p><i>The implementation of the ACMS will commence in June 2020 and hopefully ends in December 2020.</i></p> <p><i>See Section 2.6.4 - deliverables under this task should be undertaken concurrently with other tasks and deliverables listed in these Terms of Reference. Data quality review of this activity ought to be carried out alongside the implementation of this study (pg 92). A decision to exercise this option would be taken during Contract negotiations.</i></p>
9.	Typically, DQR studies involve development of the Skills Requirement and Capacity Building report and DQR Manual as part of the scope of work. Is it not a requirement for this assignment?	<i>It is not a requirement for this assignment.</i>
10.	With respect to the indicators to be reviewed under the DQR assignment, can you please confirm that Consultant's scope will be limited to the ones mentioned in Annex 4 of the TOR?	<i>Only indicators mentioned in Annex 4 will be reviewed under this assignment.</i>
11.	The TOR mentions that Data Quality Review will focus exclusively on the Roads Sector Reform Activity. Can you please elaborate further? Will it hence not include a review of other Road sector activities?	<i>Yes, Data Quality Review will focus exclusively on the Roads Sector Reform Activity of the Compact which is the main focus of the Compact currently. It will not include a review of other activities of the Roads Project under the Compact.</i>
12.	<p>Can you please share the following documents, which are required to develop a more relevant approach &amp; methodology:</p> <p>a. Liberia Compact M&amp;E Plan Revised 2019</p>	<i>Documents will be shared with the recommended Consultant only.</i>

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	<p>b. Data Quality Review Reports 2015/2016</p> <p>c. Latest copy of the filled-in Indicator Tracking Table</p>	
13.	<p>Please provide details about locations of data management sites to be visited by the Consultant. How many of these would be outside Monrovia?</p>	<p><i>Data management sites for the Energy Project are located at LEC Bushrod Offices, Bushrod Island, Montserrado County and Mt. Coffee Hydropower Plant, Harrisburg, Montserrado County. Mt. Coffee is outside the city limits of Monrovia.</i></p>
14.	<p>Footnote below Table 1: Deliverables and Associated Number of Working Days: <i>MCA-Liberia Review of Draft Skills Requirements and Capacity Building Report is concurrent with Consultant Drafting of Data Quality Review Manual</i> – can you please clarify this further?</p>	<p><i>Refer to Addendum #1 to the RFP.</i></p>
15.	<p>We request that following clauses be incorporated:-</p> <p><b>Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption:</b></p> <p>Each Party represents, warrants and undertakes that:</p> <p>(a) It has not and shall not offer, promise, give, encourage, solicit, receive or otherwise engage in acts of bribery or corruption in relation to this Agreement (including without limitation any facilitation payment), or to obtain or retain business or any advantage in business for any member of its group, and has and shall ensure to the fullest extent possible that its employees and agents and others under its direction or control and directly involved in providing Services under</p>	<p><i>The clause will not be incorporated.</i></p>

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	<p>the Agreement do not do so. For the purposes of this clause it does not matter if the bribery or corruption is (i) direct or through a third party; (ii) of a public official or a private sector person; (iii) financial or in some other form; or (iv) relates to past, present, or future performance or non-performance of a function or activity whether in an official capacity or not, and it does not matter whether or not the person being bribed is to perform the function or activity to which the bribe relates, or is the person who is to benefit from the bribe. For the purposes of this clause, a "person" is any individual, partnership, company or any other legal entity, public or private.</p> <p>(b) Each Party shall, adhere to applicable anti-bribery and corruption laws.</p> <p>(c) Each Party shall, immediately upon becoming aware of them, give the other Party all details of any non-compliance with sub-clauses (a) and (b).</p> <p>(d) It is a condition of this Agreement that each Party fully complies with this Clause. If it does not do so, without prejudice to any other remedy available to a party, the non-breaching party shall have the right (but not the obligation) in its absolute discretion to terminate the whole of this Agreement, or that part of this Agreement to which the bribery or corruption relates. For the avoidance of</p>	

