

# Restructuring Transportation Services Program

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SECTOR:	Transportation
NAME OF PROJECT:	Restructuring Transportation Services Program (842/OC-EC and 843/OC-EC)
TOTAL COST:	\$ 82.6 million
FINANCING:	
IDB	\$ 82.4 million
LOCAL	\$ 0.2 million
DATE OF APPROVAL:	November 30, 1994
GENERAL DESCRIPTION:	<p>The basic objective of the Restructuring Transportation Services (RTS) Program is to support a policy package for restructuring and modernizing the provision of transportation services in Ecuador. Two specific objectives will be pursued: (a) repositioning the role of the state in the sector away from direct provision and delivery of services towards regulation and long-term planning functions; and (b) opening up the sector to private investment participation in projects with growth potential through a comprehensive plan of privatization, commercialization, and concessions arrangements. The RTS Program is divided into five components: (a) establishing a legal framework and institutional capabilities for conducting and executing the reform process; (b) restructuring, privatizing, and modernizing port services and the customs system;</p>

(c) developing and implementing a concession regime for the construction and operation of roads; (d) redimensioning and closing the operations of the railway enterprise; and (e) establishing labor reconversion facilities and flexibilization of labor markets to assist workers displaced by the restructuring measures.

**CONSULTANTS:**

Consultants will be required to: (a) design and carry out the functions of a technical secretariat and a small institutional relations capability; (b) design and implement the restructuring and modernization of the Bolivar, Esmeraldas, and Manta ports; (c) evaluate the social and economic impacts of downsizing, value a variety of assets, and set up the provision of alternative transportation to certain locations; and (d) develop administration and organization of labor relations and markets, and labor information services.

**GOODS AND EQUIPMENT:**

Limited quantities of equipment and software for port administration will be required. Computer equipment and specialized software will also be procured to help modernize the functions of the Labor Ministry.

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