

BRAZIL

FOREST VOCATION LAND POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

Sectors: Forest, Rural Development, and Private Sector Development

CONSULTING SERVICES

Technical Cooperation No. BR-T1068.

Trust Fund: General Cooperation Fund for Spain;

Expressions of interest

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) has received financing from the General Cooperation Fund for Spain toward the cost of the above-mentioned technical cooperation – Forest Vocation Land Policy Implementation in Brazil, and it intends to apply the proceeds for consulting services.

The objectives of the technical cooperation (TC) are to develop operational instruments for the implementation of the forest policy based on a forest vocation land (FVL, see www.stcp.com.br/bid) strategy in pilot areas and prepare projects to apply them to the rest of the Brazilian states of Mato Grosso (MT), Minas Gerais (MG), and Parana (PR). The TC will assist the beneficiary governments to improve forest related environmental services production such as soil and water protection, and increase the competitiveness of land-based businesses in their territories. The operation finances the adaptation of instruments related to the identification of FVL in selected regions at an operational scale; the identification of conflicting forest and non forest policies to assure consistency; the adjustment of regulations to implement FVL provisions of the law; the establishment of pragmatic FVL cover change monitoring mechanisms and procedures; the reengineering and demonstration of enforcement activities; the dissemination of policy rules; identification of an assistance strategy for policy compliance by landowners; and the comparative analysis of the current policy framework as compared with the based on the forest vocation land concept using environmental, technical, and economic, financial, fiscal cost/benefit criteria, and economic activity impacts. The tools development and implementation demonstration for selected parts of each state will allow their application to remainder of the participating states' territories and help other states in evaluating the applicability and convenience of such policies to their own territories.

The TC will finance the hiring of one Spanish consulting firm that have to count with the following professionals: forest planner or economist (to coordinate the team); agriculture economist with experience in economic and financial analysis of agriculture and forest projects as well as fiscal analysis; natural resources remote sensing specialist with experience in forest cover and land use monitoring and GIS applications; soil and topography mapping specialist with experience in remote sensing and GIS applications; lawyer with experience in forest and land use legislation; institutional development specialist capable of designing organizational, and procedural protocols review and adjustments; and a professional website designer.

The principal outputs of the operation for each beneficiary are studies, methodologies, operational guidelines and protocols, regulation drafts, trained personal, project proposal to extend the application to the rest of the territories of MT, MG, and PR, and websites to disseminate the results. The products are: forest vocation land identified and land cover baseline mapped for 150-200,000 ha for each state; FVL cover change monitoring system designed and/or adjusted, and operational procedures established; FVL related regulations reviewed and adjustments proposed including conflicting forest and non-forest policies identified and modifications proposed to assure consistency and effectiveness; FVL policy enforcement procedures reengineered and organizational adjustments proposed; analysis comparing current and adjusted policies technically and in terms of economic, financial, and fiscal benefit cost, and economic activity impact; policy rules and other supporting information disseminated, including landowners' compliance assistance strategy designed. Limited training will be provided to government officials and sector professionals. Terms of Reference, guidelines, protocols, and other tools and

parameters for project design; execution and evaluation will also be produced and disseminated through the Internet.

The documentation generated will have to be produced in Portuguese, with executive summaries in Spanish and English. Contracted services are expected to start during the second quarter of 2008 and last for up to 12 months, mostly conducted in Brazil.

The IDB now invites eligible consultants to express their interest in providing the services. Interested consulting firms 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. The financing of the technical cooperation is 75 per cent tied to the use of Spanish consulting services. Since only one consulting contract is sought, funds will be used for the hiring of a Spanish firm, an association of Spanish firms, or an association led by a Spanish firm(s) with firm(s) from borrowing member countries of the IDB; or pay for other eligible expenses.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the IDB's <I>Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank</I>, current edition.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours, 0900 to 1700 hours. Expressions of interest (in electronic and physical formats) must be delivered to the same address by 1700 hours on 28 February 2008.

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