

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES

Selection # as assigned by e-Tool: RG-X1131-P008 Selection Method: Simplified Competitive Selection Country: Regional Sector: Other Funding – TC #: ATN/NV-13162-RG; ATN/CN-15796-RG Project #: RG-X1131 TC name: ECOMICRO2/ECOMICRO3 - Green Finance for MSMEs and Low-Income Households: The EcoMicro Program

Description of Services: The main objective of the consultancy is to produce an independent Final Evaluation of the EcoMicro Facility¹ (both Phase II projects and the EcoMicro Programmatic Knowledge Agenda) that can guide its donors and management in assessing: a) the relevance of interventions for key stakeholders; b) how well intended outcomes and outputs were met; c) efficiency of implementation, including cost effectiveness where possible; d) impact of the interventions in line with the EcoMicro results matrix; d) likelihood of sustaining activities beyond the program's end; e) expected and unexpected results (if any) and f) client satisfaction.

Link to TC document: <u>https://www.iadb.org/en/project/RG-M1205</u>; <u>https://www.iadb.org/en/project/RG-</u> X1131

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 (<u>http://beo-procurement.iadb.org/home</u>) by: *May 10, 2024,* 5:00 P.M. (Washington D.C. Time).

To access the IDB Portal, the firms must generate a registration account, including **all** the data requested by the Portal. In the event that any of the information requested is not included, the firm will not be able to participate in this or any other Bank-executed selection process for operational work. If the firm has been previously registered, please validate that you have **all** the firm's information updated and complete before submitting an expression of interest.

The consulting services ("the Services") include the following key activities that are estimated to be completed within a 5-month period:

Reviewing 19 projects across 14 countries² (and all deliverables linked to each project), with the
objective of exploring and identifying the extent to which the project achieved or is expected to
achieve and deliver the stated objectives and activities; that is, whether (or not) expected results
(outputs and outcomes) were achieved from the perspective of the intended end-beneficiaries,
including from a gender perspective. It also entails an analysis of the factors which enhanced/or

¹ **The EcoMicro Program**: *The "Green Finance for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and Low-Income Households: The EcoMicro Program*" MIF-AT-1143 (EcoMicro) is a US\$17 million facility established to pilot green finance for MSMEs (including small farmers) and low-income households in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC). The Program is currently financed with funds from IDB Lab, co-financed by Global Affairs Canada (GAC) and the Nordic Development Fund (NDF) through Project Specific Grants (PSGs), and local counterpart funds. It is executed by IDB Lab.

² Argentina, Belize, Honduras, Guyana, Jamaica, Grenada, Dominica, Guatemala, Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia, Trinidad and Tobago, Suriname, Mexico.

limited the delivery of outputs and achievement of outcomes; and exploring any lessons learned and recommendations to be drawn from both the project design and the implementation process.

Reviewing the programmatic knowledge agenda (events held, knowledge products developed, etc.) with the objective of exploring and identifying the extent to which it achieved or is expected to achieve and deliver the stated objectives relating to knowledge capture and dissemination, including to systematize, document, and disseminate the experience and knowledge generated in the course of the Program.

Eligible consulting firms will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: <u>Policy for the Selection and Contracting of Consulting firms for Bank-executed</u> <u>Operational Work</u> - 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 <u>draft summary</u> of the intended Terms of Reference for the assignment. Interested consulting firms must provide information establishing that they are qualified to perform the Services (description of similar assignments notably around climate finance, adaptation/resilience related work as well as gender equality mainstreaming, experience in similar conditions – e.g., multi-donor, multi-country evaluations). 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.

Interested eligible consulting firms may obtain further information during office hours, 09:00 AM to 05:00 PM, (Washington D.C. Time) by sending an email to: <u>jdesmornes@iadb.org</u>.

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