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	<p>doubt, any breach of this Clause shall be deemed to be incapable of remedy.</p>	
16.	<p><b>Economic and Trade Sanctions:</b></p> <p>As of the date of this Agreement the Client warrants that, (a) neither Client nor any of its subsidiaries, or any director or corporate officer of any of the foregoing entities, is the subject of any economic or trade sanctions or restrictive measures issued by the United Nations, United States or European Union (“<b>Sanctions</b>”), (b) the Client is not 50% or more owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, individually or collectively, by one or more persons or entities that is or are the subject of Sanctions, and (c) to the best of Client’s knowledge, no entity 50% or more owned or controlled by a direct or indirect parent of the Client, is the subject of Sanctions. For purposes of clause (c) in this section, “parent” is a person or entity owning or controlling, directly or indirectly, 50% or more of the Client. For so long as this Agreement is in effect, the Client will promptly notify CRISIL if any of these circumstances change, upon occurrence of which, CRISIL shall have the right to terminate the Agreement immediately in whole or in part for reasons of the Client’s breach.</p>	<p><i>The clause will not be incorporated.</i></p>
17.	<p><b>Non-Exclusivity:</b></p> <p>The Client acknowledges that CRISIL or its associates may have other commercial</p>	<p><i>The clause will not be incorporated.</i></p>

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	<p>transactions with the Client, other parties reviewed for the Client or referred in the agreement (if any) and the services provided under the agreement shall be on a non-exclusive basis.</p>	
18.	<p>Client may notify the Consultant in writing within 10 calendar days of Consultant providing the Deliverables to the Client any substantial non-conformity of the Deliverables vis-à-vis the Requirements. Upon receiving Client's notification, the Consultant shall rectify the non-conformity verified by it and resubmit the Deliverables to the Client within 15 calendar days. The Deliverables shall be considered "accepted" upon such re-delivery or the expiry of 10 calendar days as stated above, whichever is earlier.</p>	<p><i>This may be addressed and discussed with the recommended Consultant.</i></p>
19.	<p>The total aggregate liability of Consultant, whether in contract, tort (including negligence) or otherwise, under or in connection with this agreement, shall in no circumstances exceed a sum equal to the fees paid or payable by the Client under this agreement. In no event will Consultant be liable for any consequential, incidental, indirect, punitive or special losses or damages (including loss of profits, data, anticipated savings, business or goodwill), regardless of whether such liability is based on breach of contract, tort, strict liability, breach of warranties, failure of essential purpose or otherwise.</p>	<p><i>This may be addressed and discussed with the recommended Consultant.</i></p>

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20.	We suggest English laws with courts in London having exclusive jurisdiction.	<i>This may be addressed and discussed with the recommended Consultant.</i>
21.	<p>We suggest to include the below clauses:</p> <p><b>Project Delay, Suspension or Cancellation:</b>  If for any reason (other than Consultant's material breach of the Agreement), the Project is suspended, deferred and/or cancelled, then:  all amounts paid to the Consultant until the effective date of suspension, deferred and/or cancellation shall be considered 'drop dead fee' and such fee shall not be refundable; and Client shall in addition, pay Consultant all amounts otherwise payable under the Proposal for work done up to the date of suspension, deferment or cancellation.  Client acknowledges this does not grant the Client a right to suspend, defer or cancel the Project but is stated as Consultant's rights and are liquidated damages.</p> <p><b>Termination</b>  Consultant will be entitled to terminate the Agreement by giving 15 days' notice to the Client in case (i) Client fails to pay the amount due against a correct invoice, 30 days after the same becomes due and payable; (ii) if the provision of Services or Deliverables are delayed for the reasons attributable to Client, including but not limited to, Client's failure to perform its obligations under this Agreement for a period beyond 2 months from the date of this</p>	<i>The clause will not be incorporated.</i>

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	<p>Agreement and Client's failure to remedy it this failure within 30 days or within such further period as Consultant may have subsequently approved in writing. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary stated in this Agreement, Consultant shall not be obliged to perform its services or submit any further Deliverables where Client is in breach of its payment obligations under this Agreement.</p>	
22.	<p>33. Confidential Information; Rights of Use</p> <p>We suggest including:-</p> <p>Provided that this clause shall not apply to any information (a) which forms part of the public domain; or (b) which is received from a third party; or (c) which is independently developed; or (d) which is required to be submitted to any regulatory, statutory or governmental authority</p>	<p><i>The clause will remain unchanged.</i></p>
23.	<p>34. Documents Prepared by the Consultant to be the Property of the MCA Entity</p> <p>"The Client however acknowledges that all right, title and interest in the methodologies, processes, techniques, ideas, concepts, trade secrets and know-how (all collectively referred to as the "Knowledge Material") of the Consultant continue to remain those of the Consultant even if any of them is embodied in the reports, developed or supplied in connection with the Services. The Client shall have the non-exclusive perpetual license to</p>	<p><i>The clause will remain unchanged.</i></p>

