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GUYANA
EXPANDING BIOENERGY OPPORTUNITIES IN GUYANA
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CONSULTING SERVICES
TC No. GY-T1041 & GY-T1061

Expressions of interest (EOI)

Deadline: 14 September 2009

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The Ministry of Agriculture of Guyana (MoA), with funds from Japanese Special Fund of the Inter-American Development Bank, will procure consulting services to benefit the Government of Guyana (GoG), with the objective of supporting the preparation of the project Expanding Bioenergy Opportunities in Guyana that will assess the bioenergy potential, provide recommendation in policy and regulation for bioenergy and support the development of the investment environment for bioenergy projects.

The consulting services are requested for components I, II, III and IV of this technical cooperation (TC) and will entail:

*Component I: (i) Support a standard methodology for bioenergy project screening and evaluation; (ii) Determine the requirements to upgrade technical, operative, and managerial skills in relation to bioenergy production (biofuels and cogeneration) in Guyana; and (iii) prepare a preliminary assessment of the identified project developers interested in investing in bioenergy projects in Guyana.

*Component 2: Design of a Financial Vehicle or Instrument to Develop Viable Investment Opportunities and Pilot Implement of a Strategy to promote Guyana's Potential for Bioenergy Production.

*Component 3: Capacity building and the transfer of technology: (i) Design training courses to build capacity and technical expertise to enhance technical, operative, and managerial skills; and (ii) provide bioenergy theoretical and practical courses to train the trainers.

*Component 4: Provide institutional strengthening and support for the preparation and execution of the Agro-energy Policy of Guyana (APG). The APG is a document that is being prepared by several entities of the GoG, however, there are several issues concerning the production chain of biofuels, such as: (i) alternatives for land use without promoting deforestation or competition with other crops suitable for human or animal food; (ii) efficient use of by-products; (iii) transportation and logistics; (iv) carbon finance, use of low carbon technologies and quantification of carbon emissions; (v)

control quality standards and labs; (vi) social and environmental impacts among others; (vii) tax and tributary incentives and as well as other forms of promoting bioenergy projects. Additional information can be found on the IDB country website (www.idb.org).

The MoA invites consulting firms to submit expressions of interest (EOI) to provide the services for Components I, II, III and IV. Eligible consulting firms must have proven general experience and specific expertise in similar consultancies with the object indicated in this notice. As a result of the EOIs evaluation the MoA will short list six consulting firms or affiliations, to whom, tentatively on October 2009, the MoA will invite to present technical and economic proposals, using the quality and cost-based selection (QCBS) method. The contract will be signed directly with the MoA.

Interested consulting firms must submit information establishing that they are qualified to perform the services (description of similar assignments, experience) in similar conditions (country, continents, regulation, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.).

Consulting firms must send their EOIs with no more than 15 pages written in English language and including: (i) legal name of the consulting firm, (ii) legal representative properly authorized to sign the declaration for and on behalf of the firm, (iii) address, (iv) telephone number and fax, (v) e-mail address of contact person and website, (vi) information about the consulting firm's organization and its principal areas of expertise and activities, (vii) description of specific experiences in bioenergy and biofuels, specially in Caribbean and Latin American countries, within the last ten years, (viii) proven aptitude to develop, design and structure regulatory frameworks and institutional strengthening programs in relation to bioenergy including biofuels, (ix) proven aptitude to develop bioenergy resource assessments as well greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction assessment, and (x) proven aptitude to conduct biofuel assessment, including: soil, type of crop and water assessment; identification of potential for biofuel production; blending mandates assessment for ethanol and biodiesel; environmental, infrastructure fiscal impact assessment as well as GHG emission reduction assessment. The information requested in (vi), (vii), (viii), (ix) and (x), will be provided accordingly with the component/s the firm is expressing interest on, and should include as a minimum: a description of the activities, the degree or percent of participation in the project, the execution period and dates, the level of responsibility held by the company in each project (technical, supervision or administrative responsibility), the country and region with the location of the project. The curricula vitae of potential personnel involved in the studies are not required at this stage.

Consulting firms may associate to enhance their qualifications with Guyanese, Caribbean firms, international consulting firms or research centers. Experience in Guyana, the Caribbean and/or Latin America will be preferable. It is strongly suggested to include local participation in the project teams, whenever possible, to facilitate transfer of knowledge. Working language of the consultancy will be English, and reports will therefore be presented in that language.

A consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: <I>[Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank](#)</I> (current edition). The method of selection will be under QCBS.

Interested consulting firms may address any questions related to the consultancy in electronic form to the Director, Agriculture Sector Development Unit –ASDU [mailto:](#)at his email address indicated below, by close of business (COB) 7 September 2009.

EOIs must be submitted to the address below (two hard copies, one original and two copies), by COB 14 September 2009. The electronic version of the EOI (in PDF format and not exceeding 2 MB) is acceptable only as a precursor of the printed version. Electronic version of the EOI can be sent to the email address below.

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