

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST **CONSULTING SERVICES**

Selection # as assigned by e-Tool: SU-T1146-P004 Consultancy to design a centralized geospatial data and information management hub for ROM and NMA within the scope of operation SU-L1067.

Selection Method: Simplified Competitive Selection

Country: Suriname

Sector: Housing and Urban Development

Funding – TC #: SU-T1146

Project #: ATN/AC-19447-SU, ATN/OC-19009-SU

TC name: Spatial Planning Assessment and Development Support for Suriname

Description of Services:

This consultancy aims at designing the institutional and functional design of the Geospatial Intelligence Hub as a centralized geospatial information management entity within the Ministry of Spatial Planning and Environment (ROM in its Dutch acronym) and the National Environmental Agency (NMA in its Dutch acronym). This consultancy would be part of the preparation and implementation of the activities foreseen in the operation of SU-L1067.

Link to TC document: <https://www.iadb.org/en/project/SU-T1146>

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) is executing the above-mentioned operation. For this operation, the IDB intends to contract consulting services described in this Request for Expressions of Interest.

Expressions of interest must be delivered using the IDB Portal for Bank Executed Operations (<http://beo-procurement.iadb.org/home>) by: March 31st, 5:00 P.M. (Washington D.C. Time).

To access the IDB Portal, the firms must generate a registration account, including all the data requested by the Portal. In the event that any of the information requested is not included, the firm will not be able to participate in this or any other Bank-executed selection process for operational work. If the firm has been previously registered, please validate that you have all the firm's information updated and complete before submitting an expression of interest.

The Geospatial Intelligence Hub concept:

The Geospatial Intelligence Hub is expected to collect, integrate, analyze, and disseminate geospatial data as web services, and information products such as maps and web applications to support decision-making and strategic planning. Geospatial intelligence hubs manage, share, and leverage a wide variety of data themes, including but not limited to satellite imagery, aerial photography, topographic maps, cadastral maps, census data, within a geospatial information system (GIS) to provide maps, insights, and analytics to address development and conservation issues. The intelligence and insights produced by the hub can be used to inform a range of activities, including disaster response, environmental management, infrastructure planning, national security, and resource management. The Hub may also provide the framework to collaborate with other national and international organizations, government agencies, public and private companies to share data geospatial information and achieve mutual goals. The Suriname hub should have at least the following functions:

1. **Mapping and Surveying:** Be the authoritative source for accurate and up-to-date maps and geographic information for the ROM, NMA, other government agencies and businesses (like extractive companies).

2. **Geodata Management:** Define the methodology and standards for collecting, storing, maintaining, and sharing geospatial data and services, such as land use, topography, and demographics, to support decision-making and planning.
3. **Technical Support and Training:** Provide technical support and training to government agencies, businesses, and individuals to effectively use geospatial technology and data.
4. **Data Analytics & Remote Sensing:** Provide analytic support and develop tools to build internal capacity and accelerate data-driven decision-making to support key initiatives like climate resiliency planning, sustainable economic development, and community development.
5. **Whole-of-Government Collaboration:** Nurture and incentivize sharing and collaboration between public entities: offering a user-friendly platform for sharing data and information and promoting knowledge exchange and collaboration between different public stakeholders.
6. **Repository for public service entities: Curated** Geospatial Data and Information should be made available for the public.

The Hub will be established according to an incremental development path, using proven geospatial standards, specifications, and technology. A so-called *Fit for Purpose* approach should be followed. The Hub should be designed to be sustainable, scalable, affordable, and maintainable and follow FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable) data principles.

Eligible consulting firms will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: [Policy for the Selection and Contracting of Consulting firms for Bank-executed Operational Work](#) - GN-2765-4. All eligible consulting firms, as defined in the Policy may express an interest. If the Consulting Firm is presented in a Consortium, it will designate one of them as a representative, and the latter will be responsible for the communications, the registration in the portal and for submitting the corresponding documents.

The IDB now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the services described above in the draft summary of the intended Terms of Reference for the assignment. Interested consulting firms must provide information establishing that they are qualified to perform the Services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Eligible consulting firms may associate in a form of a Joint Venture or a sub-consultancy agreement to enhance their qualifications. Such an association or Joint Venture shall appoint one of the firms as the representative.

Interested eligible consulting firms may obtain further information during office hours, 09:00 AM to 05:00 PM, (Washington D.C. Time) by sending an email to: Tatiana Kopelman tatianak@iadb.org or Francine Vaurof francinec@iadb.org

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