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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
CONSULTING SERVICES**

INSTITUTION: INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

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SECTOR: NATURAL RESOURCES

ABSTRACT: REDD+ STRATEGY AND SESA FOR GUYANA

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NAME OF SELECTION PROCESS: QUALITY AND COST-BASED SELECTION (QCBS)

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The Government of Guyana/Ministry of Natural Resources has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), toward the cost of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility Project in Guyana- ATN/FP-14161-GY, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services to **develop a REDD+ Strategy and SESA for Guyana**.

The consulting services ("the Services") include:

A. Development of a REDD+ Strategy for Guyana

- a. Identify the direct drivers of deforestation and forest degradation in Guyana through existing studies and analyses carried out in the country over the past 5 years (Interim Monitoring Reports, Forest Reference Emissions Level, others).
- b. Identify the subjacent drivers of deforestation and forest degradation in Guyana by carrying out a forest governance assessment of the country following the "Framework for assessing and monitoring forest governance" developed by PROFOR-FAO (FAO, 2011).
- c. Conduct a retrospective analysis of the effects (in terms of deforestation, degradation and associated GHG emissions) of any regulatory/administrative changes that took place in Guyana over the past 12 years and may have affected the conservation status of the forests.
- d. Identify REDD+ Strategy Alternatives. Each Strategy Alternative shall consist in a geographically explicit model of different combination of candidate activities which will be proposed on the intention of tackling each individual driver (direct and subjacent) of deforestation and forest degradation.

B. Development of the SESA

- a. Develop ESMF as an output of SESA.
- b. Conduct studies on the identified key potential environmental and social impacts of the proposed REDD+ strategy/activities and their legal, policy and institutional implications in an integrated, and inter-disciplinary manner.
- c. Assess the REDD+ strategy options in terms of their social and environmental impacts and provide inputs to the REDD+ Strategy team for the refinement of the Strategy options.
- d. Identify, based on the findings of the analytical studies as well as the inputs of stakeholders, the key environmental, social, legal and policy issues to be considered into the final design of the Guyana REDD+ strategy.

- e. Once the REDD+ strategy is refined and has been consulted with multiple stakeholders, the strategy team will conduct a multi-criteria decision analysis with the decision makers at the central government, obtaining a final version of the REDD+ strategy for which the SESA team will refine a final version of the ESMF.

The work of the Consultants is expected to be conducted over a **24 month period**, commencing in **October 2017**.

The Ministry of Natural Resources now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

Short lists shall comprise six firms with a wide geographic spread, with no more than two firms from any one country.

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* GN-2350-9 and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the policies.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. For the purpose of establishing the short list, the nationality of a firm is that of the country in which it is legally incorporated or constituted and in the case of Joint Venture, the nationality of the firm appointed to represent it.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the *Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank*.

Interested consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant expertise to perform the service. In order to be considered for shortlisting, interested firms having the required and relevant qualifications and experience are invited to submit EOIs with no more than 10 pages, including:

- I. Legal name of the Consulting Firm,
- II. Legal representative properly authorized to sign the declaration on behalf of the Firm,
- III. Address,
- IV. Telephone number and fax,
- V. Email address of contact person and website,
- VI. Information about the consulting firm organization and its principal areas of expertise and activities, description of specific experiences relating to Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+), experience in the development of REDD+ strategies, and REDD+ Strategic Planning, experience in Environmental/ Natural Resources Management Environmental Cost/Benefit Analysis and Monitoring and Evaluation and experience in participatory planning and engagement with a wide spectrum of stakeholders at the regional, national and local levels.

The information requested should include, as a minimum: a description of the activities, the degree or percent of participation in the project, the execution period and dates, the level of responsibility held by the company in each project (technical, supervision or administrative responsibility) and the country and region with the location of the project.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours **8:00 am to 4:30 pm**.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail or by e-mail) by **2:00 pm, June 14, 2017**.

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