

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES

Selection # as assigned by e-Tool: GY-T1136-P004 Selection Method: Full Competitive Selection

Country: Guyana (GY)

Sector: Housing & Urban Development

Funding – TC #: GY-T1136 Project #: ATN/OC-15974-GY

TC name: Support for the Development of a National Housing Strategy

Description of Services: Consultancy for the Updated Assessment of the Housing Sector, and the Design and

Dissemination of the National Housing Strategy

Link to TC document: https://www.iadb.org/Document.cfm?id=EZSHARE-2056220512-5216

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: October 20th, 2019, 5:00 P.M. (Washington D.C. Time).

The consulting services ("the Services") include the design a set of prioritized actionable policy proposals aimed at expanding the supply of housing, improving affordability, and ensuring access to adequate housing in Guyana for two distinct dimensions: 1) national and sub-national scenarios, and 2) the coastal urban areas and hinterland regions of the country. The specific objectives for the consultancy are to:

- 1) Gather and analyze existing quantitative and qualitative information including, but not limited to:
 - Existing nationwide datasets:
 - i. The most recent census
 - ii. Labor Force Survey
 - Data produced in past technical cooperations:
 - i. Quantitative and qualitative housing deficit estimations
 - ii. Guyana housing profile (2016)
 - iii. Housing demand forecast
- 2) Identify and develop missing/additional information on the housing market that will provide insight necessary to understand the current housing finance system and regulatory framework, supply & demand, accessibility & affordability, living conditions, and access to services & amenities. This data may include surveys of currently available housing or focus groups or interviews with relevant professionals.
- 3) Analyze existing and newly collected information, and define an initial diagnosis of the housing sector based on the findings, including:
 - a detailed description of the current housing finance system and market as well as the current housing policies and priorities of Central Planning and Housing Authority (CHPA);
 - Assessment of existing and foreseen housing challenges on national and regional level, in terms of supply, quality, affordability and accessibility of housing;

- Defining priority challenges for the housing sector for a 5- to 10-year period;
- Describing regionally differing characteristics of the housing sector.
- 4) Facilitate participatory development of actionable proposals based on the initial diagnose with national, subnational and private sector stakeholders and civil society, including the selection of two projects for the proposals;
- 5) Translate the actionable proposals into a draft National Housing Strategy on the national and regional level, in consultation with national, subnational and private sector stakeholders and civil society;
- 6) Assist and advise CHPA in launching the National Housing Strategy.

The total duration of the consultancy is 14 months.

Eligible consulting firms will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: <u>Policy for the Selection and Contracting of Consulting firms for Bank-executed Operational Work</u> - 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 <u>draft summary</u> 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, 09:00 AM to 05:00 PM, (Washington D.C. Time) by sending an email to: Patricio Zambrano-Barragan, pzambrano@IADB.ORG.

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Summary of activities and qualification requirements:

Key activities of the consultancy

- 1. Diagnostics and Prioritization (3 months).
- 2. Preliminary Proposals (3 months).
- 3. Participatory Validation Workshop and Meetings (1 month)
- 4. Draft National Housing Strategy (2 months)

- 5. Participatory Draft Review Workshops and NHS Finalization (2 months)
- 6. Launch of the National Housing Strategy (2 months)

Qualification requirements

- 1. Firm: minimum of 15 years of experience in housing policy
- 2. Requirement for key personnel:
 - a. Project leader:

Academic degree: Master's degree in real estate development, Public Policy, Housing

Economics/Finance or related field

Areas of expertise: Housing policy, Housing finance, Urban development, Government

decision-making.

Minimum years of relevant experience: 15 years

Languages: English

b. Data Analyst:

Academic degree: Master's degree in Data Science, Econometrics, Applied Mathematics, or

related field

Areas of expertise: Data analysis, experience in housing sector preferred

Minimum years of relevant experience: 10 years

Languages: English