Country: BRAZIL

Project: IMPROVEMENTS IN MANAGEMENT AND INFORMATION

SYSTEMS FOR TIJUCA NATIONAL PARK

Sector: Consultants

Abstract: CONSULTING SERVICES

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Expressions of Interest

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The Government of Brazil has received a non-reimbursable technical cooperation in the amount of US\$ 250,000 from the French Technical Cooperation Fund for consulting services and training activities, a trust fund under the administration of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), toward the cost of the revision and update of the Management Plan for the Tijuca National Park, located in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Brazilian authorities expect that in the process of drafting the new management plan, technical assistance will be able to suggest and support means to improve the administration of the Park itself, the operation of its monitoring capabilities, and generate proposals to seek additional funding for priority investments. The IDB will use resources from the French Technical Cooperation Trust Fund for consulting and training activities.

French expertise is sought in appreciation of the extensive experience developed by France in the area of watershed management, particularly in relatively densely populated areas. Of special interest is the possibility of gaining access to: (i) French modeling of watershed dynamics in the presence of external stress factors; (ii) French experience with different models of watershed management organizations; and (iii) French expertise in cost-recovery and park finances.

The services of a French consulting firm are required to perform the following tasks: (i) diagnosis of current Park management; (ii) identification and analysis of alternatives for the organizational, administrative and financial sustainability of the Park; (iii) updating the TNP Management Plan; (iv) design and implementation of a geo-referenced information and monitoring system for the Park; and (v) generation of proposals for the protection of the upper watershed in Floresta da Tijuca to be incorporated as a component of future investment projects.

The IDB, on behalf of the French Fund, now invites eligible consulting firms to express their interest in providing the above-mentioned services. Eligible consultants are firms constituted under French law and/or of French nationality or French led joint ventures, consortiums or associations. The leader of such joint venture, consortium or association is defined as the firm with the highest participation in terms of the remuneration to be received for the provision of the consulting services associated with this technical

cooperation and which represents the consortium in all aspects related to the project. The other firms of the joint venture, consortium or association as well as any subcontractors should be from either France or the beneficiary country, Brazil. Furthermore, at least 75 per cent of the remuneration to be received for the provision of the consulting services associated with this technical cooperation must go to firms of French origin. Interested consultants must submit information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.).

Selection will follow procedures set out in the IDB's *Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants* (January 2005), as well as the regulations for the use of funds from the French Fund.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below. Expressions of interest must be delivered to the same address no later than 1700 hours (Washington, D.C. time) on 30 September 2005.

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