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	use the reports (including any Knowledge Material provided as a part of the report to the Client) to the extent necessary for the Client to use the reports in accordance with this Contract."	
24.	We suggest either follow arbitration and conciliation act 1996 or we can agree to London Court of International Arbitration / ICC or UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules and suggest English Laws as neutral laws.	<i>The clause will remain unchanged.</i>
25.	<p>Given the current COVID-19 situation globally and specifically in Liberia, does MCC have a view on this being carried out remotely portions of the work outlined?</p> <p>Is there a contingency plan to carry out this assignment partially remotely and partially on site?</p>	<i>Refer to Addendum #1 to the RFP.</i>
26.	<p>For the workshop during the inception phase, could you please give us an indication of size of audience expected?</p> <p>In our previous experiences in country, similar workshops ended up having close to 100+ participants with Government involvement.</p>	<i>Refer to Addendum #1 to the RFP.</i>
27.	<p>Considering the importance of Roads and electricity in Liberia, there will be overlap between IDOs active in Liberia and the Government.</p> <p>Will the consultant be expected to work closely with the Ministry of Finance and</p>	<i>Stakeholders listed under Implementation Framework and Responsibilities (Section 1.6) remain unchanged. Consultant will not be expected to work closely with Ministry of Finance and Development.</i>

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	<p>Planning &amp; Development or a similar Ministry?</p> <p>Will the consultants get access to some of the monitoring data collected by the Ministry?</p>	<p><i>Not required and necessary.</i></p>
28.	<p>For the capacity building exercises, will this be done at facilities such as the Mt. Coffee Power Plant or is there a provision to bring the relevant participants to Monrovia or if possible, carry out remote capacity building?</p>	<p><i>All stakeholder workshops will take place in Monrovia.</i></p>
29.	<p>While reviewing data collection Methodologies, will the consultant have access to top original work plans and program docs to determine the efficacy of the chosen methodology?</p>	<p><i>Once requested by the Consultant and if available at the data producing institution.</i></p>
30.	<p>Will the majority of the information be available in soft copy?</p> <p>Can you give us an indication of proportion of data in soft copy and hard copy?</p>	<p><i>If you are referring to information to be provided by MCA-Liberia, the proportion of data in soft copy is 95%. Hard copy will probably be 5%.</i></p>
31.	<p>Concerning the file request link, will this only be provided to the approved consultant/team/organization?</p> <p>Or for proposal editing purposes?</p>	<p><i>All firms that registered their interest by sending an e-mail, giving full contact details of the Consultant, or obtained the RFP directly from <a href="mailto:MCALiberiaPA@cardno.com">MCALiberiaPA@cardno.com</a>, will be sent the File Request Link via email.</i></p>
32.	<p>Will the guidelines, timelines and deliverables be provided for proposal writing purposes?</p>	<p><i>Consultants interested in submitting a Proposal should register their interest by sending an e-mail, giving full contact details of the Consultant, to <a href="mailto:MCALiberiaPA@cardno.com">MCALiberiaPA@cardno.com</a>. This will ensure that the Consultants receive a copy of the RFP and updates regarding the RFP.</i></p>
33.	<p>Why is the power of Attorney necessary? And, what is its purpose?</p>	<p><i>A notarized power of attorney is necessary because MCA-Liberia requires a legal document from the consultant that authorizes an individual to act on the consultant's behalf. The purpose of the</i></p>

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		<p><i>power of attorney is to provide proof that the individual representing the consultant is legally authorized to do so.</i></p> <p><i>As mentioned in response to question 2, the ITC is modified to permit bidders who do not have the ability to have their power of attorney notarized due to COVID-19 restrictions to submit an authorization letter that is in the form provided.</i></p>
34.	Should the mobilization cost to Liberia, if necessary, be included in the financial section of the proposal?	<i>The Consultant's financial proposal should include all costs associated with undertaking the assignment which will be the responsibility of the Consultant.</i>
35.	Given the mobilization in Liberia, will it be included in the 1-day pre-meeting presentation?	<i>No.</i>
36.	Is the 6-month duration set in stone, given the pandemic and expatriate mobilization and travel?	<i>This is the estimated duration of the assignment and no extension is envisaged at this stage.</i>
37.	<p>What kind of security and level does the data have?</p> <p>Is there an audit trail? Enabled?</p>	<p><i>Some data just have passwords security codes.</i></p> <p><i>No audit trail and none is enabled.</i></p>
38.	Is the data structured? Unstructured? Or both?	<i>Data from LEC is structured. Data from MPW is mostly structured and partly unstructured.</i>
39.	<p>Would the data need cleaning/cleansing?</p> <p>Is all of the data electronic?</p> <p>Is there any data on paper?</p>	<p><i>No, data would not need cleaning/cleansing.</i></p> <p><i>No. However, most of the data is electronic.</i></p> <p><i>Yes, some of the administrative data is available on paper.</i></p>
40.	Will the consultant or project team have access to all reports current or historic?	<i>The consultant or project team will have access to all reports current or historic as required and deemed necessary.</i>
41.	Will there be collaboration between entities, Mount Coffee, Public Works, etc.?	<i>There is no formal collaboration but LEC and Public Works are Government of Liberia institutions.</i>
42.	Do these entities migrate data to a single data warehouse? Will there project have to migrate	<i>Currently most data come from LEC in MS Excel version. LEC migrates data from its IMS. No technical migration process is required to send data to MCA-Liberia.</i>

