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**GUYANA**

**EXPANDING BIOENERGY OPPORTUNITIES IN GUYANA**

**Consulting Services**

**DESIGN, CONSTRUCT AND STARTUP DEMONSTRATION PLANT (Component IV)**

**TC No. GY-T1041; GY-T1061**

Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI)

28 May 2010

The Ministry of Agriculture of Guyana (MoA), with funds from Japanese Special Fund of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), intends to procure consulting services to benefit the Government of Guyana (GoG), with the objective of supporting the preparation of the project “Expanding Bioenergy Opportunities in Guyana” that will assess the bioenergy potential, provide recommendation in policy and regulation for bioenergy and support the development of the investment environment for bioenergy projects.

The consulting services are requested for Component IV of this Technical Cooperation and will entail services to design, construct and startup a demonstration plant for the production of anhydrous ethanol and the preparation of commercial blends up to E25. 300 gallons/week of molasses from local sugar cane company will be available to feed the demo plant, to produce at least 1 drum of anhydrous ethanol per batch.

The MoA invites firms to submit EOIs to provide the services for Components IV. Eligible consulting firms must have proven general experience and specific expertise in similar consultancies with the object indicated in this notice. As a result of the EOIs evaluation the MoA will short list six consulting firms or affiliations, to whom, tentatively on June 2010, the MoA will invite to present technical and economic proposals, using the quality- and cost-based selection method. The contract will be signed directly with the MoA.

Interested consulting firms must submit information establishing that they are qualified to perform the services (description of similar assignments, experience) in similar conditions (country, continents, regulation, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.).

Consulting firms must send their EOIs with no more than 15 pages written in English and including: (i) legal name of the Consulting Firm; (ii) legal representative properly authorized to sign the declaration for and on behalf of the Firm; (iii) address; (iv) telephone number and fax; (v) e-mail address of contact person and website; (vi) information about the Consulting Firm’s organization and its principal areas of expertise and activities; (vii) description of specific experiences in bioenergy and biofuels, specially in Caribbean and Latin American countries, within the last ten years, (viii) proven aptitude to design small scale demonstration ethanol plant utilizing multiple feedstock, (ix) proven aptitude to oversee construction of demo plant by local sub contractors and (x) proven aptitude to perform Operational and Maintenance training to local personnel . The information requested in (vi), (vii), (viii), (ix) and (x), will be provided accordingly and 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), the country and region with the location of the project. The curricula vitae of potential personnel involved in the studies are not required at this stage.

Consulting firms may associate to enhance their qualifications with Guyanese, Caribbean firms, international consulting firms or research centers. Experience in Guyana, the Caribbean and/or Latin America will be preferable. Working language of the consultancy will be English, and reports will therefore be presented in that language.

A consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the IDB's <I>Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank</I>, GN-2350-7 of July 2006.

Interested consulting firms may address any questions related to the consultancy in electronic form to the Director, Agriculture Sector Development Unit – ASDU (e-mail address below), by close of business (COB) 14 May 2010.

EOIs must be submitted to the address below (two hard copies, one original and one copy), by COB 28 May 2010. The electronic version of the EOI (in PDF format and not exceeding 2 MB) is acceptable only as a precursor of the printed version. Electronic version of the EOI can be sent to the e-mail address below.

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