

TC ABSTRACT

I. Basic Project Data

▪ Country/Region:	SURINAME/CCB - Caribbean Group
▪ TC Name:	Support for the Design and Implementation of Innovative Mechanisms for the Management of Works Contracts in Suriname
▪ TC Number:	SU-T1152
▪ Team Leader/Members:	GUERRERO, PABLO (INE/TSP) Team Leader; PERSAUD, CHRISTOPHER (INE/TSP) Alternate Team Leader; MIX VIDAL, RICHARD ALEXANDER (INE/TSP); CENTENO LAPPAS, MONICA CLARA ANGELICA (LEG/SGO); HOFWIJKS, STEVEN ROMEO (CCB/CSU); BERLANDA CUSTODIO DA SILVA, CLEIDE (VPC/FMP); OSEGUERA, AGUSTIN (INE/TSP)
▪ Taxonomy:	Operational Support
▪ Number and name of operation supported by the TC:	Improving Transport Logistics and Competitiveness in Suriname - SU-L1057
▪ Date of TC Abstract:	29 Apr 2022
▪ Beneficiary:	Ministry of Public Works
▪ Executing Agency:	INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
▪ IDB funding requested:	US\$185,000.00
▪ Local counterpart funding:	US\$0.00
▪ Disbursement period:	36 months
▪ Types of consultants:	Individuals; Firms
▪ Prepared by Unit:	INE/TSP - Transport
▪ Unit of Disbursement Responsibility:	CCB/CSU - Country Office Suriname
▪ TC included in Country Strategy (y/n):	Yes
▪ TC included in CPD (y/n):	Yes
▪ Alignment to the Update to the Institutional Strategy 2010-2020:	Productivity and innovation ; Economic integration; Institutional capacity and rule of law; Environmental sustainability; Gender equality

II. Objective and Justification

- 2.1 The objective of this TC is to support the Government of Suriname in the design and implementation of technology-based tools, methods and practices to improve the technical, environmental and fiduciary management of transport infrastructure works contracts, with the objective of reducing execution risks, and the fluctuation in time and value of works contracts.
- 2.2 The potential growth of the Surinamese economy, because of the finding of new sites of oil and gas, entails a series of challenges to guarantee the timely supply of the necessary infrastructure to support these new developments. Although the availability of resources for financing may not become a constraint soon, the limited planning and management capacity of public institutions for the development, and timely and adequate maintenance of transport infrastructure could be.
- 2.3 In this context, a relevant challenge in the execution of infrastructure projects in Suriname is related to the management, support and monitoring of works contracts. As for the Bank supported programs, a considerable effort is usually required given the scarce capacity of the executing counterparts in handling infrastructure contracts, social and environmental management, and quality control among other factors.

- 2.4 In order to mitigate these risks, it is necessary to provide technology support to ensure the quality of the technical, environment and social studies prior to bidding and to guarantee a successful support throughout the implementation period. Hence, support for efficient project management and sound works' contract administration is key to ensure contractors' compliance with time, cost and material and works quality , as well as compliance with IDB policies and safeguards.
- 2.5 This TC will support the execution of the SU-L1057. The general objective of the operation is to enhance Suriname's competitiveness and logistics performance by improving efficiencies and reducing both costs and time to clear goods at the primary port facility in Suriname. The specific objectives of the program are: (i) improving the infrastructure and operations of the Port of Paramaribo through the provision of port efficient infrastructure, and the acquisition and implementation of equipment and digital platforms to facilitate trade logistics and goods clearance processes; (ii) improving the level of service, capacity, and resilience of adjacent roads and access to the port; and (iii) strengthening institutional capacity to ensure optimal execution, sustainable asset management, and adequate operation. In this context, this TC will complement the activities of the operation by introducing IT based solutions and relevant trainings to strengthen the management capabilities of infrastructure projects in Suriname.

III. Description of Activities and Outputs

- 3.1 **Component I: Strengthening of public capacities for the management and monitoring of works' contracts.** This component will cover the development of methodologies and tools for the contractual and technical management and monitoring of infrastructure works contracts and effective communication and coordination mechanisms. Outputs: (i) Intelligent Traffic Light Control Systems (ITLCS) project progress tools, methodologies, and reports; (ii) project and contract information management procedures established; and (iii) Ministry of Public Works (MoPW) officials training.
- 3.2 **Component II: Development and implementation of technical and socio-environmental management tools.** This component will finance the design and adoption of Information Technology (IT) based methodologies and tools to improve the monitoring of social and environmental management plans in infrastructure works projects, under the modality of Software as a Service (SaaS). Outputs: (i) Project Grievance Management digital tool designed and implemented; (ii) Contract and works' information management digital tool designed and implemented; and (iii) MoPW officials training.
- 3.3 **Component III: Knowledge, Dissemination and Communications.** The component will finance products for the execution and dissemination of the lessons learned from the cooperation.

IV. Budget

Indicative Budget

Activity/Component	IDB/Fund Funding	Counterpart Funding	Total Funding
Strengthening of public capacities for the management and monitoring of works' contracts	US\$100,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$100,000.00
Development and implementation of technical and socio-environmental management tools	US\$60,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$60,000.00
Knowledge, Dissemination and Communications	US\$25,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$25,000.00
Total	US\$185,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$185,000.00

V. Executing Agency and Execution Structure

- 5.1 The Bank will be the executing agency. The activities will be coordinated by the Transport Division (INE/TSP). The UDR will be located in CCB/CSU for the management of the related contracts.
- 5.2 The TC will be executed by the Bank through the hiring of consultants to carry out each study. In this sense, the Bank will be responsible for: (i) identifying the studies and technical work necessary to structure the project; (ii) selecting and hiring consultants to provide the necessary services; and (iii) managing the execution and delivery of consulting services.
- 5.3 The execution and disbursement period will be 36 months.
- 5.4 This TC will be executed by the Bank responding to the request from the Beneficiary, considering that MoPW does not have the necessary technical, and operational capacity to duly and timely execute the activities foreseen under this TC. Furthermore, the Bank has the technical experience and capacity to ensure the high quality of products and activities to be carried out for this operation.

VI. Project Risks and Issues

- 6.1 Minor risks are identified in the context of this TC. There is a risk of lacking active engagement from the beneficiaries. Even though there is a need to improve mobility and institutional capacities in Suriname, there is a risk of low involvement from public officials and stakeholders. To mitigate this risk, coordination mechanisms will be put in place in close coordination between project team and high-level technical authorities to make sure the relevant stakeholders get involved in the activities and studies of the TC.

VII. Environmental and Social Classification

- 7.1 The ESG classification for this operation is "N/A".