

Country: Brazil

Project: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING INFORMATION SYSTEM

Financing: Inter-American Development Bank

Abstract: CONSULTING SERVICES – CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Sector: Consultants

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The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), on behalf of the Japanese Trust Fund for Consulting Services (JCF), invites expressions of interest from Japanese consulting firms or consortia which have as the lead firm a Japanese consulting firm and who wish to be considered for the provision of consulting services to assist the Ministry of Transportation of Brazil for the completion of a technical cooperation entitled “Regional Transportation Planning Information System”.

The project will focus on the design, development and implementation of an automated solution based on geographic information technologies (geographic information systems, remote sensing, and spatial data compilation) for supporting regional transportation planning for both infrastructure and services. The project will directly strengthen the ongoing activities of the National Transportation Policy Secretariat (Ministry of Transportation) and also support the National Department for Transportation Infrastructure (DNIT), the National Land Transportation Agency (ANTT) and the National Water Transportation Agency (ANTAQ).

The selection will follow IDB’s procedures for the procurement of consulting services and procedures and the regulations for the use of funds from the Japanese Trust Fund for Consulting Services. After reviewing the expressions of interest, a shortlist of three-six pre-qualified consulting firms will be invited by the IDB to submit technical and financial proposals. Detailed terms of reference and pertinent project documentation will be provided to the short-listed firms.

The following are the conditions under which short-listed firms may present bids: a bidder, including its affiliates or firms belonging to the same economic or financial group, may present one bid for each tender for bids. If a bidder submits or participates in more than one bid in the same process, the offers of the bidders involved will not be evaluated. This provision does not restrict the participation of subcontractors in more than one bid. For this purpose, it is understood that the following form part of the same economic or financial group: those firms having directors, stockholders (with more than 5 per cent participation) and common legal representatives, and those that subsidize (or are subsidized) economically or financially by another firm.

Contracting will be done directly between IDB and the selected firm, which will be responsible for providing all professional services needed to carry out the activities defined in the terms of reference, including any subcontracting of experts. A Japanese firm must be the principal or the leader (in the case of a joint venture). The other firms of the joint ventures must be from IDB’s borrowing member countries. Under the consulting services agreement to be executed with IDB, more than 50 per cent of the consulting fees and equipment must be of Japanese origin.

Interested firms must submit four copies of the following documentation, in Portuguese or English:

--The consulting firm's (or joint venture's) legal and financial documentation must include the firm's statutes, the legal power of representation statement, the intention statement to form a joint venture, and the audited financial statements for the past three years.

--Consulting firm or joint-venture background and profile, nationality of firms, and two-page résumés of the key professional staff expected to be assigned to carry out the work, including specific experience in the region and language capability (resumes should be presented as an annex). The expressions of interest must present letters of agreement from all subcontractors and individual consultants to be included on the team.

--Evidence of similar work carried out (including a concise description of a maximum of six relevant projects with an outline of the project, the objectives, a list of activities and tasks, cutting edge technological solutions used, total amount of the project and duration, and the client with a telephone and e-mail of a person that can be contacted for further references. Graphics and cartographic outputs of the work developed could also be included as an annex) in the following areas: (i) Development of systems solutions for planning and decision-making utilizing geographic information technologies; (ii) design and compilation of integrated spatial databases in the area of regional and/or socio-environmental planning and management; (iii) GIS-Transportation experience in developing specific solutions for transportation infrastructure planning and management (dynamic segmentation, network analysis, spatial analysis, transportation analysis and infrastructure management); (iv) relevant experience in the area of capacity building and training. Information submitted must be tailored to the work described in this document; presentation of general marketing brochures is not desirable.

Firms will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

--Eligibility: The firm must comply with basic requisites in order to be evaluated. This requisites include: (i) Financial capacity: The consulting firm (or joint venture) will be evaluated according to their liquidity and solvency indexes derived from their financial statements of the past three years; (ii) legal documents: firm's statutes, legal power of representation and intention statement to form a joint venture; and (iii) origin: the firm (or joint venture) must comply with the nationality criteria described above in this notice.

--Firm's experience: The consulting firm (or joint venture) will be evaluated based on: (i) similar proven studies in which the proponent has participated and whose scope was similar; (ii) related studies, other than the previous ones, in which the proponent has participated; and (iii) previous experience working in similar projects for private or public entities in Brazil or in Latin American countries (70 points).

--Firm's technical capacity: The consulting firm (or joint venture) will be evaluated based on the capacity of the professionals to be engaged by the firm in this project, including technical expertise, experience in the region and also language capability (30 points).

This information will be used to establish the shortlist of pre-qualified firms.

Expressions of interest should not exceed 20 pages (not including the annex) and they must be received no later than 1600 hours (Washington, DC time) on 30 April 2004. The following internet site:

<http://www.iadb.org/regions/re1/br/br9811896q&a.pdf>

shows the answers to the questions related to the consultancy addressed to the IDB, in electronic form and received before 28 February 2004. Two copies of the expressions of interest should be sent to the IDB Country Office in Brazil and two copies should be sent to the IDB Headquarters in Washington, DC, USA. On the envelope please write clearly: "Expression of Interest for Regional Transportation Planning Information System TC-9811896 Brazil."

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