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CONSULTING SERVICES

Loan TC N° BR-T1039

Expressions of Interest

This notice is an update of the request for expressions of interest published in <I>UN Development Business</I> No. 683 of 31 July 2006, and it appears in <I>UN Development Business Online</I> only and not in a printed version. Although this notice is assigned to a specific print issue, the official publication date of this notice is considered the date that it is posted online.

As part of its programming process, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) has committed itself to undertaking a Country Environmental Analysis in Brazil (BR-T). This study will be funded through the Netherlands Partnership Program for the Environment.

The services will require traveling to Brazil, consulting with key stakeholders and conduct in workshops to obtain agreement over strategic issues and will consist of preparation of a Country Environmental Assessment (CEA). This consultancy will:

- n Place environment into the context of development, poverty reduction, and other relevant strategies and goals identified in the country's own development plans and in the IDB's sectoral strategies
- n Identify the opportunities that demonstrate synergies between good environmental management and economic development
- n Identify environmental risks that can jeopardize economic and/or social development
- n Provide timely, practical and relevant environmental information, analysis and recommendations, including indicators and baseline data for monitoring progress in key areas of environmental management

This country-level environmental analysis should be strategic in nature and will focus on targeted sectors or areas that are most relevant in the specific context of Brazil's economic and social development and its engagement with the IDB. In setting priorities and selecting focal areas for the CEA the consultant will focus on to the strategic objectives of the IDB's Environment and Safeguard Policy.

The IDB now invites eligible consulting firms and associations with experience in: (a) countrywide environmental assessment for environmental planning; (b) integrated environmental impact assessment of development projects, including assessment of socio-cultural impacts; (c) community consultation; (d) management of tropical forests and other natural resources; and (e) environmental law and regulation; and (f) institutional analysis and environmental governance, to manifest their interest in this consultancy. The approximate value of the consultancy is US\$ 120,000.

According to the IDB's <I>Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants</I> (GN-2350-4), 19 January 2005, consulting firms interested in the project are invited to send their expressions of interest by means of a letter of no more than 15 pages, including annexes, demonstrating their qualification to perform the described services. Consultants should emphasize their experience regarding:

--General consulting experience

- Experience with country environmental and social assessment, including assessment of ecosystem, biodiversity, natural resources use, point and non-point source pollution
- Working experience in Latin America or countries similar to Brazil
- Experience with assessment of country level environmental institution and legal framework and the design and capacity building programs
- Experience with project preparation and program strategic development according to the IDB policies and procedures

Only projects concluded in the last ten years should be included as references in the expression of interest. Other project relevant information are total cost, name and nationality of lead consultant, type of work carried out by the consultant, country, source of financing, and date of completion.

The expressions of interest will be evaluated and the results used to prepare a shortlist of no more than six consulting firms, which will be invited to present technical and economical proposals. It is estimated that the firms **selected for** the shortlist will be informed **by 11 September 2006** and invited to present technical and economical proposals, at **this** time the respective terms of reference will be mailed to them. The deadline for receiving the technical and economical proposals is estimated to be **1 October 2006**.

Three printed versions and the electronic file on CD (Word XP format) of the expression of interest should be sent to the address below by **28 August 2006** at 1700 hours (Washington DC time).

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