

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES

Selection # as assigned by e-Tool: RG-T3496-P008

Selection Method: Framework Agreement

Country: Regional

Sector: Various

Funding – TC #: ATC/OC-17738-RG / RG-T3496

Project #: RG-T3496

TC name: Enabling Projects, Clients and Markets through Improved Environmental and Social Risk Management

Description of Services:

Link to TC document: <https://www.iadb.org/en/project/RG-T3496>

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: September 11th, 2020 5:00 P.M. (Washington D.C. Time).

The consulting services (“the Services”) may include one or more of the following, under a Framework Agreement that will be executed with Task Orders on an as-needed basis:

- (i) Develop environmental and social assessments, tools, management systems, roadmaps to address the identification and management of environmental and social risks in infrastructure, corporate (largely in agribusiness and manufacturing) and financial intermediary projects, at a project, sector and/or country level.
- (ii) Organize, prepare, deliver and document environmental and social training and dissemination events to raise awareness, share knowledge and build capacity at the sector level.
- (iii) Develop good practice guides, papers or technical notes on environmental and social matters in coordination with local authorities to raise awareness and disseminate E&S risk management practices or standards and support national or sub-national initiatives, priorities or development context.
- (iv) Structure to convene or support the creation and establishment of roundtables or working groups to address E&S risks at a project, sector or country level.

The Framework Agreement will be established for a period of two years from execution date. Task Orders will be requested from the firm on an as-needed basis within that period of time.

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 below 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.

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 Paula Valencia (paulava@iadb.org) or Colin McKee (colinm@iadb.org).

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Draft summary of Terms of Reference

Consulting firms are invited to submit proposals for the Framework Agreement, and one or several firms will be selected based on their technical and price proposals. This is estimated to be one to three firms selected under the framework agreement. Part of the purpose of this form of contracting is to complete, and then avoid repeat of, part of the administrative burden to both firms and the IDB found in contracting new work activities. A firm, or firms, that wins their bid in the framework agreement is not yet assigned a quantity of work, and instead will be "preapproved" for the two (2) year term of the agreement to bid on work orders specific in country and task (further definition and examples below). The IDB, will select task order bids based on factors such as price, knowledge, and experience of the team to be provided by the firm, and proposed timeline.

At the time of specific work orders, a firm will be requested to price their offers. Consulting firms should submit proposals that demonstrate ability to work in one or all of the following areas:

- Environmental, Social, Health and Safety Risk Management
- Infrastructure (including energy), Corporates (including agribusiness) and Financial Intermediary (including funds) projects
- Environmental and Social Assessments, Tools, Roadmaps and Studies
- Developing and delivering knowledge products, including publications and workshops.

For the purpose of bids for the Framework Agreement, a company should specify in which category(ies) above the firm can operate, and in which countries it has access to local expertise. Preference will be given to those consulting firms that can demonstrate experience with strong local expertise in the most IDB Borrowing Member Countries as well as capabilities to work remotely using available online technologies, as needed.

Given the Covid-19 pandemic situation, firms should provide high-level information as to how they plan to deliver work remotely and/or through local staff and other technologies, and any limitations they may have in delivering the work.

The expected outcome is to enhance the environmental and social risk management at the sector and country level. The deliverables will include:

- (i) Environmental and social assessment
- (ii) Environmental and social tool
- (iii) Training and dissemination event
- (iv) Good practice guide, paper or technical note
- (v) Roundtable / working group