

Economic Analysis Web Dissemination Services

Introduction

Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) is a United States government-owned corporation responsible for the stewardship of the Millennium Challenge Account (MCA). MCC works with developing countries to promote sustainable economic growth to reduce poverty. In conducting due diligence of each country's proposal, MCC conducts cost-benefit analysis to assess the proposed projects' likely economic impact and cost-effectiveness. The MCC has recently launched an initiative publicly sharing this analysis on its website (see <http://www.mcc.gov/programs/err/index.php> for more information). MCC also analyzes the likely poverty and distributional impacts of proposed projects as part of a beneficiary analysis, and hopes to share this information via its website as well.

Scope of Work

The Economic Analysis & Evaluation Division of the MCC's Department of Policy & International Affairs is seeking a Personal Services Contractor (PSC) to assist in the preparation of cost-benefit analysis and beneficiary analysis for internal use as well as web posting. The PSC will work on a regular basis (40 hours per week) for a period of approximately 4 months, and will be based in the MCC's Washington, D.C. offices.

Duties will include (but are not limited to):

- Prepare Economic Rate of Return (ERR) spreadsheets for posting on MCC website and any public presentations, including reviewing spreadsheets, converting to standardized format, and conducting sensitivity analysis
- Analyze national household surveys using Stata and assess the likely poverty and distributional impacts of projects.
- Depending on the Division's needs, prepare beneficiary analysis or other assessments for posting on the MCC website
- Develop other related materials, including fact sheets, guides for use of spreadsheets, and other public communication tools
- Conduct research and analysis in support of other activities within the Division of Economic Analysis and Evaluation

Evaluation Criteria

- Minimum undergraduate degree with major in economics, business or other related field; graduate coursework in economics highly desired
- Demonstrated interest in international development issues
- Understanding of cost-benefit analysis
- Strong knowledge of Microsoft Excel, including macro capabilities
- Knowledge of Stata, particularly survey analysis tools
- Excellent written and oral communication skills, including document editing and layout design

How to Apply

Interested parties should submit by email to recruitment@mcc.gov the following package: 1) Curriculum Vitae, 2) a brief cover letter that addresses the desired qualifications and provides three professional or academic references, and 3) proposed hourly billing rates and federal bio data form to include salary history during the past 3 years – the bio-data sheet may be downloaded from the following website www.usaid.gov/forms/a1420-17.doc. Please include “Economic Analysis Web Dissemination - PSC” in the subject line of your email. The announcement will remain open through December 31, 2008; candidates may be considered and hired at anytime prior to December 31, 2008.

It is the policy of MCC to award PSC contracts to U.S. citizens, to include legal permanent resident aliens. The MCC is an equal opportunity employer.