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Country: Bahamas
Project: SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FRAMEWORK FOR BEC
Financing: Inter-American Development Bank
Abstract: DEVELOPMENT OF THE ENERGY SECTOR
Sector: Consultants
Loan/Credit Number: Operation No. BH-T1012
Contract/Bid Number: Expressions of Interest
Deadline: 26 December 2008

The Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas has applied for financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) toward the cost of the integrated assessment of the Energy Sector and to establish a broad framework for the implementation of renewables into the energy mix for the country. The anticipated total cost of the technical cooperation program to be financed through the InfraFund is US\$ 700,000.

The goal of this technical cooperation loan is to upgrade and strengthen BEC's institutional, operational and financial capacity, providing alternatives to minimize the Bahamas' dependency on fossil fuels. The purpose of the project is to provide technical assistance to BEC to achieve financial and operational sustainability and establish a strategy for BEC's expansion plan including diversification of generating sources within the sector in the Bahamas.

The consulting firm will be responsible for carrying out the following components:

- Assist BEC in improving its operational and financial management including analyzing refinancing options, future financing needs for expansion and financial viability of BEC's long-term investments. Perform an operational review of the Bahamas Electricity Corporation with a view to determining those areas and conditions that will benefit from operational improvements.
- Review the existing generation mix of the Corporation and determine the appropriate strategy, timetable, and technological parameters for the integration of renewable sources of electricity generation in to the generation mix of the corporation consistent with the item above.
- Review the existing regulatory framework and recommend the appropriate steps for the establishment of an enabling environment for the development of energy independence and energy security given the requirements of the items above.

The consultant will normally be based in Nassau, Bahamas. Throughout the undertaking of the assignment however, the consulting team will be expected to hold consultations with relevant stakeholders in the Family Islands.

The total duration of the implementation period of the consultancy is 12 months.

The Ministry of The Environment now invites eligible consultants from any member country of the IDB to submit their expression of interest, which must provide information establishing that they are qualified to perform the described services. Consultants should summarize their (i) general consulting experience, (ii) experience in Renewable Energy Implementation, (iii) working experience in Caribbean countries similar to the Bahamas, (iv) Experience in regulatory reform in the energy sector, and (v) availability of appropriate skills among staff.

The electronic file and four printed versions of the expression of interest should be sent to the address below by 26 December 2008 at 1500 hours (Nassau, Bahamas time).

The expressions of interest will be evaluated based on the qualifications and relevant experiences of the firm and the results will be used to prepare a shortlist of no more than six consulting firms. The firms included in the shortlist will subsequently be invited to present technical and economical proposals on the basis of a request for proposals mailed to them, which would include the detailed terms of reference.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours (0900 to 1700).

Bidders who have submitted expressions of interest (EOI) under the advertisement deadline of 20 November 2008 need not re-submit their EOI.

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