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SURINAME
SUPPORT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF HEALTH SECTOR REFORM
Sector: Health
CONSULTING SERVICES
Loan No. 1537/OC-SU

This invitation for prequalification follows the general procurement notice for this Project that appeared in *UN Development Business* No. 636 of 16 August 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 Health Sector Reform Program. This Program will be jointly financed along with a contribution of US\$ 0.7 million 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 Executing Unit (PEU) of the Ministry of Health executes the project.

PEU invites qualified firms from IDB eligible member countries to prequalify for the implementation of a Beneficiary Information and Payment System (BIPS) of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Housing (MSA). MSA is in charge of the welfare policy of the country and the provision to welfare services to households, mostly poor and near poor. The BIPS shall be the main information source for regular administration, monitoring and evaluation of the provision of welfare services. It shall also provide data to monitor Suriname's welfare policy. The most important product of the BIPS shall be a centralized, reliable and continuously updated database of the individuals that apply for social services to the MSA its agencies and related institutions. The BIPS shall have the following characteristics: (a) centralized database; (b) panel dataset; (c) information to support the targeting, payment and evaluation processes; and (d) software flexibility.

Firms and consortiums interested in this prequalification may obtain further information from the PEU and inspect the prequalification documents at the address below, Monday to Friday, from 0900 to 1200 hours, or at the Health Sector Reform Web site.

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 cash or a direct deposit to account No. 50.53.757 at the DSB Bank Paramaribo and for overseas applicants swift SURBSRPA account No. 50.53.757 DSB Bank Paramaribo. The document 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 Beneficiary Information and Payment System for MSA" at the address indicated below at or before 1200 hours

(Surinamese time) Friday, 15 October 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.

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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