



## **MALAWI MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT (MCA)- MALAWI II**

### **Request for Information (RFI)**

#### **Upcoming Rural Road Construction Projects in Malawi**

The United States of America, acting through the Millennium Challenge Corporation (“MCC”), and the Government of Malawi (GoM) signed the Malawi Transport and Land Compact in September 2022. The Compact will address the high cost of road freight transport services and access to land for investment. The Compact will support the GoM’s effort to foster inclusive economic growth, and thereby improve the wellbeing of the rural population.

The MCC Malawi Transport and Land Compact includes three projects:

- Accelerated Growth Corridors (AGC) Project
- Increased Land Productivity Project
- American Catalyst Facility for Development (ACFD) Project

The AGC Project will reduce the transport barriers between farm and market by improving road conditions. Over 300 km of existing secondary roads organized along 4 corridors will be upgraded to paved road standard with bridges and other drainage structures designed to enhance resilience to the effects of climate change. The Project will address the backlog in periodic maintenance of paved roads and will support improvements to unpaved district and community access roads. The Project will support policy and institutional reforms to enable better road planning and maintenance, as well as provide safer conditions for women to move and conduct economic activity along the corridors.

In issuing this RFI, the Government of Malawi is represented by the Millennium Challenge Account-Malawi II (“MCA-Malawi II”). The MCA-Malawi II serves as the accountable entity for implementing the compact projects and the employer for the road works contracts on behalf of the Malawi Roads Authority.

#### **Summary of Expected Works**

##### **Corridor Mkanda – Linga (M-L)**

- Upgrading to paved standard of the S118 road from Mkanda in Mchinji District to the S114 at Linga in Kasungu District (83 km).
- Periodic maintenance and spot rehabilitation of the S114 paved road from Linga to the M01 road south of Kasungu (6 km).
- Periodic maintenance and improvements to approximately 102 km of unpaved district and community access roads.

##### **Corridor Chileka – Likuni (C-L)**

- Upgrading to paved standard of the T345 and S124 roads from Chileka on the M12 in Lilongwe District via Malingunde to the Likuni River bridge near Lilongwe (53km).
- Periodic maintenance and spot rehabilitation of the S124 paved road from the Likuni River Bridge to Chinsapo 2 Market in Lilongwe (4 km).

- Periodic maintenance and improvements to approximately 120 km of unpaved district and community access roads.

#### **Corridor Chantulo – Mkutumula (C-M)**

- Upgrading to paved standard of the T381, T383 and T385 roads from Chantulo on the M10 in Mangochi District to Mkutumula near the M05 in Ntcheu District (77 km).
- Upgrading to paved standard of existing unpaved link roads from the corridor road to Chilipa and Malenga trading centers (7 km).
- Periodic maintenance of the existing paved section of the T385 road from Mkutumula to the M05 (2 km).
- Periodic maintenance and improvements to approximately 84 km of unpaved district and community access roads.

#### **Corridor Euthini – Chikwawa (E-C)**

- Upgrading to paved standard of the M9/S109 road from Euthini in Mzimba District to Chikwawa on the M24 in Rumphi (67 km).
- Upgrading to paved standard of existing unpaved link roads from the corridor road to Mpherembe and Malidade trading centers (13 km).
- Periodic maintenance and improvements to approximately 70 km of unpaved district and community access roads.

#### **Periodic Maintenance of Paved Roads**

- Periodic maintenance and spot rehabilitation of the existing paved M10 road between Golomoti and the Monkey Bay turnoff in Mangochi District (57 km).

Additional information on the employer's requirements is provided in Annex A including proposed completion schedules for the works as background information to prospective bidders.

The purpose of this Request for Information notice is as follows:

- (a) Obtain information from prospective contractors.
- (b) Receive feedback from the construction industry on the approach to the works procurement and incorporate it, as applicable, into the Bidding Documents.
- (c) Identify interested and qualified contractors and place them on the MCA Malawi-II mailing list to receive the Specific Procurement Notice (SPN) when it becomes available.

The prospective Contractors are requested to provide the information listed below so that MCA Malawi-II can launch bidding documents for works which incorporate market feedback received through this Request for Information. The information requested are as follows:

1. Name of the organization, address, contact person, email address of contact person.
2. Company Profile (preferably not more than 7 pages)
3. Expression of your company's interest in the project and willingness to bid for the project and readiness to mobilize to Malawi to carry out the works
4. Your company's average turnover in last 5 years.
5. Average coefficient of Current Ratio in last three years (Current Assets / Current Liabilities).
6. Average Coefficient of Debt Ratio in last three years (Total Debt / Total Assets).
7. Your similar experience in the construction of low traffic rural roads and bridges under 1999 Edition FIDIC Red Book Conditions of Contracts with value, complexity and length of roads and bridges in similar terrain and environment to the project areas in Malawi.
8. Your overall experience in the road construction sector in Malawi and Southern Africa.
9. Comments, based on your experience, on the time frame proposed for the completion of the works

contracts.

10. Suggestions of what you would like to see in the Bidding Document to enable the Contractor to complete the works to the required quality, within budget and within the anticipated construction periods, considering the anticipated challenges of road and bridge construction in Malawi.
11. A list of the Lots that you would consider bidding for (see Table 1 in Annex A in the link below, for Lot descriptions).
12. Input on the Lot size (lengths). Does dividing the corridor into multiple lots as per the Table 1 in Annex A in the link below, make the procurement more or less attractive. Does Lot size impact your decision to bid?
13. Any other input for consideration in the final development of the Bid Documents.

More details can be accessed and downloaded from the Malawi Millennium Challenge Account (MCA)- Malawi II (/MMD) website at <https://www.mmd-malawi.org> using the following link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/7bap52x7fo2gh9mqbdaeh/h?rlkey=tuhdn6f07655ib0ofi4kjsxabj&dl=0>

**Important:**

This is not a request for offers/proposal/expression of interest. MCA Malawi-II is not hereby requesting the submission of proposals in response to this Request for Information notice. This is also not intended to be a shortlisting process. MCA Malawi-II intends to publish a Specific Procurement Notice and release the Bidding Document with drawings, specifications and bills of quantities in mid-2024.

This Request for Information notice does not obligate MCA-Malawi II to release a Bidding Document or award a Contract, nor does it commit MCA-Malawi II to pay for costs incurred in response to this Request for Information notice.

Interested Contractors are advised to seek clarifications to this RFI by sending e-mail [PAMalawi@charleskendall.com](mailto:PAMalawi@charleskendall.com) with a copy to [andy.koloko@mca-malawi2.gov.mw](mailto:andy.koloko@mca-malawi2.gov.mw) by 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 3.00 PM Local Time. The MCA may not respond to any clarifications submitted after this date and time. All requests for clarifications shall be official and in writing.

Contractors interested in receiving the Bidding Document should register their interest through the File Request Link (FRL) given below, with their responses to the questions listed above and full contact details; The subject of the registration should be ‘**Subject: Request for Information about Upcoming Rural Road Construction Projects in Malawi\_RFI\_Company Name**’.

The deadline for receipt of Information is 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024. The File Request Link (FRL) to submit the Information is:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/N3LbrrXSF95tWTWmvMXg>

The same FRL can be used (more than once) to submit additional or ancillary documentation.

Yours faithfully,

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