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TECHNICAL COOPERATION JAPANESE TRUST FUND FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES

Consulting Services

URUGUAY RIVER WATERSHED SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Technical Cooperation No. BR-T1018, ATN/JC-9952-BR

Contract amount: US\$ 1,200,000, Selection Method: Selection under a Fixed Budget – FBS, Expressions of Interest (EOI)

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The Government of Brazil has received a non-reimbursable technical cooperation in the amount of US\$ 2.7 million, of which US\$ 1,200,000 is contributed by the Japanese Trust Fund for Consultancy Services (JCF), administered by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). The funds of the technical cooperation are to be used toward the development of the Master Plan for the Sustainable Development of the Uruguay River Watershed. This Plan will initially be limited to the Uruguay River Region shared by the two States: Santa Catarina and Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. Brazilian authorities expect that the Master Plan to be developed permits a broad and actual analysis of the Uruguay River basin environmental status, with emphasis in water resources and impacts originated from economic activities, taking into account the risks that came from the implementation of a sustainable development strategy.

A Japanese Consulting Firm is being sought to undertake the activities described in the terms of reference, under contract for a maximum amount of US\$ 1,200,000, and duration of services of approximately 24 months, all of which will be spent in Brazil. The consulting firm is expected to provide — but not be limited to — the following international experts: (i) watershed management specialist; (ii) financial/institutional expert; (iii) GIS specialist; (iv) natural resource economics expert; (v) desertification expert; (vi) water pollution control expert; and (vii) implementation programming expert. The consulting firm is also expected to hire, among others, three local consultants: a general coordinator, a sustainable development specialist and a water resources specialist, and work with local technical personnel/firms and within the framework of existing agreements among the institutions involved in the design of the Pró-Rio Uruguai Aquífero Guarani Project.

Services are to be rendered in English and/or Portuguese, same as intermediate and final reports.

The consulting firm must have proven experience watershed management programs; environmental degradation and pollution control; institutional, financial, economic and environmental analysis, associated with civil works in infrastructure sector; the design of environmental strategies; geo-processing software use associated with databases; institutional strengthening and administrative management projects in developing countries; specifically, the consulting company will need to have ample experience to perform the following four main tasks: (a) carry out a watershed diagnostics; (b) develop a Master Plan for the Sustainable Development of the Uruguay Watershed; (c) develop a monitoring and evaluation system for the region, including the monitoring of the Plan implementation; and (iv) design of an institutional arrangement for a successful Plan implementation.

The IDB, on behalf of the JCF, now invites eligible consulting firms to express their interest in providing the above-mentioned services. Eligible consultants are firms constituted under Japanese law and/or of Japanese nationality and groups of firms from other nationalities from Bank borrowing member countries led by a Japanese firm, in which case the Japanese firm must represent over 50 per cent of the total proposed project cost.

In the case of groups of firms, the following limitations will apply: (i) members of a group or financial conglomerate may participate in only one of the groups, otherwise they will be considered to have a conflict of interest; if a consulting firm submits or participates in more than one proposal, such proposals will be disqualified; this, however, does not limit the participation of the same sub-consultant, including individual experts, to more than one proposal; (ii) irrespective of the nature of the association, groups of firms must be represented by a single proponent, who would constitute the Contracting Party with the Bank, although information must be provided on all the firms participating in the association.

Consulting firms may be considered to have a conflict of interest with one or more parties in a bidding process if they: (i) have controlling partners in common, or (ii) receive or have received any direct or indirect subsidy from any of them, or (iii) have the same legal representative for purposes of the bid in question, or (iv) have a relationship with each other, directly or through common third parties, that puts them in a position to have access to information about or influence on the bid of another bidder, or influence the decisions of the Contracting Agency regarding this bidding process.

Interested consultants must provide the following information to indicate that they are qualified to perform the services:

- Legal documentation for the consulting firm, as well as for each of the consulting firms that would be part of the group or association of firms
- Audited financial statements for the last three years for the consulting firm, and for each of the consulting firms that would be part of the group or association of firms
- Brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions
- List of staff relevant to the task

The IDB will apply the following eligibility criteria to structure the shortlist: (a) consulting firm constituted under Japanese Law, of Japanese Nationality, or Japanese-led association where Japan has more than 50 per cent; (ii) in case of groups of firms, the group is represented by a single proponent, who would be the Contracting Party with the Bank; (iii) no duplication of consulting firms belonging to same financial conglomerate among proponent firms, or other evidence of conflict of interest; (iv) evidence of solvency attested by audited financial statements; (v) ample experience with institutional strengthening and administrative management projects; and (vi) commitment to provide consultants fluent in English and/or Portuguese.

Selection will follow procedures set out in the IDB's *Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter American Development Bank* (GN-2350-7) approved on July 2006, *Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank*, described in paragraph 3.5 "Selection under a Fixed Budget –FBS", as well as the regulations for the use of funds from the JCF.

Interested consultants may obtain further information via e-mail as all inquiries must be submitted via e-mail. When submitting requests for further information the subject line should read "BR-T1018; ATN/JC-9952-BR". Question regarding EOI, name of your company/consortium."

When e-mailing the EOI the subject line should read "BR-T1018; ATN/JC-9952-BR. Expression of Interest, name of your company/consortium." EOI should be submitted in a single email, and if possible in one single PDF or Word file.

EOI may be sent by e-mail to the address below up to 1730 hours (Washington, DC, time) on 11 June 2007. The IDB reserves the right not to accept EOI when these are received after the indicated deadline.

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