

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST **CONSULTING SERVICES**

Selection # as assigned by e-Tool: CO-T1689-P001

Selection Method: Full competitive

Country: Colombia

Sector: IFD/CMF

Funding – TC #: ATN/KK-19253-JA

Project #: CO-T1689

TC name: *Digital connectivity plan for the social and productive transformation of Colombia*

Link to TC document: <https://www.iadb.org/en/project/CO-T1689>

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: *March, 10th 2023*, 5:00 P.M. (Washington D.C. Time).

The consulting services (“the Services”) include the support in the design of a Digital Connectivity Plan for the social and productive transformation of Colombia that will increase access to and meaningful use of digital connectivity. In order to fulfill the general objective, the following are defined as specific objectives: (i) identification of infrastructure needs in areas without Internet access, which allow the connection of homes, public institutions (educational centers, health centers, Government, etc.), and of the strategic points for the productive matrix of Colombia, (ii) identification of the main digital skills to be developed to increase the significant use of digital connectivity, with a gender approach, and (iii) scheme of the necessary institutional framework, of the necessary regulatory and policy reforms to facilitate access to digital connectivity, with a gender approach. Support the design and implementation of a Digital Connectivity Plan for the social and productive transformation of Colombia that allows increasing access and significant use of digital connectivity.

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](#) - GN-2765-4. 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 above in the draft summary 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.

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