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Country: BELIZE
Project: LAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
Sector: Public Sector Management
CONSULTING SERVICES
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The Government of Belize has received a loan from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the purpose of improving the enabling environment for private and public sector development through enhanced land security, effective land markets, and the promotion of a coherent land policy framework contributing to efficient use of land resources and sustainable development. The project consists of four components: (i) National cadastre and property rights registration; (ii) Expansion of land administration services; (iii) Land use planning and development review; and (iv) Land policy reform and institutional strengthening of the Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and Industry (MNREI), which is the executing agency for the program and intends to hire two individual consultants for the provision of consulting services in the following areas:

***User fee strategy:** The objective of this consultancy is for the development of a user fee strategy for the Department of Lands and Surveys, MNREI, which is organized into six sections and six district offices and is responsible for registering land rights, valuing land for rents and taxes, the lease and sale of national lands, mapping and land information management. The consultancy will involve a study of the users' needs and requirements for various land related services and land information products along with the present fee charged for the various products and services. Candidates shall have a Master's Degree in business finance, land information management or related discipline and will also have to demonstrate experience in user needs and requirements surveys, the analysis and formulation of financial systems toward the identification of costs for services or products, comparison of costs against standards, knowledge of computer applications and at least five years of experience in related position. This consultancy will be conducted within a period of six months.

***Training in valuation methodology:** The objective of this consultancy is to conduct nine training seminars for assessors and valuers in Belize and will involve providing basic training in real estate appraisal/ valuation methodology and taxation to the staff of the valuation section, MNREI and staff of other public sector institutions involved in real estate appraisal, which will amount to approximately 20 individuals. Candidates shall have as a minimum a Bachelor's Degree in valuation, real property assessment or land economics along with a professional valuation designation from a recognized institution, as well as a minimum of ten years demonstrated experience in real estate appraisal both in a rural and urban environment, knowledge of computer applications for mass appraisals, and experience in conducting training seminars.

Consideration for these consultancies will be limited to consultants from IDB's member countries. Terms of reference for these consultancies may be obtained at the address below. Interested parties are requested to submit their Curriculum Vitae in English to the same address by 18 August 2003. It is anticipated that work start by October 2003.

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