



Millennium Challenge Corporation

Reducing Poverty Through Growth

CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION TRANSMITTAL SHEET

We wish to inform of the intent to provide funding of up to \$227,000 for the purpose of facilitating the development of a Millennium Challenge Compact with the Republic of Ghana and, if a Compact is concluded, the implementation of such Compact.

The attached notification is being sent to the Congress on May 26, 2005. Allocation and obligation of funds may be incurred on or after fifteen days from the date of this notification. The obligation of funds will be made at the time the applicable agreement is effective.

Sincerely,

Frances C. McNaught
Vice President
Domestic Relations

Enclosure:
As stated

**MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION
CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION**

May 26, 2005

PROGRAM:	FY 2004 and FY 2005 Eligible Countries
APPROPRIATIONS CATEGORY:	FY 2004 Program Funds
INTENDED FY 2005 OBLIGATION:	\$227,000

In accordance with section 515 of the Foreign Operation, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act 2004 (Div. D, P.L. 108-199) (“FOAA”), this is to advise that the Millennium Challenge Corporation (“MCC”) intends to obligate up to Two Hundred Twenty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$227,000) in FY 2004 MCC program funds. Pursuant to Section 609(g) of the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003 (the “Act”), MCC plans to fund activities to facilitate the development and, subject to appropriate approvals and notifications, the acceleration of implementation of a Millennium Challenge Compact with the Government of Ghana (GoG). These funds will be used to support technical assistance to refine the proposed large scale irrigation development activities. Specifically, these funds are intended to:

- Develop preliminary designs for water capture and supply from Volta Lake, including pumping stations, power supply, transmission lines and a control station;
- Develop specification of engineering standards for (i) the long transmission lines to target agricultural production and (ii) the distribution system (*e.g.* drip irrigation or other) for each target area; and
- Promote and support certain regulatory compliance activities, such as permitting for water abstraction, intake specifications, and an initial assessment of impact on ecosystems.

MCC and the GoG have worked together to agree on proposed program goals, objectives and key indicators at the Compact goal, Program and Project levels. Among the projects for which funding is being sought under Ghana’s proposed MCA program are large scale irrigation systems that would allow for year round agricultural production in three regions. Unfortunately, the technical expertise required to design and develop large scale irrigation facilities does not exist within the private or public sector in Ghana. The Irrigation Development Authority of Ghana (IDA) is capable of designing irrigation systems; however, their expertise is limited to small scale irrigation systems.

Due to its lack of expertise in large-scale irrigation, the GoG has requested MCC to procure and administer the technical assistance. The assistance is required for a period of 4 months and will include Compact-development and other preparatory activities, including engineering work, to be performed prior to conclusion of a Compact.

The 609(g) funded activities are beneficial to Ghana independent of the ultimate decision to approve a Compact because they will help build sustainable local capacity to design and maintain large-scale irrigation facilities.