

DRAFT PROCUREMENT PLAN FOR INITIAL 18 MONTHS

Project Name and Number: **Renewable Energy Generation and Access Increase (REGAIN) (P181250)**

Project Implementation Agency: Marshalls Energy Company (MEC) and Kwajalein Atoll Joint Utilities Resources (KAJUR)

Date of the Procurement Plan: April 2024

Period covered by this Procurement Plan: **May 1, 2024 - October 31, 2025**

Preamble

In accordance with paragraph 5.9 of the “World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” date September 2023 (“Procurement Regulations”), the Bank’s Systematic Tracking and Exchanges in Procurement (STEP) system will be used to prepare, clear and update Procurement Plans and conduct all procurement transactions for the Project.

This textual part along with the Procurement Plan tables in STEP constitute the Procurement Plan for the Project. The following conditions apply to all procurement activities in the Procurement Plan. The other elements of the Procurement Plan as required under paragraph 4.4 of the Procurement Regulations are set forth in STEP.

The Bank’s Standard Procurement Documents (SPDs): The Bank’s SPDs shall be used for all contracts subject to international competitive procurement and those contracts as specified in the Procurement Plan tables in STEP. Rated Criteria shall be used for all International Competitive Procurement with exceptions.

1. Open Competitive Procurement: Such arrangements shall be subject to paragraph 5.4 of the Procurement Regulations and the following conditions.

(i) No domestic preference over foreign bidders shall be granted to national bidders in bid evaluation, nor shall foreign bidders be asked or required to form joint ventures with or be subcontractors to national bidders in order to submit a bid.

(ii) The Pacific procurement bidding template documents agreed with the Bank shall be used. The Borrower may use an approved electronic procurement system, acceptable to the Bank, for conducting the procurement process.

2. National Procurement Arrangements Other Than National Open Competitive Procurement:

If the Borrower is approved to use its own national open competitive procurement arrangements as set forth in the Marshall Islands Procurement Code Act 2023, such arrangements shall be subject to paragraph 5.4 of the Procurement Regulations and the following conditions:

1. The procurement is open to all eligible firms from any country.
2. The request for bids/request for proposals document shall require the Bidders/Proposers submitting Bids/Proposals present a signed acceptance at the time of bidding, to be incorporated in any resulting signed contracts, confirming application of, and compliance with, the Bank's Anti-Corruption Guidelines, including without limitation the Bank's right to sanction and the Bank's inspection and audit rights.
3. Publication of contract award information.
4. Rights for the Bank to review procurement documentation and activities; and
5. An effective complaints mechanism.

Leased Assets as specified under paragraph 5.10 of the Procurement Regulations: Not Applicable.

Procurement of Second-Hand Goods as specified under paragraph 5.11 of the Procurement Regulations: Not Applicable.

Domestic Preference as specified under paragraph 5.51 of the Procurement Regulations (**Goods and Works**): Not Applicable.

Hands-on Expanded Implementation Support (HEIS) as specified under paragraphs 3.10 and 3.11 of the Procurement Regulations: Applicable

Other Relevant Procurement Information.

I. Works and Goods and Non-Consultant Services

1.1. Prior Review Threshold: Procurement Clearances subject to Prior Review by the Bank as stated in Annex II of the Procurement Regulations:

Category	Procurement Method Thresholds		Prior Review Thresholds	
	Applicable thresholds (US\$)	Remarks	Applicable thresholds (US\$)	Remarks
Works				
RFP/RFB (International market approach)	≥ 10.0 million	None	≥ 2.0 million	
Request for Quotations	< 2.0 million	None		
Direct Selection	None	No threshold; meet requirements of Procurement regulations 7.13-7.15		
Goods and Non-Consulting Services				
RFP/RFB (International market approach)	≥ 2.0 million	None	≥ 500,000	
Request for Quotation	< 2.0 million	None		
Direct Selection	None	No threshold; meet requirements of Procurement regulations 7.13-7.15		

