

Country: GUYANA

Project: AGRICULTURAL SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAMME (ASSP)

Sector: AGRO-INDUSTRY

Abstract: REHABILITATED STRUCTURES AND SUPPORT FOR RICE RESEARCH AND AGRICULTURAL DIVERSIFICATION

Loan Contract No. 1558/SF-GY

General Procurement Notice

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) has approved a loan to the Cooperative Republic of Guyana totaling US\$ 22.5 million, to assist in raising rural incomes by increasing the agriculture production in the coastal plain through the rehabilitation of drainage and irrigation structures, organizing farmers to manage the operation and maintenance of rehabilitated structures and support for rice research and agricultural diversification. The total cost of the programme is equivalent to US\$ 25 million. The executing agency for the programme will be the Ministry of Agriculture.

The programme which seeks to attain the objective described above, by financing investments in infrastructure, equipment, farmers' training and extension, institutional strengthening of the National Drainage and Irrigation Board and Water User Associations, rice seeds development and agriculture diversification promotion, over a five year period, is expected to commence shortly.

It is intended to apply the proceeds of the loan to the purchase of goods and services through international competitive bidding and other procurement procedures in accordance with the IDB procurement guidelines and the loan contract. Specific procurement notices (SPNs) for prequalification and invitation to bid are expected to occur as follows:

--Works and Construction: rehabilitation of drainage and irrigation systems comprising approximately 400 kilometers of primary channels, approximately 800 kilometers of secondary channels, approximately 400 kilometers of service roads, 3 pumping stations, and approximately 1,200 sluice gates and other water control structures - 2nd semester 2004; design and construction of rice seeds facility - 1st semester 2005
--Consulting Firms: Construction Supervision – 2nd semester 2004; Land Tenure Regularization – 2nd semester 2005 and Feasibility Studies – 2nd semester 2005
--Equipment: Information System - 1st semester 2005. SPNs for these will be placed in at least one of the most widely circulated newspapers in Guyana

In addition for works in excess of US\$1.5 million, supply of goods in excess of US\$250,000 and provision of consulting services in excess of US\$200,000, SPNs will be published in the "Development Business" web site as well as in the Bank's web site.

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