

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
CONSULTING SERVICES

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| Selection # as assigned by e-Tool | : BK-C1953-P002 |
| Selection Method | : Full-Competitive Selection |
| Country | : Region |
| Sector | : VPS/ESG; RMG/ESR |
| Funding # | : BK-C1953 |
| Project # | : P002 |
| TC name | : Environmental and Social Knowledge Management Framework |
| Description of Services | : Portfolio Assessment and Implementation of Environmental and Social Safeguards for Projects in Preparation and Execution |
| Link to TC document | : N/A |

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 25th, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. (Washington D.C. Time).

To access the IDB Portal, the firms must generate a registration account, including **all** the data requested by the Portal. In the event that any of the information requested is not included, the firm will not be able to participate in this or any other Bank-executed selection process for operational work. If the firm has been previously registered, please validate that you have **all** the firm's information updated and complete before submitting an expression of interest.

The consulting services ("the Services") include support to ESG and ESR in the preparation of a variety of documents to support different phases of the IDB project cycle. Different products/deliverables will be requested and processed through work orders including but not limited to what is described below:

Portfolio Sampling or other portfolio assessments

ESR's portfolio sampling is an in-depth analysis of a representative subset of active operations in the execution phase to assess the E&S risks and E&S management performance. Depending on the specific objectives the analysis may reveal if the level of supervision is sufficient, identify the key recurrent E&S risks affecting the Portfolio, identify if corrective or mitigation measures are required, as well as identify best practices, lessons learned, and opportunities to improve the IDB management of E&S risks. The review includes the following tasks: (i) document review, (ii) interviews, (iii) data analysis, (iv) calibration or thematic sessions, (v) for a sub-set group, site visits and (vi) report.

The products involve (a) An excel after completion of each task or equivalent (b) A brief supervision/monitoring report including an Action Plan, for each project site visit completed, and (c) A Draft and Final Report.

Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS)

An effective ESMS entails a methodological approach to managing environmental and social risks and impacts in a systematic and structured way on an on-going basis and promotes sound and sustainable environmental and social performance, and can lead to improved financial, social, and environmental outcomes. An ESMS must incorporate the following elements as defined in the Environmental and Social Standard 1 of the ESPF, and may be compiled as a referential document: (i) a project-specific environmental and social framework, including applicable national norms, international commitments, relevant IDB requirements, and requirements of any co-financiers, (ii) the procedures for and final outputs of the identification of risks and impacts, (iii) procedures for and final outputs of any required management programs, (iv) commitments and requirements for organizational capacity and competence, (v) procedures and commitments for emergency preparedness and response, (vi) a Stakeholder' Engagement Plan (SEP), (vii) procedures and commitments for monitoring and review.

Environmental and social impact and/or risk assessments.

To ensure that all the operations financed by the IDB comply with the new Environmental and Social Policy Framework (ESPF), applicable national regulations, and international commitments and standards, environmental and social impact and/or risk assessments must be conducted. These may include, but are not limited to:

- Environmental and Social Impact Assessments (Category A)
- Environmental and Social Analyses (Category B)
- Strategic Environmental and Social Assessments (SESA)
- Environmental and Social Management Frameworks (ESMF, for projects outside of the sample in Multiple Works operations)

Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP)

An ESMP is required for all IDB operations with an A and B environmental and social classification and establishes the environmental and social management measures and controls that will be implemented during the execution of a project, together with a clear indication of the necessary institutional responsibilities and resources.

Specific impact and risk analyses and management plans

The ten policy standards of the ESPF may require specific analyses and management plans proportionate to the nature and scope of the risks and impacts identified. These specific analyses and mitigation plans may include, but are not limited to:

- Sociocultural Analysis (SCA) and Indigenous Peoples Plan (IPP)
- Labor Risk Assessments (LRA) and Labor Management Procedures (LMP)
- Resettlement Action Plans (RAP), Resettlement Frameworks (RF), and Livelihood Restoration Plans (LRP)
- Biodiversity Action Plans (BAP)
- Human Rights Assessments (HRA)
- Health Impact Assessments (HIA)
- Disaster and Climate Change Risk Assessments or Narratives (DCCRA), Disaster and Climate Change Risk Management Plans (DCCRMP), Dam Safety Reports (DSR)

Environmental and Social Due Diligence (ESDD) Reports

To ensure that operations comply with the requirements of the ESPF, the Bank conducts due diligence activities during the preparation of new operations and for new works during the execution of existing operations. ESDD reports may include the results of the following activities, which may include, but are not limited to:

- Site visits
- Document review
- Meetings with project proponents or executing agencies
- Baseline data retrieval
- Drone flights

Conducting Meaningful Stakeholder Engagement

The ESPF requires a Stakeholder Engagement Plan, procedures, process, or action plan for all operations financed by the Bank, in line with the transversal requirement for an Environmental and Social Management System required for all operations. Related deliverables may include, but are not limited to:

- Stakeholder Engagement Plans (SEP) and Consultation Reports (CR)

Supervision Mission and Report

The Bank currently requires supervision of 100% of all operations characterized by a High or Substantial Environmental and Social Risk Rating (ESRR). The associated deliverables include, but are not limited to:

- Conducting supervision missions (presential, virtual, or hybrid)
Participate and develop Back-to-Office reports or Supervision Reports following the formats indicated by ESG, trip summaries and corrective action plans

Others

- Gap analyses, project profiles, abstracts, and summaries of environmental analysis
- Initial and Final Environmental and Social Review Summary (IESRS & ESRS)
- Geographical Information Systems, data, or data layers
- Preparation of Operational Inputs (OI) to complement ongoing public or private sector projects, as well as detailed Terms of Reference for needed studies
- Case Studies, Technical Notes (TN) & Guidance on topics of environment health and safety management
- Prepare and facilitate activities for capacity building, including but not limited to workshops, courses, learning programs, certifications, among others
- Preparation of Terms of Reference (TOR)
- Text for inclusion in procurement plans or loan agreements
- Development and analysis of ESG internal processes such as Operational Manuals
- Perform benchmark studies on Environmental and Social issues among bilateral and multilateral donors and finance institutions
- Other internal IDB memos or documentation as requested over the course of the time allocated for this assignment

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-2765-4](#). 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.

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: ESGFrontOffice@iadb.org

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