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	data from varying data marts/stores?	
43.	<p>According to RFP:</p> <p>Evidence of M&amp;E data quality review and relevant experience in the execution of assignment of a similar nature from the consultant is required. The evidence shall include successful experience as the prime consultant or data quality reviewer in the execution of at least 2 projects of a similar nature and complexity during the last 5 years provided in Form TECH-4. <i>(Whether undertaken by the Consultant or any associate, or any affiliate thereof).</i></p> <p>Based on above, can we assume that if an affiliate, Key staff member proposed for this assignment meets the above requirement (has 2 projects of a similar nature and complexity), does it make the consultant (company) eligible and qualified to participate? In other words. If a company has only 1 project of a similar nature and proposed key staff has 2 or more relevant projects, is this experience considered sufficient to meet the above qualification criteria?</p>	<p><i>There is a distinction between the experience of the Firm and the Key Staff experience, the one cannot substitute the other. The firm is required to meet the stated criterion either as single entity or a joint venture. The key staff requirement will be evaluated based on the proposed personnel against the requirement for the key staff.</i></p>
44.	<p>Page 93-94 there is a table of Wds indicating in one column the number of Wds and in another column the number of cumulative Wd deadline. It is of 100 Wds.</p> <p>Page 95 it is indicated: "It is estimated that not more than six (6) months of services will be required for the base period</p>	<p><i>Refer to Addendum #1 to the RFP.</i></p>

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	<p>study. During these six months, the Consultant is expected to provide 123 working days' worth of services. The Contract will become effective within twenty-eight (28) days after contract signing to enable the Consulting Firm or Consultant to mobilize his/her staff. "</p> <p>Should we consider 100 or 123 for the number of working days?</p>	
45.	<p>In form FIN-3, we are asked to present a breakdown of price by activity. The form states: "Form FIN-3 shall be completed for the whole assignment. In case some of the activities require different modes of billing and payment (e.g.: the assignment is phased, and each phase has a different payment schedule), the Consultant shall fill a separate Form FIN-3 for each group of activities. Include base and option years."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do we need to show just the tasks and their prices? or do we need to show the prices at the level of each deliverable/line within each task?</li> <li>• If we need to show breakdown within each task, do we need several tables, one for each task (containing the activities under the respective task)?</li> </ul>	<p><i>The basis for completing these forms is what the Terms of Reference requires. The instructions on the FIN forms are there for guidance only.</i></p>
46.	<p>Following the link Page 32 Section II. Proposal data Sheet - with regard to per diem rates - we only found figures from 2017. Is there an updated version?</p>	<p><i>Refer to Addendum #1 to the RFP.</i></p>

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47.	Could you please confirm our understanding that as a Consultant for this project is indeed eligible and would thus be exempt from paying taxes under this project?	<i>See a response to question 5 above.</i>
48.	Would it be possible to soften the Master Degree criterion for sectorial key experts qualification, as it is frequent than experts with long standing experience have not reach this level?	<i>The requirement remains unchanged.</i>
49.	Would it be possible to find sectorial key experts with Master degree, but not in electrical engineering for the sectorial key expert in energy or not in civil engineering for the sectorial key expert in roads?	<i>Management of the Services and qualification of experts remain unchanged.</i>
50.	Given that the National Road Fund Activity was not implemented as envisioned, should bidders include the Road Sector Expert in the team and budget, or should we prioritize bolstering the energy sector expertise?	<i>Management of the Services and qualification of experts remain unchanged.</i>
51.	Is it required to undertake site / location visits outside of the capital? If so, what locations we need to visit?	<i>Yes, Mt. Coffee Hydropower Plant approximately 25 kilometres from Monrovia.</i>
52.	Do we have your support for any site / location visits outside of the capital or the consultant is required to provide vehicles / security?	<i>Consultant will be responsible for their transportation, but MCA-Liberia will ensure access to the site.</i>
53.	What is the project duration & the possibility of extension?	<i>Refer to Section V, 2.4, Period of Performance. No extension is envisaged at this stage.</i>
54.	Is it necessary to have a physical presence for the key & support personnel? If yes how do you plan to adapt regarding	<i>It is necessary for the Resident Manager to have physical presence but there might be consideration for alternates</i>

