

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES

Selection # as assigned by e-Tool: BR-X1028-P001

Selection Method: Full Competitive Selection

Country: Brazil

Sector: CCS/CBR

Funding – TC #: ATN/DE-15770-BR

Project #: BR-X1028

TC name: Low Carbon Agriculture and Avoided Deforestation for Reducing Poverty

Description of Services: Impact evaluation process for the “Low-Carbon Agriculture and Avoided Deforestation to Reduce Poverty in Brazil” (BR-X1028) – aka Rural Sustentável project.

Link to TC document: <https://www.iadb.org/pt/project/BR-X1028>

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: *December, 7, 2018*, 5:00 P.M. (Washington D.C. Time).

The consulting services (“the Services”): *an impact evaluation of the Rural Sustentável that will provide an assessment of the design and implementation of the project in municipalities within targeted states in the Amazon and Atlantic Forest, with a focus on the financial and technical assistance components, considering the project’s lifecycle – April 2013 to May 2019. The evaluation will assess the relevance of the project in supporting Brazil’s climate change commitments – reducing deforestation and GHG emissions – and results achieved through the adoption of technologies under the ABC Plan throughout the Rural Sustentável, as well as the project’s contribution in improving small and medium producers access to ABC rural credit via non-reimbursable resources and income based on increased property productivity and efficiency. It will also assess the level of engagement of strategic stakeholders in the project and the coordination between project partner organizations. Finally, the evaluation will assess whether the program achieved intended outcomes and whether interventions will be sustainable after project completion.*

Activities

The selected candidate will deliver the activities described below, in coordination with the IDB:

- a) Elaborate a work plan detailing activities that will be carried out, including the methodological proposal, milestone, responsibilities, deliverables, budget and timeline. This work plan should be developed, and agreed by the IDB.*
- b) Define and describe the impact evaluation methodology to assess the outcomes of the Rural Sustentável in the Amazon and Atlantic Forest, including complementary approaches to assess implementation and design and a counterfactual analysis.*
- c) Within the selected methodological approach, describe data collection procedures and quality control protocols, identifying and selecting variables to assess the Rural Sustentável outcomes in the Amazon and Atlantic Forest.*
- d) Interview project stakeholders, including the IDB, DEFRA, MAPA, EMBRAPA, Banco do Brasil, IABS*

and local institutions, technical assistance providers and producers.

e) Desk review the Rural Sustentável project design documentation, progress reports, result matrix, key performance indicators and other related documents (e.g. ESALQ's lessons learned report) analysing eligible technologies, producer profile, technical and financial assistance design and indicators.

f) Assessment of the Rural Sustentável outcomes, comparing properties in the Amazon and Atlantic Forest biomes that adopted and that did not adopt low carbon practices and technologies, prior to and after the project's lifecycle, as well as the effectiveness of the technical and financial assistance provided.

Qualifications

The consultancy firm and its team must have at least 15 years' experience in delivering impact evaluation assessments. Experience with project management, agriculture, low carbon agriculture technologies, practices and financing is also expected, as well as relevant networks in the area. Fluency in English and Portuguese is required.

The budget will not exceed the amount of US \$ 250,000.00 (two hundred and fifty thousand dollars).

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 by sending an email to: CBR-UECT@iadb.org / dlorayne@iadb.org

Expressions of interest should be delivered by 5:00 PM, December 7, 2018 (local time in Washington, DC) using the IDB Portal for Bank-Operated Operations. <http://beo-procurement.iadb.org/home>

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