Notes:

RFB: Request for Bids

RFP: Request for Proposals

1.2. Procurement packages for Works, Goods and Non-Consulting Services with Procurement method and Time Schedule

Contract No.	Contract Descriptions	Estimated Cost (US\$)	Selection Method	Approach to Market	Evaluation Approach	Bank Review (Prior/Post)	Time Schedule			Comments
							Expected Bid-Opening Date	Expected Contract Award Date	Contract Duration (months)	
Component 1: Renewable Energy and Network Upgrade										
<i>Works</i>										
MH-MEC-W-01	Majuro RE Generation: Design, supply and install 3.5MW grid-connected solar PV with 2.5MWh BESS, inverters, controls, SCADA in Majuro; and Ebeye RE Generation: 1MW grid-connected solar PV with 1MWh BESS, inverters, controls, SCADA in Ebeye	17,750,000 <i>(12,250,000 for Majuro and 5,500,000 for Ebeye)</i>	Request for Proposal (Single Stage): Two lots	Open - International	Rated Criteria	Prior	Feb 1, 2025	Sep 1, 2025 (Bids open on April 15, Eval finish on July 15, 2025)	36	
MH-MEC-W-02	Majuro network upgrade: Design, supply and install: (i) upgrade of feeders; and (ii) upgrade of pad-mounted transformers in Majuro; and Ebeye network upgrade: Design, supervise, supply and install: (i) rehabilitation of	9,146,000 <i>(4,896,000 for Majuro and 4,250,000 for Ebeye)</i>	Request for Proposal (Single Stage): Two lots	Open - International	Rated Criteria	Prior	Mar 1, 2025	Oct 1, 2025	24	

	4 miles (6.4km) overhead line; and (ii) upgrade of pad-mounted transformers in Ebeye.									
MH-MEC-W-03	Majuro: funding for completion of construction of PS1 Building and commissioning of diesel generators funded under SEDeP.	1,500,000	Direct Selection	DS		Prior	Sep 1, 2024	Feb 1, 2025	12	
<i>Goods</i>										
MH-MEC-G-01	Majuro and Ebeye: Supply of emergency service vehicles (bucket trucks, crane trucks, excavators, cable reel trailers, mobile test rigs, and inspection & service vehicles)	2,730,000 (1,480,000 for Majuro and 1,250,000 for Ebeye)	RFB	Open - International	Rated Criteria	Prior	Sep 1, 2024	Feb 1, 2025	12	
	TOTAL	30,926,000								
Component 2: Improved Access to Electricity in Outer Islands										
<i>Works</i>										
MH-MEC-W-04	Design, supply and construction of (i) micro-grids in Arno Island and Ine island; and (ii) hybrid system with diesel generation and rehabilitation of the distribution in	16,520,000	Request for Proposal (Single Stage): Two Lots	Open - International	Rated Criteria	Prior	Sep 2024	Mar 2025	24	

	Rongrong island, Jaluit island and Wotje island									
Component 3 - Institutional Strengthening and Implementation Support										
<i>Goods</i>										
MH- MEC-G- 02	Office equipment	40,000	RFQ	Open - Internation al		Post	Sep 2024	Mar 2025	3	

II. Selection of Consultants

2.1 Prior Review Threshold: Procurement Clearances to Prior Review by Bank as stated in Annex II of the Procurement Regulations:

Category	Procurement Method Thresholds		Prior Review Thresholds	
	Applicable thresholds (US\$)	Remarks	Applicable thresholds (US\$)	Remarks
QCBS, QBS, FBS, LCS (Using the most appropriate market approach)		Methods for consulting services are specified in paragraph 7.3 to 7.12, Section VII of the Procurement Regulations.	≥ 500,000	
CQS (Open or limited competition through national or international market approach, specified in the PP and agreed with the Bank.			≥ 500,000	
Direct Selection of firms	None	No threshold; meet requirements of regulations 7.13-7.15	Same as for competitive selection	
Individual Consultants		Essential individual assignments will be defined in the Procurement Plan agreed with the Bank and in line with regulations 7.34-7.39 using the most appropriate market approach	≥ 0.3 million and for the positions as specified in the PP agreed with the Bank	Risk-based approach

