

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES

Selection #: BL-T1087-P001

Selection Method: Simplified Competitive Selection

Country: Belize

Sector: Trade

Funding – TC #: ATN/OC-16428-BL

Project #: BL-T1087

TC name: Export-led development in the Corozal District

Description of Services: Consultancy services to develop a Regional Economic Development Master Plan for the Corozal Free Zone in Belize

Link to TC document: <https://www.iadb.org/en/project/BL-T1087>

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.

Expressions of interest must be delivered using the IDB Portal for Bank Executed Operations (<http://beo-procurement.iadb.org/home>) by Tuesday, May 29th 2018, at 5:00 P.M. (Washington D.C. Time).

The consulting services (“the Services”) include the development of **Regional Economic Development Master Plan for the Corozal Free Zone in Belize**. This Master Plan would include an economic overview of the Free Zone, a proposal for its repurposing and the most appropriate financing mechanism. The Corozal free zone is the largest free zone in Belize by far with an estimated 3,000 direct and 800 indirect jobs however it suffers from several policy contradictions with respect to target sectors and risk management and controls. Given the Corozal FZ’s importance as a local employer and these policy contradictions, the Government of Belize (GoB) is seeking assistance to rethink the operation of the zone. The objective of this consultancy is to undertake a review of the Corozal Free Zone with a view to repurposing and optimizing their services and operations. This would include a review, mapping, and proposals for repurposing.

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. If the Consulting Firm is presented in a Consortium, it will designate one of them as a representative, and the latter will be responsible for the communications, the registration in the portal and for submitting the corresponding documents.

The IDB now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the services described above of the intended Terms of Reference for the assignment. 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.) each submission should be no more than 100 pages. 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 Takiyah De Four (takiyahd@iadb.org).

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