

Country: PARAGUAY

Project: MOBILIZING BANKING SYSTEM TO FINANCE FOREST-BASED BUSINESSES

Consulting Services

NATURAL FORESTS MANAGEMENT AND PLANTATIONS PROJECTS

Loan No. ATN/FG-11090-PR; Project No. PR-T1077

Expressions of Interest

Deadline: 31 July 2008

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) intends to apply part of the proceeds of the loan above to payments under the project Mobilizing Banking System to Finance Forest-based Businesses for hiring a consulting firm to undertake tasks that will lead to increase financing from commercial banks to sustainable forest businesses, particularly to natural forests management and plantations projects. Specifically, the study aims at identifying best practices, and designing and proofing instruments that can be used to create appropriate conditions for sustainable forest projects lending as related to: (i) governance framework to facilitate debt financing, (ii) quantity and quality (including risk management) of forest projects developed by landowners and other investors, and (iii) second and first tier banking (and other financial intermediaries) instruments proper for forest investments requirements. Investment project or component design tools for IDB financing will be prepared and applied to implement the instruments developed in Paraguay as an example that the government of that country may choose to adopt in the future with eventual IDB support.

The IDB now invites eligible consultants to express their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants must submit 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 IDB's *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 (0900 to 1700, US Eastern Time). Expressions of interest must be delivered via e-Sourcing application at <https://enet.iadb.org/BidderWeb/signOn.aspx> by 31 July 2008, 1800 hours (US Eastern Time).

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