

Country: Bahamas

Project: REGIONAL PLAN FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF INAGUA

Abstract: TOURISM SECTOR

Sector: Consultants

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Contract/Bid Number: Expressions of Interest

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The objective of the Technical Cooperation Program is to develop a Plan for Sustainable Development of Inagua, which will be undertaken in three phases: (i) assessment of existing and future market conditions with regard to tourism demand and supply; (ii) drawing up of a vision for the future tourism of Inagua, a growth strategy and a tourism development concept; and (iii) elaboration of corresponding action plans, including budget and implementation scheme.

The main beneficiary is the Government of the Bahamas. The target beneficiaries are: (i) the local inhabitants of Inagua; (ii) the Ministry of Tourism; (iii) the Ministry of Energy and Environment; (iv) the Ministry of Works/Physical Planning Department; and (v) the Office of the Prime Minister.

The firm is expected to carry out a series of activities, all of which are to be made in close coordination and cooperation with the local institutions, authorities and committees. Thereby, the local planning process should be facilitated, giving relevant advice from an international point of view and building up local capacities for tourism planning and development.

Throughout the undertaking of each phase of the program, the consulting team will hold continuous consultations with all relevant stakeholders in Nassau and Inagua, and at the end of each phase, the consulting team will hold a workshop to validate the results with the participation of relevant stakeholders.

The total cost of the project is € 208,017, of which the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), through the Spanish General Cooperation Fund, will provide non-reimbursable financing of up to € 166,347. The counterpart funds amounting to € 41,670 is an in-kind contribution and will be used to finance logistical and administrative support activities.

The expected implementation period is nine months.

The IDB now invites eligible consultants and associations with experience in sustainable tourism development to express their interest in providing the services. Only firms from Spain are eligible to participate in this competition.

In accordance with the *Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants Financed by the Inter-American Development Bank* (GN-2350-6), consulting firms interested in the project are invited to send their expressions of interest by means of a letter of no more than five pages, demonstrating their qualification to perform the described services. Consultants should emphasize their experience regarding: (i) general consulting experience; (ii) experience in planning, developing and applying sustainable tourism on an international scale; (iii) working experience in Caribbean countries similar to the Bahamas; (iv) experience with assessment of country level environmental institution and legal framework and the design and capacity building programs; and (v) experience with project preparation and program strategic development according to the IDB's policies and procedures.

The expressions of interest will be evaluated and the results used to prepare a shortlist of no more than six consulting firms, which will be invited to present technical and economical proposals. It is estimated that the firms included in the shortlist will be informed and invited to present technical and economical proposals by 16 October 2006, at which time the respective terms of reference will be mailed to them. The deadline for receiving the technical and economical proposals is estimated to be 15 November 2006.

Three printed versions and the electronic file (Word XP format) of the expression of interest should be sent to the address below by 15 September 2006 at 1700 hours (Nassau, Bahamas time).

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours (0830 to 1700).

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