

BELIZE

PROJECT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL RESPONSE TO HIV/AIDS IN BELIZE

Sector: Health and Social Programmes

Abstract: CONSULTING SERVICES

Project ID No. BL-T1003

Request for Expressions of Interest

*Deadline: 14 DAYS SUBSEQUENT TO PUBLICATION

The Ministry of National Development has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) toward the cost of the Project Strengthening the National Response to HIV/AIDS in Belize. In a letter dated 7 March 2006, the Ministry requested that the IDB assist them in by carrying out the contracting of a consulting firm to undertake this project.

The objective of the project is to assist the Government of Belize through the National AIDS Commission (NAC) and its partners to strengthen their capacity to prevent and combat HIV&AIDS by supporting the development of institutional roles and responsibilities within those agencies that contribute to the national response to HIV/AIDS in Belize. In particular the consultants will (i) undertake an institutional analysis and provide a set of recommendations for institutional strengthening of the NAC; (ii) implement an institutional strengthening project directly with the NAC and its partners.

The products of the consultancy will include an institutional organizational assessment with recommendations for institutional strengthening. It will include mapping roles and responsibilities of the NAC, as well as those of the donor community, assessing implementation capacities and political issues, and making recommendations for institutional strengthening to implement the NAC Action Plan, improve donor harmonization and support, and improve monitoring and evaluation systems. The recommendations will be discussed and agreed with the NAC at a workshop to be held in Belize. This will be followed by technical support to the NAC (and situated within the NAC in Belize) to implement agreed recommendations for institutional strengthening.

The execution period of this project is 20 months, effective at the time of signature of the contract. The services will be rendered mainly in Belize (although some initial work, analysis, and report writing can be carried out outside of Belize), and will involve extensive work in Belize with the NAC.

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\$ 104,400. Expressions of interest will be evaluated and results used to prepare a short-list of no more than six firms that will be invited to present their proposals.

A consultancy firm will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: [*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 address below from 0900 to 1800 hours.

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