



## **MINUTES OF WEBINARS**

Webinars on Planned Works Procurements of MCA-Mongolia under the Mongolia Water Compact

1<sup>st</sup> Webinar Date: June 8, 2021      Time: 10:00 -11:40  
2<sup>nd</sup> Webinar Date: June 11, 2021      Time: 16:00 -17:45

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

The Government of Mongolia and the United States of America, acting through the Millennium Challenge Corporation have entered into a Millennium Challenge Compact for Millennium Challenge Account assistance to help facilitate poverty reduction through economic growth in Mongolia (the “Compact”) in the amount of 350 million USD.

The webinars were organized by Millennium Challenge Account-Mongolia (“MCA-Mongolia”), an accountable entity established to oversee the implementation of the Compact, in order provide the interested bidders with information on the Water Supply Project and the following planned procurements under the project:

- Construction Works of Groundwater Wells and Conveyance (CCP-1);
- Design and Construction Works of Water Recycling Plant.

The entire webinar session was conducted as an online event using the Zoom software.

### **II. AGENDA OF THE WEBINARS**

- **Opening Remarks and Overview of the Mongolia Water Compact**, by Mrs. Sodontogos Erdenetsogt, CEO, MCA-Mongolia (Both Webinars)
- **Remarks from the Millennium Challenge Corporation**, by Mr. Alex Russin, Resident Country Director of MCC (Both Webinars)
- **Construction Works of Groundwater Wells and Conveyance (CCP-1)**, by Mr. Batsukh Baljinnyam, Director, Downstream Wells Activity, MCA-Mongolia (1<sup>st</sup> Webinar) and by Mr. Zorigt Saruulkhangai, Deputy CEO, MCA-Mongolia (2<sup>nd</sup> Webinar)
- **Procurement Procedure for the Combined Construction Package (CCP-1)**, by Mr. Keith Treviss, Senior Procurement Specialist of Procurement Agent for MCA-Mongolia (Both Webinars)
- **Design and Construction Works of Water Recycling Plant (WRP)**, by Mr. Khishigt Tamir, Director, Wastewater Recycling Activity, MCA-Mongolia (1<sup>st</sup> Webinar) and by Mr. Zorigt Saruulkhangai, Deputy CEO, MCA-Mongolia (2<sup>nd</sup> Webinar)

- **Procurement Procedure for Design and Construction Works of Water Recycling Plant**, by Mr. Keith Trevis, Senior Procurement Specialist of Procurement Agent for MCA-Mongolia
- **Tax Exemption and MCC's AFC Policy**, by Mr. Bayar Purevdorj, General Counsel, MCA-Mongolia (Both Webinars)
- **Payment Process and Audit**, by Mr. Luis Baires, Fiscal Agent Manager of Fiscal Agent for MCA-Mongolia (Both Webinars)
- **Q&A Session**

### III. PARTICIPANTS

#### Attendees:

64 individuals from various organizations and companies attended the 1<sup>st</sup> webinar.

66 individuals from various organizations and companies attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> webinar.

Minutes of the webinars were taken by the Procurement Agent for MCA-Mongolia.

### IV. OPENING REMARKS BY MCA-MONGOLIA CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Chairperson welcomed the attendees and emphasized that the purpose of the webinar was to enable representatives of potential bidders and interested firms to obtain first-hand information on the following upcoming procurement opportunities under the Compact:

- Construction Works of Groundwater Wells and Conveyance (CCP-1)
- Design and Construction Works of Water Recycling Plant

The Chairperson provided information to participants on the ground rules and languages (Mongolian and English) of the webinar and presented the agenda.

The Chairperson passed the floor to the panelists for the respective presentations.

### V. PRESENTATIONS

Panelists representing the MCA-Mongolia delivered presentations in accordance with the agenda of the webinar.

All presentations made by the panelists of MCA-Mongolia are enclosed as **Annex 1a and Annex 1b**.

### VI. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

During and after the presentations, MCA-Mongolia's panelists answered questions from participants on the Water Supply Project, technical and procurement details of the upcoming works

procurements. All questions were recorded and responses to all questions from both webinars are combined and attached to these minutes as **Annex 2**.

## **VII. CLOSING**

Concluding the webinar, the Chairperson thanked the participants for their interests in the event and noted that all participants will receive the Minutes of the Webinar, including presentations and questions of participants with responses.

The 1<sup>st</sup> webinar meeting was closed at 11:40 Ulaanbaatar time on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

The 1<sup>st</sup> webinar meeting was closed at 17:45 Ulaanbaatar time on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

### ***Annexes:***

*Annexes 1a and 1 b: PowerPoint Presentations (Attached as a separate file)*

*Annex 2: Questions and Answers*

*Annex 3: List of Participants*



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### *Annex 2: Questions and Answers*

