

**Economic Analysis and Evaluation
Personal Services Contractor (PSC) Opportunity**

**Economic Analysis and Evaluation Division
Department of Policy & International Relations**

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. One of MCC's guiding principles is a focus on measurable results. Prior to signing a compact, MCC conducts cost-benefit analysis to assess the proposed projects' likely economic impact and cost-effectiveness. MCC also analyzes the likely poverty and distributional impacts of proposed projects as part of a beneficiary analysis. During and after the compact is implemented, MCC conducts rigorous impact evaluations that seek to quantify the projects' actual impact on poverty. MCC strives for transparency in all of its programs and posts many of these analyses on the agency's public website.

Scope

The Economic Analysis & Evaluation Division of the MCC's Department of Policy & International Relations (PIR) is seeking a full time Personal Services Contractor (PSC) to assist in the preparation of economic rate of return (ERR) analysis, beneficiary analysis and impact evaluation data for internal use as well as web posting. The PSC is expected to possess a background in economics and an understanding of benefit-cost analysis and survey analysis. The PSC will work in collaboration with MCC economists and technical specialists under the direction of MCC's Chief Economist. The PSC also will work as a member of the PIR team in cooperation with other MCC staff.

Duties will include (but are not limited to):

- Contribute to beneficiary analysis by using Stata to analyze national household surveys and assess the likely poverty and distributional impacts of proposed projects
- Assist in preparation of Economic Rate of Return (ERR) spreadsheets for web posting and other public dissemination channels, including reviewing spreadsheets, converting to standardized format, and assisting in sensitivity analysis
- Depending on the Division's needs, assist in preparing beneficiary analysis or impact evaluation data and documentation for web posting
- Help 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 programming capabilities
- Knowledge of Stata, particularly survey analysis tools
- Excellent written and oral communication skills, including document editing and layout design

The initial period of performance for this full time PSC contract is four months / 700 hours. Two four-month option periods will also be included. This position is limited to U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents with 5 years residency history due to the security background clearance required.

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) brief salary history and fully loaded hourly salary rate requirement including fringe benefits. Full time PSCs at MCC are eligible for 10 paid holidays per year, plus annual leave and sick leave, but are not eligible for government paid health insurance, life insurance, or retirement contribution. Please include “Economic Analysis & Evaluation - PSC” in the subject line of your email. First cut off for applications is May 22, 2009, however the announcement is open continuously until the position is filled.