

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Institution: The Inter-American Development Bank

Country: The Republic of Suriname

Project: Climate Change Adaptation Investments for Paramaribo's Resilience

Sector: Urban Development and Housing

Abstract: Consultancy for Design and Supervision for the Improvement of the Waterfront area of the Historic City Center (Flood Protection and Pedestrian Area)

Loan No.: GRT/ER-20389-SU

Bid No.: SU-G1006-P00002

Deadline: July 18, 2025

The Republic of Suriname has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), toward the cost of the Climate Change Adaptation Investments for Paramaribo's Resilience (Complimentary financing to PURP I) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The consulting services ("the Services") include activities related to component 4 of the project "Adaptation for Flood Protection".

The main objectives of this consultancy are:

1. Strengthen Flood Protection Infrastructure: Develop engineering designs and technical studies to improve the structural integrity and effectiveness of the existing waterfront flood wall, ensuring it can better withstand extreme weather events and flooding, particularly due to climate change.
2. Improve Pedestrian Pathway Quality and Durability: Prepare engineering designs and technical studies to create a resilient smooth pedestrian pathway, which is also accessible for users with strollers and wheelchairs. The design will focus on optimizing functionality and durability, considering public space connectivity and universal accessibility, nature-based solutions for water management and flood-resilience, low-carbon features (e.g. lighting, materials, permeable pavement etc.) as well as climate impacts on soil and materials.
3. Supporting the bidding process and supervision of the works: Prepare tender documents according to the EU and IDB guidelines and participate in meetings during the bidding process (pre-bid, evaluation process, contract negotiation). Also, supervise the construction and rehabilitation works during the execution phase and defects liability period.

The duration is planned for 48 weeks over a 30-month period (including 12 months defects liability period), with an expected commencement date of December 2025.

The Ministry of Education, Science and Culture now invites eligible consulting firms ("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.

Requirements of the Firm:

- Company registration, consultancy permit and client references
- Relevant experience:
 - o At least ten (10) years of experience in providing consultancy services in the field of engineering design, with a focus on flood protection infrastructure and pedestrian pathway enhancements.
 - o Proven experience in preparing engineering designs that optimize flood protection systems, enhance the quality of pedestrian pathways, and improve their resilience to environmental factors.
 - o At least five (5) years of experience in preparing comprehensive tender documents for large-scale civil and infrastructure projects.
 - o At least five (5) years of experience in supervising the construction and rehabilitation of infrastructure projects, specifically flood protection systems and pedestrian pathways, ensuring the works meet design specifications and quality standards.

The Expression of Interest (EOI) should include:

- Letter of interest from the firm.
- Proof of their legal status as a firm.
- Detailed portfolio with pictures, references, credentials of relevant projects/assignments (including date, place, size and cost of the project).
- Company Profile related to the assignment (Company structure, demonstrated experience, skills and expertise).

Short lists shall comprise firms with a wide geographic spread, not fewer than five (5) and not more than eight (8) eligible firms.

FAILURE TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF THE ABOVE WILL DEEM INCOMPLETE AND WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Interested firms should provide information demonstrating that they have the required managerial and technical capabilities, qualifications, and relevant experience to perform the Services. Evaluation will be based on the following: General Background and Organization (Legal parameters, corporate and functional structures, areas of expertise, number of years in business, core competencies, management support systems); General Experience (in the field in the region or countries with similar, physical, cultural, social, economic condition and institutional characteristics where applicable); Similar Experience (Evidence of experience in specific areas undertaken relating to the assignment); and Adequacy for the Assignment (Demonstrated capacity to handle the assignment in terms of resources (e.g. Specific skills, facilities, equipment), knowledge of national language, culture, laws, administrative systems, governmental structures and policies, statutory knowledge).

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: **Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2350-15** and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the policies.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. For the purpose of establishing the short list, the nationality of a firm is that of the country in which it is legally incorporated or constituted and in the case of Joint Venture, the nationality of the firm appointed to represent it.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)** method set out in the Consultant Policies.

Submit an email to procurement@purp.sr to request the draft Terms of Reference (TOR). Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 07:30 – 15:00hr.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **July 18, 2025**.

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