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GUYANA
AGRICULTURAL SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAMME

Consulting Services

PROCUREMENT CODES ASSP.C2.1.CS1 TO 5

Loan No. 1558/SF-GY

Expression of Interest (EOI)

Deadline: 13 January 2009

The Ministry of Agriculture has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) to cover the cost of executing the Agricultural Support Services Programme (ASSP), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The primary objective of the ASSP is to raise rural incomes by increasing the efficiency of agricultural production in the coastal plain of Guyana while the objective of the component is to rehabilitate the drainage and irrigation systems in specified areas. This consultancy is for the provision of supervision services for the rehabilitation/construction of the works.

Component 2.1 – Civil Works

*Lot 1 – Vergenoegen/Bonasika and Den Amstel/Fellowship control structures and access roads

*Lot 2 – Vreed-en-Hoop/La Jalousie control structures and access roads

*Lot 3 – Golden Grove/Victoria control structures and access roads

*Lot 4 – Crabwood Creek control structures and access roads

*Lot 5 – Regions 4 and 6 pump stations

The designs of the civil engineering works (hydraulic structures, pumps and fair weather roads) in the above-mentioned lots were previously completed and utilized as the basis for the issue of invitation for bids for their rehabilitation/construction. The client has already received tenders for their construction and is hereby advertising for supervisory consultants who will be responsible for the execution of the following activities:

--Assignment of a team of professionals (team leaders, civil engineers, land surveyors and inspectors of works, electrical and mechanical engineers for Lot 5, etc.) to supervise the contractor

--Production of inception, monthly progress and daily inspector's reports

--Preparation of bar bending schedules

--Liaison with the Regional Democratic Councils and Water Users Associations, review of the identified works and recommendations for any amendments to the scope of works, including cost implications.

--Convening of site meetings and preparation of minutes thereof

--Assessment and validation of contractor's payment invoices and recommendations for payment

The consulting services are to be mainly carried out in the areas of Guyana where the works are located, as stated in the lot descriptions above. The consultant(s) will report to the Director, Agriculture Sector Development Unit, based in Georgetown. The expected starting time for the consultancy is February 2009, and the indicative contract durations for Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are 20, 12, 12, 15 and 15 months respectively.

Interested consultants must provide information establishing that they are qualified to perform the required services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff etc.). Consultants may associate or enter joint ventures to enhance their qualifications.

A consultant 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*, GN-2350-7, July 2006. The selection method will be quality- and cost-based selection as described in the IDB's procurement policies.

The criteria for assessing the EOIs are as follows:

- General experience in the supervision of civil engineering works
- Specific experience in the supervision of similar engineering works
- Experience in supervising engineering works in Guyana or the Caribbean
- Suitably qualified and experienced key staff
- Experience in working with Water Users Associations

Consultants may express interest in Lots 1 to 4 or Lot 5 or all lots. The client intends to shortlist a maximum six firms for Lots 1 to 4 and a maximum of six firms for Lot 5. Shortlisted firms for Lots 1 to 4 will be invited to submit bids for 1, 2, 3 or all 4 lots, each of which will be evaluated and awarded individually. All shortlisted firms will be given pertinent reports that were received by the client during the design phase.

Clarifications may be sought from the Director, ASDU, at the address below.

Consulting firms are asked to note that the designs were done in 2004 and some amendments were subsequently made to the scope of works. Shortlisted firms will have access to the design documents.

The Government of Guyana now invites consulting firms with the relevant experience to submit EOIs in English. One printed and one electronic copy (PDF) of the EOI should be sent by 13 January 2009 at 0900 hours to the following address:

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