

REGIONAL – LATIN AMERICA: WIDER CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES
ASSESSMENT OF WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT IN THE WIDER CARIBBEAN
Consulting Services
CONSULTING SERVICES
TC NO.: RG-T1529
Request for Expressions of Interest
Deadline: MARCH 19, 2008

Sector: WATER AND SANITATION

Estimated Budget: US\$150,000

Funds: IDB- NETHERLANDS WATER PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) with financing from the IDB-Netherlands Water Partnership Program intends to contract consulting services for the Assessment of Wastewater Management in the Wider Caribbean. The Assessment of Wastewater Management is intended to support the joint work of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the IDB in establishing a fund, with financing from the GEF, for wastewater management in the Wider Caribbean.

The services include:

- Identification of financial, legal and institutional constraints and challenges in the implementation of sustainable wastewater management in the Wider Caribbean.
 - Development of lines of action to address those constraints /challenges, and specifically propose solutions that would build upon existing tools such as IDB's and other donors' financial instruments and initiatives.
 - Design a Fund to finance wastewater management projects in the Caribbean Basin. The consultancy should provide recommendations on the structure, organization and operation of the Fund in order to maximize the impact of this instrument on wastewater management in the Caribbean. The consultant will also contribute to regional coordination activities to promote buy-in among Caribbean countries.
 - The solutions proposed should be sufficiently developed to allow for the preparation of a Project Identification Form (PIF) as required by the Global Environmental Facility (GEF), including the project framework with objective, outcomes and outputs linked to components, expected global environmental benefits to be delivered, incremental reasoning for GEF involvement, consistency with national/regional priorities and GEF strategies, and expected cost effectiveness. Additionally, the Consultant will present an action plan for the implementation of the Fund, detailing the activities and consultancies required. The Consultant will prepare the terms of reference for those consultancies and present an estimated budget for the action plan.
- The study will be based on information gathered through consultation workshops, field interviews and secondary sources, (including a Wastewater Needs Assessment that UNEP is currently carrying out). The consultants shall be responsible for workshop preparation and development.
- To achieve its objectives, the study should follow a segmented approach, grouping countries of similar characteristics for the evaluation of the proposed solutions, thus permitting to structure a fund that would inasmuch as possible, comply with its mandates in all the beneficiary countries. The proposals shall always be based on sound institutional, economical, financial, environmental and social viability.
- The work is expected to be carried out by a consulting firm or association. The consultants comprising the team shall be international experts. The contract is a Lump Sum Contract¹.

¹ As defined in paragraph 4.1. of the Bank's Policy for Selection and Contracting of Consultants Financed by the Inter-American Development Bank.

The expected duration of the consultancy is 4 months, and shall be completed by end of July 2008. The consultants will carry out the majority of the work in their offices, travels to Washington DC and representative countries are envisaged.

The core team for this project should consist of a minimum of three (3) consultants: a) a project team leader with extensive experience in the water and sanitation sector in the Wider Caribbean Region; b) a financial expert with extensive experience in structuring financing for public services infrastructure and; c) an economist with experience in the water and sanitation sector and preferably in coastal zone management. The consultants have the option of proposing additional team members, within the limits of the available budget, if they consider these appropriate for the satisfactory completion of the required work.

All consultants comprising the team must have a post-graduate level degree (Masters or PhD), with a minimum of 10 years professional experience in their field and demonstrated experience in the type of practice-oriented analytical work required for the present assessment. Fluency in English and Spanish is a pre-requisite for each team member. In addition, previous experience with the Bank's operational norms and processes and knowledge and experience with UNEP projects and activities, and the GEF International Water focal area are highly desirable.

The Inter-American Development Bank now invites eligible consultants 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.

Consultants 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) and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the policies.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours: 9:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m.

Expressions of interest must be delivered via e-mail at the addresses indicated below by 5:00 p.m. on March 19, 2008.

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