Question	Response
Question 1:	You mentioned 60+ registered Participants, can I have list?
Answer 1:	The list of Attendees that identified themselves is attached as Annex 2 of the minutes of Webinar.
Question 2:	Are the presentations the Same for both the June 8 <sup>th</sup> and June 11 <sup>th</sup> Webinars?
Answer 2:	Yes, the same presentations were presented on June 8 <sup>th</sup> and June 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2021.
Question 3:	Will the presentations be saved/distributed?
Answer 3:	The Presentation and Webinar Minutes are issued to all attendees and posted on the MCA-Mongolia website. Annexed documents to the minutes are: (i) PowerPoint Presentations; (ii) Clarification Responses to the Questions received at the Webinar; and (iii) The list of Attendee that identified themselves.
Question 4:	There were two invitations for the Webinar. One for June 8, 2021 and another one for June 11, 2021. What is the difference between these two Webinars?
Answer 4:	The target audience for the Webinar on June 8, 2021, were Mongolian companies. Therefore, the language of the Webinar was both in Mongolian and English. The target audience for the Webinar scheduled on June 11, 2021, is mostly foreign companies. Therefore, the Webinar for June 11, 2021, was held in English only. The content and presentations of the second webinar were the same and all presentations and Questions & Answers are published on the MCA-Mongolia website.
Question 5:	Regarding the Downstream Well Drilling, will there be a separate bid for Supervision Hydrogeologist role?
Answer 5:	MCA-Mongolia cannot provide any information beyond what is publicly available on the General Procurement Notice (GPN) covering the period from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022, which can be found on the MCA-Mongolia's website ( <a href="http://www.mca-mongolia.gov.mn">www.mca-mongolia.gov.mn</a> ).
Question 6:	Will you specify requirements for Hydrogeologist for the bid?
Answer 6:	Please note that information included in the presentations is related to the planned Works procurements in general, and the specific information and requirements for each

<b>Question</b>	<b>Response</b>
	procurement will become available for all interested, prospective bidders in the Bidding Documents to be issued by MCA-Mongolia in due course.
Question 7:	Will there be a clear specification and requirement of well casing and other consumables? Have you considered to install certified Stainless Steel casing for the wells?
Answer 7:	Please refer to the Response to the Question #6
Question 8:	When will the bidding result of the Advanced Water Purification Plant be announced?
Answer 8:	The Contract Award Notice for CP-2 or Construction of an Advanced Water Purification Plant and SCADA Controls will be published on the MCA-Mongolia website once the procurement process is completed.
Question 9:	It is our understanding that we cannot meet or have discussions with any management roles from MCA-Mongolia. Is this correct?
Answer 9:	No meetings or discussions will be held regarding upcoming procurements. You are welcome to meet with us regarding other matters.
Question 10:	It is our understanding that the main contractor will be selected first and then the other procurements will commence. Is this correct?
Answer 10:	The Works Contractor will be responsible for the complete works including the procurement and supply of plant, material, and equipment.
Question 11:	With regard to the Diameter of the water pipe - is MCA-Mongolia providing this and if so where it would be manufactured?
Answer 11:	Please refer to the Response to the Question #6
Question 12:	Will the contracts CCP-1 CHPP3 and CHPP4 run concurrently.
Answer 12:	No. As per the current plan, the CCP-1 expected commencement date will be in 2022 which is under Downstream Wells Activity, while the works on CHPP3 and CHPP4 will still be in the design phase in 2022 under Water Recycling Activity of the Compact.
Question 13:	Kindly tell us more on Consultancy Services for making the Feasibility Report, BOQ, Design, etc.
Answer 13:	The Feasibility Report for both works have been completed, as has the BoQ for the Construction Works of Groundwater Wells and Conveyance (CCP-1).  The Design element of the Water Recycling Plant will be included in the Employers requirements of those Bidding Documents.
Question 14:	Can we get a copy of the Feasibility Report and BOQ?
Answer 14:	Please refer to the Response to Question #13.
Question 15:	What about the Supervision and PMC during Construction Period and Maintenance Period?

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Answer 15:	As stated in the presentations, MCA-Mongolia will act as an Employer and the firm hired by MCA-Mongolia as a Program Management Consultant (PMC) - Tetra-Tech, will act as a FIDIC Engineer in the construction contracts.
Question 16:	If there are details of contractors and subcontractors who are chosen for these jobs and if they are published on your website, it would be good so that aspiring suppliers can contact those contractors
Answer 16:	Contract award notice which includes the names of contractors or consultants, contract amounts, and information on the scope etc. will be published on the website of MCA-Mongolia once the procurement process is completed and contracts are signed.
Question 17:	We are a supplier for materials and/or a possible Sub-Contractor for one or both of these procurements. We want to be sure that our company can be identified by the contractors who are bidding these projects so they can contact us for pricing. Could you please put my contact details and/or product information in the appropriate location or provide instructions for how to do so?
Answer 17:	MCA-Mongolia cannot include contact details of material suppliers' or provide a list of Manufactures with their associated part numbers in the Invitation for Bids, nor can it provide these to the Bidders. You are encouraged to research Contractors that may be submitting Bids if you wish to have your products included in the Contactor's submission. Also, you are encouraged to register for the Pre-Bid Conference webinars, that will be detailed in the Bidding Documents, as a way of receiving the names of the firms that attend.
Question 18:	As well as us being a supplier for materials and/or a possible Sub-Contractor for one or both of these procurements, we are a provider of other services, how do we Contract with MCA-Mongolia?
Answer 18	Please refer to the Response to the Question #17 for the specific works procurement covered in these Webinars. In order to be included in the mailing list of the Procurement Agent of MCA-Mongolia for these and any other procurements, interested companies need to send such request to the Procurement Agent. <b>Contact details:</b> <a href="mailto:PA-Mongolia@charleskendall.com">PA-Mongolia@charleskendall.com</a> <a href="mailto:procurement@mca-mongolia.gov.mn">procurement@mca-mongolia.gov.mn</a>
Question 19:	When will other RFQs be released?
Answer 19:	Please note that information included in the presentations is related to the planned Works procurements in general, and the specific information and requirements for each procurement will become available for all interested, prospective bidders in the Bidding Documents to be issued by MCA-Mongolia in due course. As such, please refer to the Response to the Question #18.

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