

Country: BAHAMAS

Project: STRENGTHENING OF AIRPORT SECURITY PROGRAM

Sector: Consultants

Subject: PREQUALIFICATION FOR CONSULTING SERVICES

Technical Cooperation Agreement No. ATN/MT 9073-BH

Invitation for Prequalification

The Government of The Bahamas (GOB) has received financial assistance from the Multilateral Investment Fund (MIF), which is administered by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), to finance the contracting of services and procurement of goods, necessary for the execution of a technical cooperation agreement to strengthen airport security in the Bahamas. The Ministry of Transport and Aviation (MOTA) is the executing agency for this Project.

The objective of the Project is to strengthen airport security at seven airports in the Bahamas by updating and modifying the regulations and procedures of the Bahamas Civil Aviation Department (CAD), training aviation security and operations personnel, and creating an effective and efficient security team within related government agencies to meet new international norms and standards.

The project has three inter-related components:

- *Regulatory Strengthening
- *Implementation of new administrative services
- *Training

Activities under the training component of this Project encompass the strengthening of regulations and procedures required to monitor and oversee the minimum standards and practices established in the Bahamas National Civil aviation Security Plan and to satisfy the requirements of the most recent version of ICAO Annex 17 to the Chicago Convention, and, the procedures and guidance set in the Document 8973 Security Manual for Safeguarding Civil Aviation against Acts of Unlawful Interference; and the development of relevant security manuals as well as security certificate Programmes.

In accordance with the GOB and IDB's *Procurement Procedures* the MOTA is inviting suitably qualified consulting firms to submit expressions of interest for carrying out aspects of the Regulatory Strengthening programme in collaboration with the MOTA, including the following:

- *Development of a security certification program
- *The design, development and formalization of a strategy for the financial and operational sustainability of present and future airport security systems
- *The development of an airport security assessment program
- *Developing security certification programmes for the airport authority, CAD and law enforcement partners
- *The formalization and strengthening of the current airport security regulatory framework
- *Development of specified aviation security manuals for the MOTA and CAD
- *The development of an airport security related public awareness programme

GOB now invites interested, eligible firms from MIF member countries to submit applications for prequalification. An official copy of the prequalification documents, in English, may be obtained at the address below upon payment of a non-refundable fee of US\$ 50 by cashier's cheque or banker's draft.

Prequalification will be based on the criteria stated in the prequalification documents. Firms will be shortlisted in respect to their responsiveness to the requirements stated in the prequalification documents and in keeping with the IDB guidelines. A shortlist of three to six firms will be prequalified. The prequalified firms will then be invited to submit technical and financial proposals.

The original and two copies of the completed prequalification documents should be submitted in a sealed envelope, delivered to the address below by 1400 hours on 25 August 2005, and be clearly marked "Application to prequalify for Regulatory Strengthening of Airport Security".

Envelopes will be opened at the address below on 25 August 2005 at 1400 hours. Late applications will not be considered in any circumstances.

Further information or clarification may be obtained by e-mail from Mr Jerry Hutchinson at the e-mail address below.

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