

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST **CONSULTING SERVICES**

Selection # as assigned by e-Tool: BL-T1145-P001

Selection Method: Simplified Competitive Selection

Country: Belize

Sector: Environment and Natural Disasters

Funding – TC #: ATN/CO-19166-BL

Project #: BL-T1145

TC name: Development of the Blue Economy of Belize

Description of Services: Capacity Building to Advance the Blue Economy Development in Belize

Link to TC document: <https://www.iadb.org/en/project/BL-T1145>

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: January 6, 2023, 5:00 P.M. (Washington D.C. Time).

To access the IDB Portal, the firms must generate a registration account, including **all** the data requested by the Portal. In the event that any of the information requested is not included, the firm will not be able to participate in this or any other Bank-executed selection process for operational work. If the firm has been previously registered, please validate that you have **all** the firm's information updated and complete before submitting an expression of interest.

The consulting services ("the Services") include the strengthening of the capacity among stakeholders in Belize to advance the Blue Economy by (i) developing an institutional strengthening action plan that incorporates gender considerations, (ii) developing a Monitoring Report and Verification (MRV) and partnership-creation at the national and regional scales; and (iii) measuring the Blue Economy-related industries' contribution to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

The consultancy is expected to begin in the first quarter of 2023, for a period of 12 months.

The specific objective of the consultancy is to implement a high-quality institutional capacity assessment, including identifying the main gaps and opportunities to foster gender inclusion. Specific measures shall also be proposed to ensure that stakeholders in Belize have the resources, instruments, knowledge, and capacities to mainstream the Blue Economy into policymaking. The consultancy will use national accounts data to measure the impact of investments in the Blue Economy, namely, all economic activities originating from the ocean and its natural resources. The measurement of Belize's national blue economy outputs is tied to its national accounting framework, which measures the contribution of individual industries to domestic economic activity. This consultancy supposes the creation of international partnerships to foster knowledge/experiences exchange in the Blue Economy. Finally, it is expected that Blue Economy MRV skills and tools are improved.

The consultancy team should be comprised of an institutional capacity/strengthening specialist, who will also function as team leader, a MRV development specialist and a senior specialist in the Blue Economy at a minimum. The team members should have a minimum qualification of at least a Master's degree in development studies, natural sciences, social sciences, or related field with a bias in the marine and environmental sector.

- Minimum of 7 years of relevant work experience in institutional capacity, fiduciary, or public administrative systems analysis for development projects financed by international financial institutions, preferably in the Latin American and Caribbean Region. Working knowledge and experience on the Blue Economy, particularly associated with developing economies. Working experience in the Caribbean and/or SIDS is an asset.
- Experience in the design of MRV strategies or programs is required.
- Experience in change management and similar capacity building exercises and projects in the Caribbean is highly desirable. It is suggested that at least one team member is a Belize citizen. Fluency in English language is a must, another regional language is an advantage. Knowledge of the Blue Economy in Belize, including the institutional and policy frameworks is an asset.

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-2765-4. 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 above 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: IDBBelize@iadb.org.

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