

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES

Selection # as assigned by e-Tool: RG-T3021-P001

Selection Method: Full Competitive

Country: REGIONAL

Sector: IFD-CTI

Funding – TC #: ATN-CO-16200-RG

Project #: RG-T3021

TC name: Cluster Capacity Building in Small and Vulnerable Countries

Description of Services: The goal of this consultancy is to (i) Assess the capacity of business support organisations (BSOs) that can develop and support clusters in 9 of the Caribbean’s poorest and most vulnerable countries; (ii) develop capacity enhancement plans and share research findings/best practices for cluster development; and (iii) identify amongst these organisations those that can be transformed into effective Cluster Support Organisations (CSOs) with technical assistance. The capacity enhancement plans will layout the process and interventions required of institutions responsible for cluster development and management, for them to adapt and implement strategies reflective of best practice. The ultimate aim is to strengthen institutions and human capacity for cluster planning, facilitation, management and coordination in country so that competitive clusters of business activity can be developed.

Link to TC document:

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.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include gathering relevant information and conducting analysis to determine the strengths and weaknesses of each organizations specific to the following five dimensions: developing two cluster strategies; supporting the growth of these strategies; sharing with stakeholders best practices and minimum social, environmental and women empowerment standards that foster inclusive and sustainable growth; monitoring and reporting progress and results; providing access to complementary services that can accelerate the growth of some clusters such as Financial capital, Technology Extension Services, or Entrepreneurship. The consulting services also include co-designing capacity enhancement plans with recommended capacity building activities along the five dimensions that would transform the organization into an effective Cluster Support Organization (CSO).

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.

The IDB now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the services. 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, (Barbados Time) by sending an email to: competecaribbean@iadb.org

Expressions of interest must be delivered by July 21, 2017 5pm (Barbados Time) using the IDB Portal for Bank Executed Operations (<http://beo-procurement.iadb.org/home>)

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