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**Country: HAITI**

**Project: ASSESSMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES**

**Sector: Consulting**

**Abstract: CONSULTING SERVICES**

**Project ID No. ATN/SF-9896-HA**

**Request for Expressions of Interest**

\*Deadline: 14 days subsequent to publication

The Ministry of Finance has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) toward the cost of the project Assessment of Early Childhood Services. In a letter dated 28 of May 2006, the Ministry requested that the IDB assist them in carrying out the contracting of a consulting firm with the funds from the project.

The objective of the project is to systematically examine the supply, demand and quality of early childhood programs in Haiti, and to provide lessons learned that explicitly focus on issues of quality in service provision. The results of the study will serve as a direct input in the design of a new program for Integrated Childhood Services (HA-L1015).

To achieve this overall objective, the TC has the following specific objectives: (i) map the provision of and demand for early childhood development services, including both pre-school education and comprehensive early childhood care; (ii) examine the different types of services provided in terms of quality and cost, and the ability of poor parents to pay for these services; (iii) develop a set of lessons learned; (iv) evaluate the coordination and quality control of the sector, including the capacity of the Ministry of Social Affairs (MAS) and Ministry of National Education and Professional Training (MENFP) to fulfill their respective mandates; and (v) provide recommendations for the development of HA-L1015.

The products of the consultancy will include: (i) a document outlining the design of the mapping exercise, using stratified sampling to select two to three communities from each of the four community types of the poverty map, over-sampling within the fourth community type (poorest); (ii) a detailed study of early stimulation and pre-school services and demand in the sample communities; and (iii) an institutional assessment of MAS and MENFP with recommendations for the preparation of HA-L1015.

The execution period of this project is six months, effective at the time of signature of the contract. The services will be rendered mainly in Haiti (although some initial work, analysis, and report writing can be carried out outside of Haiti), and will involve extensive field-work.

The IDB now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants 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.). Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.

The selection procedure will be Quality Based Selection (QBS) and the total sum of the contract is US\$ 140,000. Expressions of interest will be evaluated and results used to prepare a shortlist of no more than six firms which will be invited to present their proposals.

A consultancy firm will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the IDB: [\*Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank\*](#), current edition.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the contact information below from 0900 to 1800 hours.

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