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**GUYANA**

**CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY MAINSTREAMING THROUGH  
AVOIDED DEFORESTATION**

**Sector: Environment**

**CONSULTING SERVICES**

**TC No. GY-T1058 OR ATN/np-10749-gy; atn/sf-10750-gy**

Expressions of Interest

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The Government of Guyana, through the Office of the President, has agreed with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) to carry out a technical assistance operation: “Climate Change and Biodiversity Mainstreaming through Avoided Deforestation”, financed by the Fund for Special Operations and the IDB-Netherlands Partnership Program in Environment. The IDB will execute the operation and therefore it seeks to hire the corresponding consulting services.

The services include:

\*A site description including an analysis of biodiversity, forestry and carbon baselines. This will include the socio-economic context, land tenure trends, carbon emissions profile of current and future land use activities, land use history of the selected site, a biological description and conservation value of the site, threats to forest conservation, including a description of current and future land use trends taking into account infrastructure projects such as IIRSA’s Lethem-Georgetown road and other potential activities that may impact land-use.

\*A biophysical and economic assessment through scenario modeling. To estimate the potential forest conversion degradation and projected CO2 emissions and ranges of opportunity cost, taking high impact projects into account.

\*Methodology development to support pilot demonstrations on reliably measuring carbon stored in standing forests in order to enable Guyana to apply the methodology.

\*Policy and institutional analysis to assess enabling conditions for implementing and monitoring potential “Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation” initiatives and related conservation approaches, including an assessment of the role of the private sector, non-governmental organizations, and indigenous peoples.

\*A presentation of recommendations and action plan to support the government in moving forward on climate change and biodiversity conservation issues.

The services for this TC will be provided by a consulting firm, NGO, or any expert organization in the field of climate change and biodiversity conservation. Previous experience working in Guyana or in the Amazon Region, in planning and implementation of large-scale conservation projects is required. The prospective candidate organization should demonstrate high capacity and expert knowledge in key areas of climate change,

forest management and biodiversity conservation. In particular, the consultants should demonstrate expertise in carbon finance, biodiversity, forestry, and economics. Also, experience in the use of decision support systems for scenario modeling and policy analysis is required. The candidates will provide a successful track record of working in Guyana and/or in other countries of the Amazon basin. The potential candidate also needs the ability to provide services directly and through local partners that can support national, regional and local agencies and organizations in the development of pilot methodologies for avoiding deforestation projects. The consulting contract will be based on lump-sum basis, tied to specific products and deliverables.

The IDB 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.

Consultants will be selected 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, from 9:00 am to 17:00 pm (US Eastern time).

Expressions of interest must be delivered via mail services or e-mail to the same address by 11 April 2008 EOB. Three hard copies and CD-Rom are required.

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