

**GUYANA**  
**STRENGTHENING STATISTICS AND SOCIAL POLICY ANALYSIS TEACHING PROJECT**  
**Sector: Education**  
**GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE**  
**ATN/SF-8803-GY**

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) has approved a non-reimbursable technical cooperation grant to the University of Guyana for US\$ 500,000. The executing agency is the University of Guyana and the coordination of implementation is to be undertaken by the Program Coordination Unit in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

The technical cooperation grant consists of three components and it will support:

- Upgrading statistics, policy analysis and research methodology courses at a cost of about US\$ 65,000;
- Establishment of an electronic data bank at a cost of US\$ 35,000; and,
- Initiation of a multidisciplinary research agenda at a cost of about US\$ 31,000

The overriding purpose of the technical cooperation grant is strengthen the undergraduate and graduate programs in statistics, policy analysis and research methodology in order to provide a continuing supply of professionals to the Public Sector, as well as the long term strengthening of public and private demand for social statistics.

It is intended to apply the proceeds of the Technical Cooperation Grant to the purchase of supplies and services through international competitive bidding and other procurement procedures in accordance with IDB's Procurement Guidelines. Specific procurement notices (SPN) for prequalification and invitation to bid will be issued shortly.

Procurement of supplies and services for the implementation of the Project are likely to commence in the second quarter of 2005 and through 2006. For each procurement activity a SPN will be placed in the most widely circulated newspapers in Guyana. In addition, for procurement of goods and services requiring international competitive bidding and consultancy in excess of US\$ 200,000 SPNs will be placed in the most widely circulated newspapers in Guyana and likewise in UN Development Business.

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