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Project: Feasibility Study of the Broadband Networks (backbone, backhaul and last mile)

Title: Consulting Services

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Borrower/Bid No: EC-T1289-SN1

Request for Expressions of Interest

The MINTEL has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), and intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments under the project, for The general objective of this Technical Cooperation (TC) is to support the GoE in their efforts to increase access, adoption and use of broadband services. Therefore, the specific objectives of this TC are:

- i) To quantify and to evaluate the Divide in terms of infrastructure among the different regions in Ecuador, analyzing the gap between supply of demand.
- ii) To quantify and to evaluate the needs in terms of infrastructure for the connection with the Galápagos Islands.
- iii) To understand the socio-economic dynamics of the different regions to propose an adoption and usage plan with a focus on achieving social inclusion, economic growth and integration of the less developed regions through education, health and key government services. This plan should include a set of public policies that foster the deployment of the infrastructure and the adoption and usage plan in the different regions that will contribute to the integration of the country both nationally and regionally.
- iv) To analyze the financial and economic feasibility of the project and the amount of the necessary subsidy coming from the GoE.
- v) To review and update the regulatory framework with the aim of ensuring that the network deployment fosters competition and allows a smooth interconnection with the existing networks.
- vi) To support CONATEL in regulatory issues related to the supervision of the networks operation.
- vii) To conduct additional environmental, institutional and administrative analyses supporting a possible incoming loan operation.
- viii) To develop a dialogue that shows the benefits that broadband connectivity has for the integration of rural and urban areas as well as the integration among different countries. In addition it will be presented success cases and the policies that have been implemented to maximize the effects on trade and integration..

The Inter-American Development Bank now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants 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). Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: Policies for the selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank (current edition) and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the policies.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours 09:00 AM to 05:00 PM (US Eastern Time).

Expressions of interest must be delivered via e-Sourcing application at: <https://enet.iadb.org/BidderWeb/signOn.aspx> by **Sep 19, 2014 06:00 PM** (US Eastern Time).

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