PROJECT EXECUTION UNIT





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Request for Expression of Interest Consulting Firm

Country: Belize

Project: Skill for the Future Program

Loan No.: *BL-L1044*

Institution: *Inter-American Development Bank*

Abstract: Consultancy Service to Design and Implement Programs to Promote the

Participation of Women in 4IR Education Fields.

Reference No.: FBS/3.1.3/2025/04

Deadline: January 24, 2025, at 1:00 pm, local Belize time

The Government of Belize acting through the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology (MOECST) has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), toward the cost of the Skill for the Future Program and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") for the Consultancy Service to Design and Implement Programs to Promote Participation of Women in 4IR Education Fields include the following objectives with an expected duration of 12 months.

The objectives of the consultancy are:

The main objective of this consultancy is to increase access to gender-specific education services to promote inclusive education by providing girls and young women with the confidence, tools, knowledge, and support to enter and flourish in the world of 4iR. Specific objectives include:

- (i) Design and implement extracurricular 4iR activities for 1,000 primary and secondary female students, including reinforcement classes in STEAM and coding, as well as field visits, group mentoring, and interaction with female STEAM role models
- (ii) To develop a comprehensive strategy aimed at information outreach to girls and their families to promote their continued studies and work in 4iR fields including recruitment for extracurricular activities

The *Project Execution Unit under the MOECST* 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.

From the expressions of interest received, the Executing Agency will prepare a shortlist comprising not fewer than five (5) and not more than eight (8) eligible firms.

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A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the *Fixed Budget Selection (FBS)* method 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 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 a Joint Venture, the nationality of the firm appointed to represent it.

Further information regarding the scope of the consultancy and the requirements to submit Expression of Interest (sample template available) can be obtained at the address below during office hours i.e. 9:00 to 17:00 hours local Belize time.

The Expression of Interest (EOI) should include:

- Letter of interest from the firm
- Proof of their legal status as a firm/organization
- Portfolio with information and reference 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)

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below or by email by *January 24, 2025, at 1:00 pm, local Belize time*.

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