



**Ministerie van Economische Zaken,
Ondernemerschap &
Technologische Innovatie**

Request for Information (RFI) for Market Research Purposes

Republic of Suriname Suriname Competitiveness and Sector Diversification Project (SCSD)

1. Background

The Government of Suriname has received a loan from the World Bank to fund the **Suriname Competitiveness and Sector Diversification (SCSD) Project**. The project's objective is to support private sector investment and competitiveness in key industries, including mining, agribusiness, and tourism.

Project activities are managed by Project Implementation Units (PIUs) within the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Entrepreneurship and Technological Innovation.

2. Request for Information

The project is conducting market research for two upcoming legal consultancies to gather information for a formal bidding process. We invite qualified individual consultants and firms to express their interest by providing relevant information and documentation. Max 6 pages.

3. Scope of Work

We are seeking expressions of interest for the following two roles:
Legal Consultant – Business and Professions Regulations and Inventory



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Objective: To strengthen the legal and institutional framework for business and professional licensing in Suriname.

Main Tasks:

- Design and implement a methodology to identify licensed and unlicensed business types.
- Advise on legal products that do not require parliamentary intervention.
- Draft a state decree for Economic Zoning.
- Conduct a comprehensive inventory of activities that require a business license.
- Draft new legislation and identify two additional "low-hanging fruits" to strengthen the legal framework.
- Facilitate consultations with relevant ministries, chambers, and sector associations.
- Support the preparation of documentation for legislative review and approval.

Legal Consultant – Secured Transactions Reform

Objective: To strengthen the legal and institutional framework for secured transactions to enhance legal certainty and access to credit for businesses.

Main Tasks:

- Conduct a legal gap analysis between the current secured transactions framework and the New Civil Code (NBW).
- Draft amendments or new legislation to ensure legal consistency and enforceability.
- Propose institutional reforms related to registration, enforcement, and dispute resolution.



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- Organize consultations with legal experts, financial institutions, and government stakeholders.
- Prepare documentation for parliamentary review and legislative approval.

4. Submission Details

Firms and individual consultants are required to provide their relevant experience and information on similar assignments.

Expressions of interest must be delivered by email no later than **October 15th, at 14:00 PM.**

Please indicate the consultancy you are interested in (e.g., "Consultancy Secured Transactions" or "Business and Profession") in the subject line of your email.

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