

**Country: Suriname**

**Project: SUPPORT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF HEALTH SECTOR REFORM**

**Sector: Health**

**Subject: Invitation for Prequalification**

**Abstract: Procurement of Consulting Services for an Administrative and Management Information System**

**Loan Contract No. 1537/OC-SU**

This invitation for prequalification follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in the UN Development Business No. 636 of 16 August 16, 2004.

The Government of Suriname has received a \$US 5 million loan from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) toward the cost of Implementation of the Health Sector Reform Program. This program will be jointly financed along with a contribution of \$US 700,000 by the Government of Suriname. The eligibility rules and procedures for procurement of consulting firms as stated in the Loan Contract will govern the prequalification process. The project is executed by the Project Executing Unit (PEU) of the Ministry of Health.

The PEU invites qualified firms from IDB eligible member countries to pre-qualify for the implementation of an Administrative and Management Information System in the State Health Insurance Foundation (SZF). SZF runs a conventional social insurance system for approximately 110,000 insured. It is expected that the number of persons who are presently insured will increase by over 200 per cent in the short to medium term. To support its health insurance operations, SZF needs an integrated solution capable of providing the required functionality. The solution must be an enterprise solution comprised of subsystems such as:

- an integrated health insurance system (enrolment, registration, renewals, policy planning and administration, claims processing, medical records, contract management, document management, trust management, customer relation management, and a pharmacy system);
- a financial management system that includes an inventory management system, general ledger, treasury, payable and receivable accounts;
- an employee administration system; and
- maintenance management

Firms and consortiums interested in prequalification may obtain further information from the PEU and inspect the prequalification documents at the address below, from Monday to Friday, between 0900 and 1200 hours, or at the Health Sector Reform and SZF web sites indicated below.

The purchase of the Prequalification Documents is a necessary precondition to participate in the prequalification process. The Prequalification Documents, in English, can be purchased by interested applicants on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of \$US 100. The method of payment for local applicants will be in cash or a direct deposit to account number 50.53.757 at the DSB Bank Paramaribo and for overseas applicants swift SURBSRPA account number 50.53.757 DSB Bank Paramaribo. The documents will be sent by special courier for local addresses, and by international courier services for overseas delivery.

Prequalification forms must be submitted in English, enclosed in a sealed envelope clearly marked on the top right hand corner "Application to Prequalify for the Administrative and Management Information System for SZF" at the address indicated below by 1200 hours (Surinamese time) on Thursday, 30 September 2004. Late applications shall not be considered.

No liability will be accepted for loss or late delivery. Applications will be opened, in the presence of the applicants' representatives who choose to attend, at the address, date, and time indicated in the Prequalification Documents.

In the comparison of applications, only and all those factors, methods, and criteria specified in Section III of the Prequalification Documents, Evaluation Criteria, will be used, in accordance with the provisions stipulated in the Instructions to Applicants of the Prequalification Documents.

The PEU will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by applicants in connection with the preparation or delivery of applications.

Applicants will be informed in due course of the result of their applications. Only applicants prequalified under this prequalification process will be invited to bid under the International Competitive Bidding for the above mentioned consulting services.

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