



SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE

**Banjul, The Gambia
8 June 2022**

Fiscal Agent Services

Ref: [GTP/2022/QCBS/010](#)

The Government of the Republic of The Gambia (“Government”) and the Millennium Challenge Corporation (“MCC”) entered into a grant agreement as of November 16, 2021, under which MCC provides up to \$25 million of grant assistance for a “Threshold Program.” The Government intends to apply a part of the proceeds of that funding to payments for contracts for goods, works and services. The Government has formed an accountable entity, known as Millennium Challenge Account–Gambia (“MCA-Gambia”), within the Ministry of Petroleum and Energy (the “Ministry”), to manage the Threshold Program. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Threshold Program Grant Agreement, related agreements, and the availability of funds, the Government intends to use a portion of the funds to finance professional fiscal agent services from a legally constituted firm (“Fiscal Agent” or “Consultant”) to assist the Government with the implementation of the threshold program in a transparent and sound manner. The Fiscal Agent will provide such support in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in an agreement (the “Fiscal Agent Agreement”), the form of which is attached to this Request for Proposals (“RFP”) in Section VI.

In issuing the RFP, the Government is represented by MCA-Gambia.

MCC is a U.S. government agency focused on assisting countries dedicated to good governance, economic freedom, and investments in people. The Fiscal Agent will be required to manage all of the funding contributed by MCC to the Government under the \$25 million grant agreement. Annex II of the Threshold Program Grant Agreement between MCC and the Government provides some details of the planned uses of the Threshold Program funding.

The Threshold Program consists of the Power Sector Governance Project (PSGP) and the Power Sector Operations Project (PSOP), both of which will build upon ongoing projects and programs in the sector. To do so, the program plans to: (1) develop more effective, accountable, and transparent power sector governance in The Gambia; and (2) improve the National Water and

Electricity Company's ("NAWEC") capability to operate the Gambian power system in a manner that reduces the frequency and duration of outages and is consistent with The Gambia's universal access and conditional emissions goals as put forward in its nationally determined contributions. It is expected that the Program will be completed within 4 years.

MCA-Gambia requires the services of the Fiscal Agent ("FA") for a base period of twelve (12) months at a fixed price. Thereafter, MCA-Gambia will require three (3) 12-month option periods at a fixed price. However, the final option period (Option Period 3) may be more or less than 12 months and will include a 120-day period after the expiration of the Threshold Program. For purposes of preparing proposals, Consultants should assume that the final option period (Option Period 3) will be for full 12 months from the time of option effectiveness. Despite this, Option Period 3 will vary in actual implementation, and could be shorter or longer than 12 months, including the 120-day closure period. At least one year prior to exercising the Option Period 3, the payment for this period will be adjusted on a pro-rata basis (using the evaluated Option Period 3 price above as the basis) to account for the actual number of days that Option Period 3 will cover.

The Request for Proposal, the RFP, follows the General Procurement Notice that appeared in dgMarket on March 18, 2022 and UNDB Online on March 24, 2022.

The Government now invites proposals from legally constituted consulting firms and other organizations to provide the Fiscal Agent services ("Proposals"). More details on these services are provided in the Terms of Reference in Section V of the RFP.

The 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 to enhance their capacity to successfully carry out the assignment.

A Consultant will be selected under the **Quality and Cost-Based Selection ("QCBS")** method, an evaluation procedure that 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.

Please note that a Pre-Proposal Conference will be held as described in the Proposal Data Sheet ("PDS"), Section II of the RFP. Attendance at the Pre-Proposal Conference is not mandatory but is strongly advised for all interested Consultants or their representatives.

Consultants interested in submitting a Proposal should register by sending an e-mail with the subject "**Request for The Gambia Fiscal Agent RFP**" to the **Interim Procurement Agent**, Franklin Ibemessie at franklin.ibemessie@crownagents.co.uk with a copy to Babucarr Bittaye on babucarrbittaye@gmail.com. Consultants should provide their full contact details in the email message. This will ensure that the Consultants receive updates regarding the RFP.

Proposals must be delivered electronically to the address and in the manner specified in the PDS ITC 17, no later than **2:00 pm GMT on 8 July 2022**.

Please note that only electronic Proposals shall be accepted. Late Proposals will not be accepted under any circumstances.

Yours sincerely,

Babucarr Bittaye

Interim CEO – MCA Gambia

c/o Ministry of Petroleum and Energy