

SURINAME**SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF HEALTH SECTOR REFORM****Sector: Salud****IMPROVE QUALITY, EFFECTIVENESS, EFFICIENCY AND EQUITY OF THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM****Loan No. 1537/OC-SU****General Procurement Notice**

The Government of Suriname has received a loan in the amount of US\$ 5 million equivalent from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) toward the cost of the Support for Implementation of Health Sector Reform, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for consulting services to be procured under this project. This project will be jointly financed by the Government of Suriname. The Project Executing Unit (PEU) intends to apply the loan proceeds to eligible payment of consulting services to be procured under this project.

The program is organized into two components. Component 1: Improve quality of the preventive and primary health care system. This component is aimed at improving the quality and effectiveness of primary health care. Component 2: Improve efficiency and equity of the health system. The overall goals of this component are: (a) reduce administrative costs and improve the accountability, cost-effectiveness and quality of health services financed through SZF and MSA; (b) improve the policymaking capacity of MOH; and (c) improve equity in the healthcare system through a new mechanism of targeting health subsidies to the poor.

Specific procurement notices for prequalification to bid under the IDB's international competitive bidding (ICB) procedures and contracts for consultancy services will be announced, as they become available. It is intended that the "invitation for prequalification for procurement of consulting services for an administrative and management information system for state health insurance foundation" be published in Development Business on 16 August 2004 and that the "invitation for prequalification for procurement of consulting services for a beneficiary and payment information system for the ministry of social affairs and housing" be published on 31 August 2004.

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