

## **PARAGUAY**

### **FOREST VOCATION LAND POLICY IMPLEMENTATION IN PARAGUAYIMPROVING FOREST INVESTMENT ATTRACTIVENESS AT SUB-NATIONAL LEVEL**

**Sectors: Forest, Rural Development, and Private Sector Development**

### **CONSULTING SERVICES: FOREST VOCATION LAND POLICY IMPLEMENTATION**

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(NCS)**

Expressions of Interest

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The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) has received financing from the Norwegian Trust Fund for Consulting Services (NCS) in the amount of USD 146,000 (one hundred forty six thousands dollars) and intends to apply the proceeds for payment of consulting services to be procured under the technical cooperation operation PR-T1056 - Forest Vocation Land Policy Implementation in Paraguay.

Through the contracting of one consulting firm, the objectives of the operation are to develop operational instruments for the implementation of the forest policy based on a forest vocation land (FVL, see <http://www.stcp.com.br/bid/> ) strategy in a pilot area and prepare a project to apply them to eastern Paraguay. The TC will assist the GOPR to improve forest related environmental services production such as soil and water protection, and increase the competitiveness of forest-based businesses in the country. It, thereby, benefits landowner production and productivity, create associated business opportunities, improve the environment and reduce rural poverty. The operation finances the adaptation of instruments related to the identification of FVL in selected regions of eastern Paraguay at an operational scale; the identification of conflicting forest and non forest policies to assure consistency; the adjustment of regulations to implement FVL provisions of the law; the establishment of pragmatic FVL cover change monitoring mechanisms and procedures; the reengineering and demonstration of enforcement activities; the dissemination of policy rules; the identification of an assistance strategy for policy compliance by landowners, and the comparative analysis of the current policy framework as compared with the based on the forest vocation land concept using economic, financial, fiscal cost/benefit criteria and economic activity impacts. The operation will also generate a land capability classification for commercial plantation forest production for the entire country. The tools development and implementation demonstration for selected parts of oriental Paraguay will allow their application to other areas of the country based on a investment project that will also prepared under this TC. The TC will finance the hiring of one Norwegian consulting firm that have to count with the following professionals: forest planner or economist (to coordinate the team); agriculture economist with experience in economic and financial analysis of agriculture and forest projects as well as fiscal analysis; natural resources remote sensing specialist

with experience in forest cover and land use monitoring and GIS applications; soil and topography mapping specialist with experience in remote sensing and GIS applications; land capability specialist with experience in the commercial tree species requirements such as Eucalyptus spp., Pinus spp. and teak, lawyer with experience in forest and land use legislation; institutional development specialist capable of designing organizational, and procedural protocols review and adjustments; and a professional website designer.

The principal outputs of the operation are studies, methodologies, operational guidelines and protocols, regulation drafts, trained personal, project proposal to extend the application to the rest of the country, and a website to disseminate the results. The products are: forest vocation land identified and land cover baseline mapped for two selected regions for a total of no less than 300,000 ha; FVL cover change monitoring system designed and operational procedures established; FVL related regulations reviewed and adjustments proposed including conflicting forest and non-forest policies identified and modifications proposed to assure consistency and effectiveness; FVL policy enforcement procedures reengineered and organizational adjustments proposed; analysis comparing current and adjusted policies in terms of economic, financial, and fiscal benefit cost, and economic activity impact; policy rules and other supporting information disseminated, including landowners' compliance assistance strategy designed. Commercial forest plantation land capability classification for the country at 1:100:000 scale or more detailed. Limited training will be provided to government officials and sector professionals. An investment project to extend the application of the policy to the reminder of the Paraguay will also be prepared. Terms of Reference, guidelines, protocols, and other tools and parameters for project design; execution and evaluation will also be produced and disseminated through the Internet.

The documentation generated will have to be produced in Spanish, with executive summary in English. Contracted services are expected to start during the second quarter of 2008 and last for up to 12 months, mostly conducted in Brazil.

The IDB now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services. 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.). Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications. The financing of the technical cooperation is 50% tied to the use of Norwegian consulting services. Since only one consulting contract is sought, funds will be used for the hiring of a Norwegian firm, an association of Norwegian firms, or an association led by a Norwegian firm (s) with firm (s) from borrowing member countries of the IDB; or pay for other eligible expenses. Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the IDB: Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank, current edition.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours 09:00 to 17:00 hours.

Expressions of interest (in electronic and physical formats) must be delivered to the address below by 17:00 hours of March 28, 2008:

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