

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES

Selection # as assigned by e-Tool: RG-T2785-P002 Development of Broadband ICT Infrastructure Services –in Honduras

Selection Method: Full competitive

Country: Honduras

Sector: IFD/CMF

Funding – TC #: ATN/KK-16057-RG

Project #: RG-T2785

TC name: *Broadband 2.0: Diagnosis and Recommendations for Sustainable BBD Development in Paraguay, Honduras and Argentina*

Description of Services: The goal of this Consultancy is to support the Government of Honduras develop a sustainable environment for the efficient and effective use of broadband services. The specific objectives are: (i) assess the needs and develop the pre-feasibility studies for the deployment of digital infrastructure (broadband networks and cloud-computing infrastructure); (ii) strengthen the regulatory framework and develop innovative public policies for the development of the digital ecosystem; and (iii) design a strategy for the strengthening of the telecom public operator, Hondutel.

Link to TC document: <http://www.iadb.org/en/projects/project-description-title,1303.html?id=RG-T2785>

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) is executing the above mentioned operation. For this operation, the IDB intends to contract consulting services described in this Request for Expressions of Interest.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include

Component 1: Diagnostic and studies for the deployment of digital infrastructure

The objective of this component is to determine the need for digital infrastructure (at all network segments) in the country and develop the market, technical, economic, financial and environmental studies. To that goal, the following activities will be developed:

- Activity 1.1 Demand estimation.
- Activity 1.2 Supply analysis
- Activity 1.3 Technical study
- Activity 1.4 Financial and economic analysis
- Activity 1.5 Development of the Environmental and Social Impact Management Plans (EMPs).
- Activity 1.6 Roadmap for implementation
- Activity 1.7 Workshop to present and validate results

Component 2: Institutional framework.

The objective of this component is to review and propose updates to, the IT institutional, legal and regulatory frameworks to advance the adoption and use of broadband services and cloud computing. This component is particularly relevant as the decision of investing by the government and private sector requires a stable and predictable regulatory framework that creates the conditions to facilitate investments, as well as a

coordinated government investment policy and administrative arrangements. This component includes the following activities:

- Activity 2.1 Review of the administrative, regulatory and legal frameworks.
- Activity 2.2 Development of proposals to update the administrative, regulatory and legal frameworks
- Activity 2.3 Public policies.
- Activity 2.4 Workshop to present and validate results.

Component 3: Strengthening of Hondutel

The objective of this component is to develop recommendations to improve the operations of the national telecom operator Hondutel. This component includes the following activities:

- Activity 3.1 Training.

The estimated timeframe for completion is 12 months.

Eligible consulting firms will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: [Policy for the Selection and Contracting of Consulting firms for Bank-executed Operational Work](#) - GN-2765-1. All eligible consulting firms, as defined in the Policy may express an interest.

The IDB now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consulting firms must provide 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.). Eligible consulting firms may associate in a form of a Joint Venture or a sub-consultancy agreement to enhance their qualifications. Such association or Joint Venture shall appoint one of the firms as the representative.

Interested eligible consulting firms may obtain further information during office hours, 09:00 AM to 05:00 PM, (Washington D.C. Time) by sending an email to: antoniogar@iadb.org and enriqueig@iadb.org

Expressions of interest must be delivered by June 1st, 2017 5pm (Washington D.C. Time) using the IDB Portal for Bank Executed Operations (<http://beo-procurement.iadb.org/home>)

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