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BELIZE

STRENGTHENING THE GOVERNMENT'S CAPACITY TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Consulting Services

HEALTH AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS

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Expressions of Interest

Deadline: 14 days subsequent to publication

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The Ministry of Human Development, through its Anti-Trafficking in Persons Committee, has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) toward the cost of the Project Strengthening the Government's Capacity to Combat Human Trafficking in Belize. In a letter dated 7 March 2006, the Ministry requested the IDB's assistance in 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 Anti-Trafficking in Persons Committee and its partners (including donors) to strengthen their capacity to prevent and combat human trafficking for the purposes of sexual exploitation by supporting the implementation of the National Plan of Action (2006-2010).

In particular the consultant(s) will:

- Work with the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Committee to undertake a capacity assessment of the agencies of the committee, identify their roles and responsibilities, their priority activities under the PoA, progress to date and challenges. This will result in agreed recommendations on key work to be taken forward in the short-term and an analysis of longer-term opportunities and constraints.
- Undertake an analysis of cross-border/regional priorities and issues regarding the government's response to human trafficking, identifying key actors and recommendations for action.
- Undertake an analysis of existing and required protocols and activities to combat trafficking (including national, cross-border and/or regional protocols and initiatives) with recommendations for taking forward priorities identified and agreed with the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Committee.

In addition, the terms of reference indicate the need for taking forward work on protocols and for developing and implementing training modules for key government officials. This will be done on the basis of the initial analysis, to avoid duplication with other agencies, and to address some urgent needs agreed with the government as a result of the analysis. The consultant will also produce recommendations and technical specifications for future work not covered under the current contract.

The products of the consultancy will include an organizational/capacity assessment of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Committee incorporating the work described above and will provide recommendations for prioritizing national and cross-border/regional activities. A final consultancy report will be provided, reviewing work carried out under this contract, highlighting continuing challenges and opportunities, and providing recommendations to the Anti-Trafficking in Person Committee for future work to strengthen their efforts to combat human trafficking in Belize.

The execution period of this project is six 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 may be carried out outside of Belize), and will involve extensive work in Belize with the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Committee.

The IDB now invites eligible consulting firms to express their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants must submit a brief description of their organization and 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 and key personnel, etc.). Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.

The selection procedure will be Quality-Based Selection, and the estimated budget for this consultancy will be US\$ 42,920. Expressions of interest will be evaluated and results used to prepare a short-list of no more than six firms which will be invited to present their proposals.

A consultancy firm 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.

Interested consultants may obtain further information, from 0900 to 1800 hours, at the address below.

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