

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES)

El Salvador

FLOOD RISK PREVENTION THROUGH IMPROVED FOREST VOCATION LAND
MANAGEMENT IN EL SALVADOR.

Sector: Disaster Prevention, Forestry, Rural Development

CONSULTING SERVICES: Flood risk prevention through improved forest vocation land
management in El Salvador.

TC No.: ES-T1116. TC Fund: Swedish Trust Fund for Consulting Services and Training
Activities.

Project ID No.

The Inter-American Development Bank has received financing from the Swedish Trust
Fund for Consulting Services and Training Activities the cost of the technical cooperation
operation ES-T1116 – Flood risk prevention through improved forest vocation land
management in El Salvador, and intends to apply the proceeds for the hiring of a **Sweden**
consulting firm or a consortium led by a **Sweden** firm for the total amount of
US\$150,000.00.

The consulting services firm to be selected by the present bidding process will undertake leading
to the objective of contributing to prevent or mitigate disaster risks associated with frequent
floods caused by normal rainfall. The TC will support the improvement of land cover in critical
areas of forest vocation lands (FVL, see <http://www.stcp.com.br/bid/> for a similar application of
the methodology) with no protective forest cover or other sustainable land use. The operation
will finance a pilot proof for: the identification of FVL in a selected flood prone watershed; the
establishment of base lines and timely FVL cover and flood monitoring systems; the
identification of critical forest vocation lands without forest cover and under risk of erosion and
runoff; adjustments of regulations and institutional arrangements to implement FVL based forest
policy. The tools development and implementation demonstration will provide inputs for the
design of projects to extend the application of the policy framework to other watersheds and parts
of the country, as well as other interested nations. A project will be prepared to finance the
implementation of the policy to other parts of the country. The operation will also promote, train
trainers, and disseminate the instruments developed through the Internet. The TC will finance
the hiring of a consulting firm that has to count with the following professionals: **forest
planner or economist** (to coordinate the team); **agriculture economist** with experience
in economic and financial analysis of agriculture and forest projects as well as fiscal
analysis; **natural resources remote sensing** specialist with experience in forest cover
and land use monitoring and GIS applications; **soil and topography mapping** specialist
with experience in remote sensing and GIS applications; **flood risk management
specialist** with experience in flood monitoring systems, **lawyer** with experience in forest
and land use legislation; **institutional development** specialist capable of designing
organizational, and procedural protocols review and adjustments; and a professional
website designer. Contracted services are expected to start during the third quarter of
2008 and last for 12 months.

The Inter-American Development Bank now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Eligible consulting services firms interested in this opportunity 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.). The technical cooperation funding is partially tied to the use of Swedish consulting services. Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.

A consultant 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 during office hours 09:00 to 17:00 hours.

Expressions of interest (in electronic and physical formats) must be delivered to the address below by 17:00 hours of July 21st, 2008.

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Environment, Rural Development, and Natural Disaster Division – Infrastructure and Environment Sector

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