

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST **CONSULTING SERVICES**

RG-X1244-P015

Framework - Competitive Selection

Sector: Financial Markets

RG-X1244 ATN/CF-15571-RG

LAC Green Finance Program to Mobilize Private Investment in Mitigation Actions

Description of Services: provide high quality support to the IDB Connectivity, Markets & Finance Division (IDB/CMF) for its technical assistance programs and projects in all needs relating to E&S safeguards, climate change mitigation and adaptation and sustainable finance.

Link to TC document: [<https://convergence.iadb.org//Operation/RG-X1244>]

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) is executing the above-mentioned operation. For this operation, the IDB intends to contract consulting services described in this Request for Expressions of Interest. Expressions of interest must be delivered using the IDB Portal for Bank Executed Operations (<http://beo-procurement.iadb.org/home>) by: March 12th, 2019 5:00 P.M. (Washington D.C. Time).

The consulting services ("the Services") include provide high quality support to the IDB Connectivity, Markets & Finance Division (IDB/CMF) for its technical assistance programs and projects in all needs relating to E&S safeguards, climate change mitigation and adaptation and sustainable finance. As such, the scope of work will include a variety of activities, such as document review; research of regulatory frameworks and institutional capacity; analysis of green and/or social eligible existing portfolios and potential pipelines, development of sustainable bonds frameworks, provision of second party independent opinions on sustainable bonds frameworks, CBI certification for green bonds, development of ESMS etc. for the next two years.

Eligible consulting firms will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: [Policy for the Selection and Contracting of Consulting firms for Bank-executed Operational Work](#) - GN-2765-1. All eligible consulting firms, as defined in the Policy may express an interest. If the Consulting Firm is presented in a Consortium, it will designate one of them as a representative, and the latter will be responsible for the communications, the registration in the portal and for submitting the corresponding documents.

The IDB now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the services described below in the draft summary of the intended Terms of Reference for the assignment. Interested consulting firms must provide 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, etc.). Eligible consulting firms may associate in a form of a Joint Venture or a sub-consultancy agreement to enhance their qualifications. Such association or Joint Venture shall appoint one of the firms as the representative.

Interested eligible consulting firms may obtain further information during office hours, 09:00 AM to 05:00 PM, (Washington D.C. Time) by sending an email to: Maria Netto, MNETTO@iadb.org and Evelyn Amaro, florama@iadb.org

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SUPPORT TO IFD/CMF IN THE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SUSTAINABLE FINANCE SOLUTIONS

RG-X1244 ATN/CF-15571-RG TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A recent report released in Lima by United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI) Inquiry mentions ‘a “quiet revolution” seeking to integrate sustainable development into the fabric of the financial system’. The report highlights that “developing and emerging economies are leading this revolution”. But, even more importantly, the report insists on the fact that, for this trend to continue and gain additional momentum, Banks need to be engaged.

Within the financial sector, Public Sector Financial Institutions (PSFIs) have a unique role to play in that ‘revolution’, due to their public mandate and the role they play in their local credit markets. And many PSFIs in the Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) region are, in fact, already acting on that front, developing specific lines for green investments for example.

The IDB Connectivity, Markets & Finance Division (IDB/CMF) has been for years supporting PSFIs in LAC in this transition towards a sustainable financial sector, through various technical assistance programs (RG-T2720, RG-X1244, RG-T3045) and through dedicated loans and guarantee operations. IFD/CMF has been helping PSFIs in projects such as the development of new financing lines for sustainable sectors and activities, the design of Environmental & Social Management Systems, the access to new sources of funding via the issuing green, social or sustainable bonds or via the submission of projects to international entities like the Green Climate Fund etc.

2. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED

2.1 Purpose

The overall objective of the assignment will be to provide high quality support to the IDB Connectivity, Markets & Finance Division (IDB/CMF) for its technical assistance programs and projects in all needs relating to E&S safeguards, climate change mitigation and adaptation and sustainable finance.

As such, the scope of work will include a variety of activities, such as document review; research of regulatory frameworks and institutional capacity; analysis of green and/or social eligible existing portfolios and potential pipelines, development of sustainable bonds frameworks, provision of second party independent opinions on sustainable bonds frameworks, CBI certification for green bonds, development of ESMS etc.

The specific mix of activities will be defined as needs arise and will depend on CMF priorities and project portfolio upon commencement of work.

2.2 Scope

The Firm will rely on its extensive experience working on IFD/CMF projects; including supporting IFD/CMF staff on ESMS projects, sustainable bonds issuances, environmental and social due diligences for FIs operations. The Bank's *Environment and Safeguards Compliance Policy and Directives* along with international standards such as the Equator Principles and IFC performance standards, the Green and Social Bond Principles from ICMA, the CBI taxonomy and standards for green bonds, and the SDG Indicators and a Monitoring Framework from UNDP will be used as guidance for the activities and the preparation of output described in this document. The firm is prepared to initiate a consultancy project upon authorization to proceed, in the form of a Purchase Order, from the IDB. With each project, the Consultant will be required to confirm there is no conflict of interest.

3. REPORTS / OUTPUTS:

3.1. Key Activities

As noted above, the firm understands that the specific project assignments and mix of activities will depend on the IFD/CMF needs and priorities upon contract inception. Nevertheless, we anticipate that the team will be providing support in the following specific tasks:

Support in the preparation of IFD/CMF loan or guarantee operations

- Research of regulatory frameworks (gap analysis) and institutional capacity
- Performance of environmental and social due diligence / analysis during project preparation
- Development of additional environmental and social studies to address specific gaps in the environmental and social documentation

Support in the preparation of green, social or sustainable bonds issuance projects

- Eligible portfolio identification
- Support in the preparation of the bond framework
- Performance of an independent second party opinion on the bond framework

Support in projects related to the design and implementation of ESMS

- Design of the ESMS
- Support to development and implementation of training and e-learning courses
- Support in the implementation pilot phase
- Monitoring and evaluation of ESMS post implementation

3.2. Project Schedule and Timeline

The firm's consultant(s) will support ESG in the preparation of a variety of documents to support different phases of the IDB project cycle, as the need arises, including but not limited to:

- Summaries of environmental analysis;
- Input for Environmental and Social strategies (ESS);
- Input for Environmental and Social Management Reports (ESMRs);
- ESMS
- Summaries of portfolio identification analysis
- Sustainable Bonds frameworks
- Second Party Opinion for sustainable bonds
- Prepare and facilitate capacity buildings and training workshops on the management of E&S risks for Fis, the implementation of an ESMS as well as other related topics.
- Other internal IDB memos or documentation as requested over the course of the time allocated for this assignment.

3.3. Expected Deliverables

- 3.3.1. Different deliverables will be requested and processed through a work order that may include, but is not limited to: reports, presentations, fulfilling or updating database information and/or questionnaires. With each work order, the firm(s) will be expected to create a work plan that includes a start and end date, outline key processes needed to complete the work, and identify stakeholders, especially government counterparts, that will be contacted to complete the work. All government counterparts must be approved and cleared by the project team before along with a final detailed estimate of costs associated with the work order before acceptance by both parties.

4. PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The firm's consultant(s) will submit a summary report detailing the activities completed, including projects worked on, tasks and hours. IDB will pay invoices based on IFD/CMF satisfactory approval of deliverables and summary reports.

5. COORDINATION

The contract will be under the coordination of Maria Netto, Senior Specialist, IFD/CMF with the support from Isabelle Braly-Cartillier, IFD/CMF.

In a Proposal, firms must submit experience in the types of services outlined in the Framework Agreement and identify countries in the LAC region where this experience has taken place.