

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ANNOUNCEMENT

“Environmental Protection and Maritime Transport Pollution Control Program in the Gulf of Honduras” (Belize, Guatemala, and Honduras)

No. PGH-LPI-03-07

Technical Services of Specialized Firms for the Consultancy Evaluation of Navigational Risks and Harmonization of Navigational Safety-Related Regulations

Technical Cooperation No. GRT/FM-9179-RS, Non-Reimbursable Funding Agreement for Investments granted by the Global Environmental Facility, subscribed between the Central American Maritime Transport Commission (COCATRAM) and the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) in its condition of manager of the BID/FMAM fund.

This Expression of Interest Announcement arises as a response to this Project's General Announcement of Acquisitions issued in August 16th of 2005 in the Development Business Edition No. 660.

The Global Environmental Facility through the Inter-American Development Bank, in its condition of manager of the BID/FMAM fund, has granted the Central American Maritime Transport Commission (COCATRAM) a non-reimbursable fund. Part of these funds will be destined to hire consultancy services for the evaluation of navigational risks within the Gulf of Honduras.

These services will determine the best configuration of routes to prevent ship grounding and accidental spill scenes. They will also build the required capacity to face chemical pollution such as the one arising from oil spills. Finally, they will harmonize the existing navigational-related laws and policies within the Project's area of work and will implement innovative technologies to promote safe navigation.

The Project's Regional Coordination Unit invites all those consultant firms which are interested in providing the service and fulfill the required qualification to express their interest. Together with their expression of interest, the firms must attach document (such as brochures, descriptions of similar works, experience in similar conditions, availability of members with the desired expertise, etc.) that certify their ability to perform the job. Consultant firms may join together to improve their scores.

For more information, interested firms may contact us at the address or phone number, below between 8:00 and 18:00 hrs.

The selection will be carried in accordance with the Policies for Selection and Hiring of Consultants Financed by the Inter-American Development Bank, Document GN-2350-7, issued in July 2006. The selected firms will integrate a short-list of candidates. A Request for Proposal will be sent to the short-listed firms.

The Expression of Interest Letters and all the required documentation shall be sent in a sealed envelope, no later than 16 hours (Honduran official time) on September 14, 2007 with the inscription: "Evaluation of Navigational Risks Consultancy" to the address underneath. Any Expression of Interest Letter received after the specified date and hour will not be accepted and will be returned unopened.

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