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PREPARATION SUPPORT FOR THE “PORTAIS DA CIDADE” PROGRAM

Consulting Services (Urban Transportation)

PREPARATION OF FEASIBILITY STUDIES FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT

BR-T1047, Technical Cooperation ATN/OC-10546-BR

Expressions of Interest

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The Municipality of Porto Alegre, through the *Agência Brasileira de Cooperação*, has requested financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) to contract specialized consulting services required to support the preparation of the Porto Alegre’s *Portais da Cidade* Program — a high-quality and sustainable Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system. The consulting services are part of a technical cooperation (TC) project to be financed with funds from the IDB’s Infrastructure Fund. Approval of the TC and the funds for this project has been obtained from the IDB.

The main objective of the TC project is to conclude the preparation of feasibility studies of the *Portais da Cidade* Program, and prepare the documentation for bidding purposes (structuring the financial and legal aspects) in the context of a public-private partnership (PPP). The PPP model for the program will require private sector participation in the final design, construction and maintenance of urban transportation infrastructure. The BRT infrastructure of the program will consist of segregated busways for high-capacity low-emission buses, stations with pre-board fare collection and fare verification, a centralized control system, user and security information systems, and three terminals (portals) to facilitate easy physical integration between feeder services and other transit modes. Commercial and public services will be available at the terminals. The program aims to improve the accessibility and mobility of the population and to reduce vehicle emissions by providing high-quality transit infrastructure and technology. Additional information about the program is available at the municipal website (www.ppp.portoalegre.rs.gov.br).

The specialized consulting services include the following general activities: (i) institutional strengthening and support to consolidate the municipal PPP Unit; (ii) structuring of a Municipal Guarantee Fund for the PPP; (iii) conduct a technical-economic feasibility study (basic project design) and development of the financial and legal model for the Program in the context of a PPP, including a comprehensive risk assessment; (iv) analysis of environmental impacts in the context of a clean development mechanism, and evaluate the possibility to obtain carbon credits from reductions of CO₂; and (v) documentation and dissemination of the structuring experience. The estimated cost for the consulting services is US\$ 500,000, and the activities should be executed in seven months.

The IDB invites eligible consulting firms or consortia, with relevant experience in planning and design of urban transportation projects and structuring of financial and legal aspects of PPP infrastructure projects, to indicate their interest in providing the aforementioned consulting services. It is expected that the selected firms for the shortlist be announced by the first week of September 2007, when firms will be invited to submit a detailed proposal for the consulting services. Detailed terms of reference and pertinent project documentation will be provided to the shortlisted firms. The consulting work is expected to begin in November 2007.

Consulting firms will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the IDB’s *Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank*, current edition. Firms interested in providing the specialized consulting services of the TC project are invited to submit information, in English, Portuguese or Spanish, establishing that they are qualified to perform the services (e.g., brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Consulting firms may associate to enhance their qualifications.

Expressions of interest must be sent by e-mail or delivered to the address below by 31 August 2007 at 1700 hours (Washington, DC time).

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