



REPUBLIC SURINAME
MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES
SURINAME COMPETITIVENESS AND SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION PROJECT

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION**

Country: Republic of Suriname
Name of Project: Suriname Competitiveness and Sector Diversification Project
Project No.: P166187
Loan No.: IBRD Loan 8985 - SR
Assignment Title: Expert for the development and implementation of the DAS Communication Strategy
Reference No.: SR-MNR-397615-CS-INDV

The Republic of Suriname has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Suriname Competitiveness and Sector Diversification Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include technical assistance towards the establishment and the commissioning of the "Delfstoffen Authoriteit Suriname" (DAS) within the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) in the broad area of Communications. This support will be based on the existing vision for the DAS, international good practices, the Consultant’s knowledge of Communications Sector and familiarity with the Suriname mining sector. The Services are expected to start as early as possible as from March 2024.

Characteristics of the Assignment

Type of Appointment: Individual.
Duration: Eighty (80) working days out of one (1) calendar year; Depending of satisfactory services, the need for continuation of the services and the availability of funds this assignment may be further extended
Place of work: The Consultant’s office and the PIU MNR office in Paramaribo, Suriname

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Regulations for the selection of Individual Consultants selection (ICS) described in the World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, dated July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018.

<http://pubdocs.worldbank.org/en/178331533065871195/Procurement-Regulations.pdf>

The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment will be provided to eligible consultants in response to a written request – by e-mail only to the address mentioned below

The Project Implementation Unit (PIU) within MNR now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. **The qualification criteria are:**

- (1) Proven experience of at least five years in the design and implementation of communication campaigns, including at the national level;
- (2) Proven experience to deliver the services as listed under the scope of work in the terms of reference
- (3) Excellent knowledge of development issues, socio-political, economic and cultural contexts of the country of the project;
- (4) Ability to conduct baseline field work;
- (5) Strong writing and editing skills in local languages;
- (6) Strong communication skills, including interviewing capabilities;
- (7) Ability to research and analyze data/ content and develop public communication materials on deadline.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the Procurement for IPF Borrowers, issued July 2016, as revised November 2017 and August 2018: <http://pubdocs.worldbank.org/en/178331533065871195/Procurement-Regulations.pdf> setting forth the World Bank's Policy on conflict of interest. Bank policy requires that consultants provide professional, objective, and impartial advice and at all times hold the client's interests paramount, without any consideration for future work, and that in providing advice they avoid conflicts with other assignments and their own corporate interests. Consultants shall not be hired for any assignment that would be in conflict with their prior or current obligations to other clients, or that may place them in a position of being unable to carry out the assignment in the best interest of the Borrower.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 09:00 to 14:00 Suriname time (UTC – 3 hours)

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by close of business on Wednesday 21 February 2024.

Ministry of Natural Resources

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