

IDB309-638/04

Country: SURINAME

Project: ROAD MAP FOR PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM

Sector: Consulting

Abstract: CONSULTING SERVICES FOR A STUDY ON PUBLIC SECTOR ISSUES AND POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION MODERNIZATION AND NATIONAL CONSENSUS BUILDING PROCESS

Loan: ATN/SF-8664-SU

The Government of Suriname has received a technical cooperation from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) to carry out studies that will result in a Road Map for Public Sector Reform in the country. The eligibility rules and procedures for procurement of consulting firms as stated in the agreement between the IDB and the country will govern the prequalification process. Although the Coordinating Executing Unit (CEU) of the Ministry of Finance executes the project, per request of the Government of Suriname, the IDB, through its Country Office, will conduct the process of selection, hiring and payment of the consulting firms, in coordination with the Ministry of Finance and the CEU.

The IDB Country Office of Suriname invites qualified firms from IDB eligible member countries to prequalify to carry out a study on Public Sector Issues and Policy Recommendations for Public Administration Modernization and National Consensus Building Process. The objective of these activities is to develop a road map for enhancing institutional and public policy quality by; (i) identifying the structural rigidities that hinder the efficiency, effectiveness, and transparency of the Public Sector; (ii) defining a socially and politically sensitive strategy for the transformation of the Public Sector; and (iii) facilitating the attainment of widespread agreement and support necessary to implement such strategy.

Firms and consortiums interested in this prequalification may obtain further information and inspect the prequalification documents from the IDB web site or the address below, Monday through Friday, from 0900 to 1200 hours.

The purchase of the prequalification documents is a necessary precondition to participate in the prequalification process. The prequalification documents, in English, can be purchased by interested applicants on the submission of a written application and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of US\$ 100, through a money order payable to the Inter American Development Bank to the address below. The prequalification documents will be sent by special courier for local addresses, and by international courier services for overseas delivery.

Prequalification forms must be submitted in English, enclosed in a sealed envelope clearly marked on the top right hand corner "Application to Pre-qualify for Road Map for Public Sector Reform" at the address below at or before 1200 hours (Surinamese time) Friday, 31 October 2004. Late applications shall not be considered. No liability will be accepted for loss or late delivery. Applications will be opened, in the presence of the applicants' representatives who choose to attend, at the address, date, and time indicated in the prequalification documents.

In the comparison of applications, only and all those factors, methods, and criteria specified in Section III of the prequalification documents, Evaluation Criteria, will be used in accordance with the provisions stipulated in the instructions to applicants of the prequalification documents.

Neither the CEU nor the IDB will be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by applicants in connection with the preparation or delivery of applications.

Applicants will be informed in due course of the result of their applications. Only applicants prequalified under this prequalification process will be invited to bid under the international competitive bidding procedures for the above-mentioned consulting services.

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