



July 23, 2018

David Alt
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Catholic Relief Services
228 West Lexington Street
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Re: Bid Appeal – Request for Proposal, Procurement of Agriculture Support Services, RFP Ref. No: MS/FB/2-17/12

Dear Mr. Alt,

I am writing in response to the letter submitted on July 5, 2018, by Catholic Relief Services (“CRS”) regarding its appeal in the above-referenced procurement process. MCC has conducted its review using the Interim Bid Challenge System (“IBCS”) included in the Request for Proposal, “Procurement of Agricultural Support Services Sub-Activities, RFP Ref. No: MS/FB/2-17/12” issued on behalf of the Government of Niger by *Unite De Coordination Des Programmes Du Millennium Challenge* (“UCPMC”), which entity was succeeded by Millennium Challenge Account-Niger (“MCA-Niger”) on October 23, 2017 (the “RFP”).

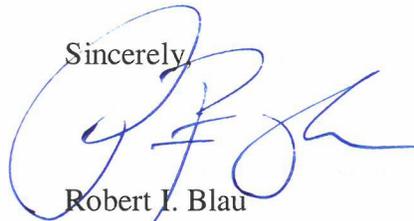
Under the IBCS, a bidder may seek MCC’s review after it has exhausted all remedies with MCA-Niger; MCC’s review is limited to claims that: (a) MCA-Niger failed to entertain its bid challenge; (b) UCPMC/MCA-Niger failed to issue a written decision on the bid challenge within the time specified in this system; or (c) MCA-Niger violated the procedures set out in the solicitation documents.

CRS has not alleged either (a) or (b). In its appeal, CRS alleges (c) -- that MCA-Niger violated the procedures set out in the solicitation documents. CRS asserts that the RFP set limits for the pricing for the overall contract amount, as well as for the amounts for each of Phase 1 and for Phase 2 activities, and that MCA-Niger did not comply with these limits with respect to another bidder’s submission.

MCC carefully assessed the solicitation documents and the conduct of this procurement action. MCC concludes that the current procurement action should be cancelled. MCC will engage with MCA-Niger on this and will discuss a potential new procurement action for similar services.

MCC appreciates CRS's interest in providing services to MCC-funded projects. We sincerely hope that you will participate in other MCC-funded procurement opportunities.

Sincerely,



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cc: Jeanne M. Hauch, Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary