

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**  
**CONSULTING SERVICES**

Institution: *N.V. Surinaamsche Waterleiding Maatschappij (SWM)*

Country: *Suriname*

Project: *Water Supply Modernization Program*

Sector: *Water and Sanitation*

Abstract: *The call for expressions of interest has the explicit purpose of compiling a short list of consultancy firms to strengthen the procurement capacity of the Program Execution Unit (PEU), and support and expedite the critical procurement processes and improve contract management within the Water Supply Modernization Program SU-L1058*

Loan/Credit/Grant No.: SU-L1058 // Loan Contract No. 4986/OC-SU

Contract/Bid No.: SU-L1058- P00055

Deadline: *Wednesday October 1, 2025 at 17.00 hrs Suriname Time*

The *Government of Suriname* has received financing from the *Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)*, toward the cost of the *Water Supply Modernization Program*, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include ***CONSULTING SERVICES FOR PROCUREMENT SUPPORT AND TRAINING SERVICES FOR THE WATER SUPPLY MODERNIZATION PROGRAM (SU-L1058)***. *The key objective of this consultancy is to strengthen the procurement capacity of the Project Execution Unit (PEU), to support and expedite the critical procurement processes and improve contract management.*

The *NV Surinaamsche Waterleiding Maatschappij (SWM)* 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.

*The short list shall comprise entirely national consultants.*

**REQUIREMENTS OF THE FIRM**

The Consultant must be a firm with:

- at least two (2) procurement consultancy assignments successfully completed over the last five (5) years.
- proven experience with similar projects, preferably funded by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) or other Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs).
- ability to mobilize qualified personnel within agreed timelines.

**REQUIREMENTS OF THE KEY EXPERT**

The firm should at least have one key expert with the following minimum qualifications:

**Education:**

- Master's degree or equivalent in Procurement, Engineering, Law, Business Management, or relevant discipline.
- Professional procurement and supply chain certifications are an asset.

**Experience:**

- Minimum of 10 years of relevant professional experience in private or public procurement. Experience in the water sector and in Suriname highly desirable.
- Knowledge of IDB procurement policies.
- Experience with international development projects.

**Skills:**

- Knowledge of procurement processes (ICB, NCB, RFP, RFQ, and contract negotiations);
- Contract management and compliance.
- Negotiation and communication skills;
- Knowledge of Microsoft office (especially Word, Excell, Power Point) including procurement software;

- Legal and Regulatory Knowledge on procurement laws and trade regulations;
- Demonstrable experience in (on-the-job)-procurement training and knowledge transfer.

**Languages:**

- Fluency in English and Dutch with excellent verbal and written communication skills is required.

The duration of the assignments is expected to last twelve (12) months.

The Expression of Interest (EOI) does not have a specific format or template, but should include:

- (i) a letter of interest from the firm to participate in the assignment,
- (ii) profile of the firm (including evidence of the requisite expertise and skills),
- (iii) list of similar assignments executed during the last five years, and
- (i) proof of legal status of the firm (the Firm must be established in one of the IDB member countries; In this context, evidence will need to be included showing in which IDB member country the firm is formally established).

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 [Consultants Qualification Selection \(CQS\)](#) method set out in the Consultant Policies.

**NO COST PROPOSAL SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TOT THIS REOI.**

Further information can be obtained by e-mail.

Expressions of interest must be delivered by email by **Wednesday October 1, 2025 at 17.00 hrs Suriname Time.**

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