REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

CONSULTING SERVICES

Selection #: DR-T1183-P001

Selection Method: Full competitive

Country: Dominican Republic

Sector: IFD/CMF

Funding – TC #: ATN/KK-17297-DR

Project #: DR-T1183

TC name: Support to Digitalization in the Dominican Republic

Description of Services: The general objective of this consultancy is to support the comprehensive digitalization of the Dominican Republic by defining a roadmap for the implementation of the analogue witch off in the country and support the universality of digital services in Dominican Republic.

Link to TC Document: https://www.iadb.org/en/project/DR-T1183

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

1. ***Component 1: Institutional framework.***

The objective of this component is to review and propose updates to, the IT institutional, legal and regulatory frameworks to advance the adoption and use of broadband services and cloud computing. This component is particularly relevant as the decision of investing by the government and private sector requires a stable and predictable regulatory framework that creates the conditions to facilitate investments, as well as a coordinated government investment policy and administrative arrangements. This component includes the following activities:

* **Activity 1 Review of the administrative, regulatory and legal frameworks related to digital infrastructure*.***
* **Activity 2 Public policies.**Development of a set of public policies to foster the growth of the digital ecosystem in Dominican Republic.
1. ***Component 2: Roadmap for digital broadcasting***

The objective of this component is to support the Dominican Republic in the transition from analogue to digital, proposing specific actions for the implementation of the analogue switch off and the implications on the national connectivity plan.

The consulting firm will conduct the following activities:

1. Best practices on technical, regulatory and economic aspects related to the analogue switch off and the implementation of a national connectivity plan
2. Analysis of the market structure and future needs of Spectrum
3. Review of the regulatory framework and propose specific recommendations to update the frameworks in terms of spectrum
4. Development of a roadmap for the switchover.
5. Evaluation of the current technology choices;
6. An assessment of the spectrum efficiency relative to the technologies and techniques in use and those that could possibly be implemented;
7. Evaluation of current DTTB networks;
8. Development of the National Frequency Allocation Table (NFAT) for each country; and
9. Spectrum evaluation for Dominican Republic
10. Development of a Regional Frequency Allocation Table (RFAT) for the Central American countries Region.
11. Main principles of the implementation of digital transition: universal access and equitable provision of services;
12. Regulatory matters: assessment of the current regulatory framework and the changes necessary to promote the analogue switch-off;
13. Institutional framework: assessment of the current institutional framework and recommendations for possible changes;
14. Licensing models: assessment of current licensing model and recommendation for possible changes;
15. Technical issues: Technology and standard application, design principles and network architecture; network planning, infrastructure and spectrum compatibility;
16. Digital dividend: recommendations for the allocation of frequencies.
17. Evaluation of different frequency blocks.

The estimated timeframe for completion is 12 months.

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*](http://idbdocs.iadb.org/wsdocs/getdocument.aspx?DOCNUM=38988574) - 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, (Washington D.C. Time) by sending an email to: Antonio Garcia Zaballos (antoniogar@iadb.org) and Enrique Iglesias Rodriguez (enriqueig@iadb.org)

Expressions of interest must be delivered by October, 18th, 2019 5pm (Washington D.C. Time) using the IDB Portal for Bank Executed Operations ( <http://beo-procurement.iadb.org/home>)

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