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	the current crisis and travel restrictions?	<i>supported by a COVID-19 Response Plan that will be reviewed and approved by MCA-Liberia and MCC.</i>
55.	What is the applicable law to the agreement? Which will determine the liability and insurance regime.	<i>The Republic of Liberia Laws.</i>
56.	What is the currency of payment and the free repatriation regime of the payment abroad?	<i>Refer to Section II, ITC 15.1 (US Dollars is the proposal and payment currency). Foreign Consultants do not have to be paid into an account in Liberia. They are free to have their payment made into an account outside of Liberia. However, if they choose to be paid into a Liberia account, any associated transfer fees will be borne by the consultant.</i>
57.	Is there any ITT data collected during the implementation phase of the transport and energy component?	<i>ITT data is available for both components.</i>
58.	Do we need to collect Data in case we suggest additional indicators?	<i>Let it be captured in the Inception Report for discussion.</i>
59.	In order to evaluate the volume of work, we need to know more about the scope of the Compact and the area of the Projects' implementation.	<i>Refer to Section V of the RFP, pages 69 to 71.</i>
60.	What is the tax system between Morocco and Liberia and the exemptions expected on the Project?	<i>See response to question 5 above.</i>
61.	<b>Page 34 of the RFP</b> 11. Consultants should use the filename framework for the Proposals as follows:  a. Technical Proposals filename: <i>FA TechPro [Consultant name] MCA-[insert MCA name]</i>	<i>MCA-Liberia.</i>

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	<p>b. Financial Proposals filename: FA FinPro [Consultant name] MCA-[insert MCA name]</p> <p>Kindly clarify MCA name or should it just remain for example as (FA TechPro (PARS Research/Norken International) MCA.</p>	
62.	<p>Form TECH-5. References of MCC-Funded Contracts</p> <p>Each Consultant or member of a JV/Association making up the Consultant must fill in this form and include information about any and all MCC-funded contracts (either with MCC directly or with any Millennium Challenge Account Entity, anywhere in the world) to which the Consultant or member of a JV/Association making up the Consultant is or has been a party whether as a lead Consultant, affiliate, associate, subsidiary, Sub-Consultant, or in any other role.</p> <p>Kindly clarify that this is not a requirement and just for those organisations/consultants who have previously worked on MCC- Funded contracts.</p>	<p><i>Past experience on an MCC funded project is not required; however, if the consultant has worked on an MCC funded project, references must be provided.</i></p>
63.	<p>As part of capacity building will it be possible for MCA to include positions of local Research Assistants to be included in the staff list?</p>	<p><i>The requirement remains unchanged. There will only be Stakeholder Meetings not capacity building of staff.</i></p> <p><i>The purpose of the Stakeholder Workshop/Meetings is to present the Data Quality Review study objectives, work plan, methodology, requirements and Draft Inception Report. Attendees to the meeting shall include: MCA-Liberia, MCC, Implementing Entities' points of contact, and appropriate implementers and external stakeholders. MCA-Liberia will invite the stakeholders and make all necessary arrangements for the presentation (facilities, logistics, schedules, etc.) in consultation with the Consultant.</i></p>

#	Consultants' Queries	MCA-Liberia's Responses
64.	The timelines for the assignment are too tight! – there is a need for time for mobilization. Is there flexibility for this?	<i>Refer Section V of the RFP, item 3 (Deliverable and Payment Schedule), first paragraph.</i>
65.	Practically, organizing for stakeholders' involvement can be quite an effort i.e. ensuring the timing is right for them, would they (stakeholder be paid some allowance for attending – (motivation!) and whose responsibility would this be (consultant OR MCA)?	<p><i>All participants will come from GoL institutions. No allowance but lunch and tea breaks will be provided and funded by MCA-Liberia</i></p> <p><i>MCA-Liberia will invite the stakeholders and make all necessary arrangements for the presentation (facilities, logistics, schedules, etc.) in consultation with the Consultant.</i></p>
66.	What is the Liberia Tax regime like?	<i>See tax exemption provision stated in response to question 5 above.</i>
67.	Will the client wire payment for the Consultant Services directly into their accounts or must they open an account in Liberia?	<i>MCA-Liberia pays directly into either the local account or the foreign account. The Consultant provides this information.</i>