**ANNEX A**

**BANCO INTERAMERICANO DE DESARROLLO**

**AQUARATING**

**CONSULTOR INDIVIDUAL 1**

**COLOMBIA**

1. **BACKGROUND**
   1. AquaRating is a voluntary and universal system that offers a comprehensive assessment of the performance of water and sanitation services, based on reliable information and validated by independent agents. The development of AquaRating has been financed through TC operations ATN/WP-11217-RG, ATN/MA-13269 and ATN/MA-13270-RG. On June 25th, 2014, the Bank approved a new TC operation (RG-T2456 or ATN/MA-14477-RG and ATN/MA-14485-RG) in the amount of USD1.0 million to support the start of operations of the AquaRating Entity, which is still under execution.
   2. Since the initial implementation phase that started in January 2015, a lot of interest in AquaRating has been generated through different events and promotional efforts. As a result, several water and sanitation utilities in LAC have expressed their intention to apply AquaRating to know better about the state of their overall performance. In addition, some donors have shown interest in using and financing AquaRating as part of their intervention model with utilities.
   3. Particularly, the interest for AquaRating in Colombia has been rising quickly. Staff from Financiera de Desarrollo Territorial S.A. (FINDETER)[[1]](#footnote-1) have participated in initial training. Also, personnel from Comisión de Regulación de Agua Potable y Saneamiento Básico (CRA)[[2]](#footnote-2), Superintendencia de Servicios Publicos Domiciliarios (SSPD)[[3]](#footnote-3), Ministerio de Vivienda, Ciudad y Territorio (MVCT)[[4]](#footnote-4), and the Departamento Nacional de Planificación (DNP)[[5]](#footnote-5), have participated in several presentations. Starting in June 2015, AquaRating has been presented to several utilities that have shown interest in applying it. Additionally, the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) has offered a donation (investment operation) of around $15 million in order to develop and implement action plans derived from the application of AquaRating in 10 utilities. Part of this TC will finance the startup costs of the SECO project, so when the donation is approved, the Project Unit is created and running, and the utilities have already applied AquaRating.
   4. During this last year (2015-2016), the IDB and FINDETER have been assessing the demand of urban water utilities for implementing AquaRating and finally, in May 2016, a collaboration letter was signed between FINDETER and the IDB Water and Sanitation Division ([Idbdocs 40519108](http://idbdocs.iadb.org/wsdocs/getDocument.aspx?DOCNUM=40519108)), and the initial activities for the implementation of AquaRating began in the first 5 utilities with resources from RG-T2456.
2. **OBJECTIVES OF THE CONSULTANCY**

The general objective of the consultancy services is to support the entities of the water and sanitation sector in Colombia to implement the actions that they’d need to modify in order to improve the effectiveness of their operations, improve transparency, and enhance information management, that the sector requires.

1. **MAIN ACTIVITIES**

In close cooperation with the IDB coordinator of the consultancy services the consultant will:

1. Develop a work plan with the participation of the entity. For this activity the consultant will ensure that the actions are prioritized and that they yield concrete outcomes and outputs
2. The consultant will provide assistance in: xxxx
3. **REPORTS/DELIVERABLES**

The consultant will hold with the IDB coordinator, monthly teleconferences where he will summarize the main activities developed, results obtained and challenges ahead. Specifically for the products mentioned above, the consultant will present the deliverables as follows:

* Xxx
* xxxx

1. **PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

* First payment: upon signature of the contract: 5%
* xxxx

**VI. QUALIFICATIONS**

* Academic Degree/Level & Years of Professional Experience: Bachelor of xxxxxx. Minimum of xx years of work experience in xxxxx.
* Languages: Proficiency in spoken and written English and Spanish is a requirement.
* Areas of expertise: Proven experience (minimum x years) on xxxxx.
* Skills: Proven track record in publications in the research fields mentioned above.

**VII. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CONSULTANCY**

* Consultancy category and modality: Products and External Services Contractual
* Contract duration: Apr 2017-Sep 2017
* Place of work: Colombia
* Potential travels within the county - need to be coordinated and previously authorized by the IDB.
* Coordinator: Maria del Rosario Navia, Water and Sanitation Specialist (INE/WSA)

**Payment and Conditions:** Compensation will be determined in accordance with Bank’s policies and procedures. In addition, candidates must be citizens of an IDB member country.

**Consanguinity:** Pursuant to applicable Bank policy, candidates with relatives (including the fourth degree of consanguinity and the second degree of affinity, including spouse) working for the Bank as staff members or Complementary Workforce contractuals, will not be eligible to provide services for the Bank.

**Diversity:** The Bank is committed to diversity and inclusion and to providing equal opportunities to all candidates. We embrace diversity on the basis of gender, age, education, national origin, ethnic origin, race, disability, sexual orientation, religion, and HIV/AIDs status. We encourage women, Afro-descendants and persons of indigenous origins to apply.

1. FINDETER is a national mixed economy stock corporation, organized as a second-tier credit institution, tied to the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit that grants rediscount loans to finance public and private infrastructure and provides technical assistance in the execution of infrastructure projects. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. CRA establishes the economic regulation in terms of tariffs, quality, efficiency, and performance of water and sanitation utilities. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. SSPD is in charge of supervising and controlling that the regulation is followed by utilities [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. The Ministry of Housing, City and Territory is the head of the water and sanitation sector. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. DNP is the executive administrative agency in charge of defining, recommending and promoting public and economic policy. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)