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**REGIONAL
SOCCER AND TEAM SPORTS PARTNERSHIP MODEL FOR YOUTH
EMPLOYABILITY**

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CONSULTING SERVICES

Loan No. ATN/MH-8918-RG, Project No. TC0207033

Request for Expressions of Interest

The Multilateral Investment Fund (MIF) of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) is seeking consultancy services to carry out a final evaluation of the project Soccer and Team Sports Partnership Model for Youth Employability, “Vencer in Brazil” and “A Ganar” in Ecuador and Uruguay. The MIF defines final evaluation as a study that is usually conducted upon completion of the project with the purpose of: (i) determining the immediate results of the project, including outputs and immediate outcomes to project beneficiaries as well as plausible attribution between the intervention and observed outcomes; (ii) assessing project efficiency and the quality of project administration; (iii) highlighting lessons to be gleaned from the project’s implementation and administration; and (iv) proposing actions for sustainability and longer-term impact, laying the groundwork for a potential ex-post impact evaluation.

The Partners of the Americas has applied for financing from the IDB, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments under the project, as part of project performance monitoring. The Project contemplates a final evaluation to be conducted by an external consultant. The MIF will contract an individual consultant or consulting firm to perform the required evaluation. The objectives for this consultancy are as follows:

- *1. Determine the extent to which the Project objectives have been met, in particular, the achieved rate of employability of Project participants
- *2. Propose actions for sustainability and longer-term impact and ensure evaluation
- *3. Identify strengths and weaknesses of the Project model
- *4. Identify strengths and weaknesses of the Project’s management
- *5. Map out similar youth training programs in participating countries and across the region, identify their characteristics, success rate, and possible complementarities with the MIF-sponsored model
- *6. Provide recommendations to the MIF for designing similar projects in the future.

The Inter-American Development Bank now invites eligible consultants to express their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants must submit 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.

In order to appropriately evaluate the Project and achieve the above-mentioned objectives, the contracted evaluator will use a mixed methods approach combining

qualitative and quantitative data gathering methodologies. While the evaluator may propose an intended method for the final evaluation, it is the MIF's preference that the final evaluation includes a control group of youth who did not participate in the Project. Although counting on a control group may not be possible, the evaluation should strive to make a case for "plausible attribution," linking the outcomes on youth employability and businesses' growth to project activities, to the extent possible. Demonstrating plausible attribution requires an in-depth understanding of the critical changes sought by the Project (e.g., changes in behaviors, institutional relationships, and institutional structures), how these changes were facilitated by the Project, and how they influenced results to the youth, businesses, and sectors.

Selection of consultants will be 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) and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the policies.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours 09:00 to 17:00 hours (US Eastern Time).

Expressions of interest must be delivered via e-Sourcing application at the web link below by 11 September 2009, 18:00 hours (US Eastern Time).

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