Notes:

QCBS: Quality and Cost Based Selection,

QBS: Quality Based Selection,

FBS: Fixed Budget Based Selection,

LCS: Least Cost Based Selection,

CQS: Consultant's Qualifications Based Selection

2.2 Consultancy Assignments with Selection Methods and Time Schedule:

Contract No.	Contract Descriptions	Estimated Cost (US\$)	Selection Method	Approach to Market	Evaluation Approach	Bank Review (Prior/Post)	Time Schedule			Comments
							Expected Bid-Opening Date	Expected Contract Award Date	Contract Duration (months)	
Component 1: Renewable Energy and Network Upgrade										
<i>Consultant Services</i>										
MH-MEC-CS-01	Engineering services for feasibility studies, preliminary designs, bidding document preparation, contractor selection assistance, and supervision for solar PV in both Majuro and Ebeye (Owner's Engineer)	1,000,000	QCBS	Open - International		Prior	October 2024	Feb 2025	48	
Component 2: Improved Access to Electricity in Outer Islands										
<i>Consultant Services</i>										
MH-MEC-CS-02	Engineering services for detailed studies, preliminary designs, bidding document preparation, assistance in contractor selection, and supervision for (i) Hybrid Mini Grids in Arno and Ine Islands; (ii) Hybridization of diesel power plants in Jaluit, Wotje, and Rongrong ;	350,000	Direct Selection (CDS)			Prior	July 2024	September 2024	36	

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	and (iii) Hybridization of Kili Island diesel power plants (Owner's Engineer)									
MH-MEC-CS-03	Engineering services for supervision for (i) Hybrid Mini Grids in Arno and Ine Islands; (ii) Hybridization of diesel power plants in Jaluit, Wotje, and Rongrong; and (iii) Hybridization of Kili Island diesel power plants (Owner's Engineer)	500,000	QCBS	Open - International		Prior	October 2024			
Component 3: Institutional Strengthening and Implementation Support										
<i>Consultant Services</i>										
Sub-component 3.1 Sector Development Assistance										
MH-MEC-CS-03	Consultant service to develop RE database and publish the reports.	350,000	CQS	Open - International		Prior	Oct 2024	Jul 2025	18	
Sub-component 3.2: MEC & KAJUR Capacity Building										
MH-MEC-CS-04	Solar PV engineer (2 years - come in after goods are supplied)	200,000	IC	Open - International		Post	Jan 2026	Mar 2026	24	
MH-MEC-CS-05	Electrical Engineer (distribution network - 2 years)	180,000	IC	Open - International		Post	Jan 2026	Mar 2026	24	
Sub-component 3.3: Project Implementation Support										
MH-MEC-CS-06	International Project Manager (full time to start and then part time)	700,000	IC	Open - International		Prior	Aug 2024	Oct 2024	72	

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MH- MEC- CS-08	Deputy Project Manager (Local)	300,000	IC	Open - National		Post	Aug 2024	Oct 2024	72	
MH- MEC- CS-09	Project Implementation Officer (Local)	210,000	IC	Open - National		Post	Aug 2024	Oct 2024	72	
MH- MEC- CS-10	Procurement Officer (Local)	210,000	IC	Open - National		Post	Aug 2024	Oct 2024	72	
MH- MEC- CS-11	Environmental & Social Safeguard Officer (local)	210,000	IC	Open - National		Post	Aug 2024	Oct 2024	72	
MH- MEC- CS-12	Project Accountant (Local)	210,000	IC	Open - National		Post	Aug 2024	Oct 2024	72	

