

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES

Selection # as assigned by e-Tool: RG-E1649-P006

Selection Method: Simplified competitive selection

Country: Panama

Sector: Infrastructure and Energy

Funding – TC #: ESW RG-E1649

Project #:

TC name: Impact of decarbonization on the labor market in Latin America and the Caribbean

Description of Services: The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) will contract a firm to perform a country-level survey in Panama regarding employment creation in the energy sectors associated to the green transition. These are inter alia renewable energy, energy efficiency, demand management, electromobility, hydrogen, installation of solar panels, storage, including advisory and consulting firms in these sectors. This data collection is complementary to other surveys conducted and/or contracted by the IDB to have a high-quality regional database to support knowledge products of the Infrastructure and Energy Sector (INE) in countries where data is not easily available in main sources.

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: *04/19/2021*, 5:00 P.M. (Washington D.C. Time).

The consulting services (“the Services”) include:

- Make adjustments to an existing survey so that it can be applied to the case of Panama, based on collaboration with the IDB staff, that is applicable to all sectors, that would capture all the information required for the subsequent analysis. The survey in question would be representative of the Panamanian companies involved inter alia in the transmission generation, distribution, construction of energy infrastructure, electric vehicles, energy digitalization and energy efficiency.
- Carry out a pilot survey to test the effectiveness of the survey and the responsiveness of the firms, and make adjustments, where necessary to cover topics on gender, education, investment, employment, and other relevant variables on both companies and unions present in the country that are representative of the whole.
- Carry out the survey by phone, online or in person.
- Verify and validate the data collected and adjust or complement it with additional surveys, where necessary.
- Consolidate the data collected into a data archive, along with a variable codebook, and carry out checks before delivering a clean database.
- Provide a methodological guidebook with all adjustments made and checks’ methods, as well as a list of all participating firms and their responsiveness coverage.

To be executed during the second and third quarters of 2021.

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.

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: michellecar@iadb.org with paulliner@iadb.org in copy.

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