

Country: BELIZE

Project: LAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Sector: Consulting Services

Abstract: DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A LAND INFORMATION SYSTEM

Expression of Interest 1322/OC-BL

The Government of Belize has entered into a loan agreement with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the execution of the Land Management Program. The specific objectives of the program are to: (a) expand systematic cadastral surveying, tenure clarification and property rights registration activities accompanied by consolidation of land rights into a single land registry system; (b) improve the efficiency and sustainability of land administration services provided by the public sector; (c) build capacity for land use planning at the local, regional and national levels; and (d) support national land policy reform. To accomplish these objectives, the program consists of four components; namely, (1) cadastre and property rights registration; (2) expansion of land administration services; (3) land use planning and development; and (4) national land policy reform and institutional strengthening of the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR).

In relation to Component 2, the MNR requires the services of a professional firm to design and implement the Land Information System in accordance with specific terms of reference related to the acquisition of new hardware and software, data conversion services, local and wide area networks, and integration of legacy systems within the MNR and in particular the Department of Lands and Surveys which comprises seven sections (Land Information Centre, Physical Planning, Surveys and Mapping, Land Revenue, National Estates, Land Registry/Land Titles and the Valuation Section), and provide services from its six district offices located throughout Belize.

The MNR now invites eligible local and international firms and consortia from IDB's member countries to indicate their interest in providing the required services. A shortlist of three to six firms will be selected and invited to submit technical proposals. Consulting firms seeking to be shortlisted are required to present evidence of their legal, technical and financial capacity, as well as relevant experience in providing the range of services required.

It is anticipated that the provision of services will start in April 2006. Firms shall be shortlisted based on the following criteria:

- General background
- Similar work completed
- Prior experience in the country or in similar country
- English language proficiency
- Use of local consultants

Expressions of interest (three sets) must be delivered to the address below in sealed envelopes marked "Expression of Interest – Consultancy for the Development and Implementation of a Land Information System" by 1600 hours (local time) on Monday, 30 January 2006.

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