

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
CONSULTING SERVICES

Selection # as assigned by e-Tool: CR-T1228-P001

Selection Method: Full competitive Selection

Country: Costa Rica

Sector: Education

Funding – TC #: CR-T1228

Project #: ATN/JO-18205-CR

TC name: Pertinence of Natural Science and Environmental Secondary Education in Rural Agricultural Communities

Description of Services: Experimental Evaluation

Link to TC document: www.iadb.org/en/project/CR-T1228

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: March 25, 2021, 5:00 P.M. (Washington D.C. Time).

The consulting services (“the Services”) include an experimental evaluation of technical agricultural education in Costa Rica.

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 in the draft summary 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.). 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.

The objective of the consultancy is twofold: (i) in 2021 conduct an experimental nudge campaign among Costa Rican 9th graders, seeking to increase the number of female students that apply to technical agricultural schools; and (ii) in 2022 and 2023 conduct an experimental assessment of a pilot to increase the pertinence and quality of education provided through agricultural schools in Costa Rica. Firms should submit their profiles and descriptions of previous work in experimental evaluations. No technical or financial proposals are required at this stage.

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: emman@iadb.org

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