

BRAZIL

PLAN OF URBAN RENEWAL

Consulting Services

SUPPORT FOR THE URBAN RENEWAL AND REVITALIZATION OF RIO DE JANEIRO'S HISTORIC CENTER

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Expressions of Interest

The Municipality of Rio de Janeiro, through its Secretariat of Urbanism, wants to promote the urban development of the Historic Center of Rio. To achieve this goal the Municipality has requested support from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in order to finance consulting services that will analyze the financial and socio-economic impacts, and the sustainability of the projects that will produce the urban renewal of the Historic Center of Rio, and that are part of the Plan of Urban Renewal for the whole city. Municipal authorities expect to have access to the experience that the IDB has accumulated in the analysis and evaluation of urban renewal projects, balancing the need for financial feasibility and sustainability, and the legitimate demand for a social, cultural and environmental development.

The IDB will hire consulting services using resources from the French Technical Cooperation Trust Fund for consulting and training activities.

French expertise is important given the extensive experience developed by France in the area of urban development, particularly in: (a) urban renewal (i.e., restoration of common areas, public and private buildings) in underutilized areas in the Central Region; (b) conservation of historic and cultural heritage; (c) promotion of new economic, social and cultural activities in the area; and (d) rehabilitation of residential areas with informal settlements.

The services of a French consulting firm are required to perform the following tasks: (i) strengthen the institutional and methodological capacity of the Secretariat of Urbanism of the Municipality of Rio de Janeiro; (ii) prepare the technical, financial, economic, social and environmental feasibility analysis of the projects of the Plan of Urban Renewal for the Historic Center, prioritizing and phasing their implementation over time; (iii) and provide a social and environmental assessment of the projected area of intervention.

The IDB, on behalf of the French Fund, invites eligible consulting firms to express their interest in providing the above-mentioned services. Eligible consultants are French firms or French led joint ventures, consortiums or associations. Furthermore, the French firm will carry out the consulting services with the support of a local firm or local consultants for an amount corresponding to a maximum of 25 per cent of the remuneration to be received for the provision of the consulting services. Interested consulting firms must express their interest and provide short information indicating that they are qualified to perform these services (such as brochures, description of similar assignments, of experience in similar conditions, etc.) to the IDB.

The IDB will shortlist consulting firms that will participate in the bidding process. Selection will follow procedures set out in the IDB's <I>Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter American Development Bank</I> (GN- 2350), as well as the regulations for the use of funds from the French Fund.

Interested consulting firms may send their expression of interest and obtain further information at the following address by 1730 hours (Brasília time) on 25 July 2007.

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