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Program: Water Supply Modernization Program (SU-L1058)

Call for an Individual Consultancy for the Project Execution Unit

BACKGROUND

In February 2022 Loan Contract No. 4986/OC-SU for the Water Supply Modernization Program SU-L1058 was signed between the Republic of Suriname and the Inter-American Development Bank. The general objective of this US\$ 25 million program is to improve efficiency, quality, financial and environmental sustainability of the potable water services provided by SWM. The specific objectives are to: (i) reduce NRW levels in the Central Region through the implementation of critical aspects of the 2015 NRW reduction strategy; (ii) increase availability of water supply services in Wanica through upgrading water production infrastructure; and (iii) modernize the operations and management of SWM through the implementation of key recommendations of the Implementation Plan and the development of a water supply strategy for the interior.

The program will be implemented by the Executing Agency (EA) SWM over a six (6) year period, i.e. until February 2028. A Program Execution Unit (PEU) has been established for the execution of the program. On behalf of the PEU, SWM requires the expertise of a full-time individual consultant for the following position:

FORMULATION OF A POSITION PAPER ON DRINKING WATER FOR THE INTERIOR OF SURINAME

The key objective of this position is to provide technical expertise to support evidence-based policy and investment decision-making for drinking water services in the interior of Suriname by reviewing existing studies and data, preparing a stakeholder-validated position paper that identifies key issues, strategic priorities and recommendations, and developing the Terms of Reference for a consulting firm to formulate a comprehensive drinking water strategy for the interior of Suriname.

The qualification requirements for this position are:

Education:

- A relevant post-graduate university degree in Environmental Studies, Political Science, Law, Public Policy, Water Resources Management, or related fields.

Experience:

- Minimum of five (5) years of relevant professional experience in the water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) sector, policy development, or rural development.
- Proven experience in drafting policy or position papers, research reports, or strategic documents.

- Assignments conducted to demonstrate understanding of the unique geographic, socio-cultural, and political context of Suriname's interior.
- Experience in stakeholder consultation and working with diverse groups, including indigenous and tribal communities.

Skills:

- Demonstrated experience in technical writing and policy development (minimum 4 publications/ papers)
- Strong analytical and synthesis skills.
- Examples / References of fieldwork in the social, cultural, and institutional context of Suriname's interior.

Languages:

- Proficiency in English and Dutch (required), working knowledge of Sranang tongo (an asset)

SWM invites all eligible persons to submit their application letters with their Curriculum Vitae demonstrating their qualifications establishing that they are qualified to perform the services (description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills, etc.).

Interested persons may obtain the **Terms of Reference** and place inquiries requesting further information via the e-mail address provided below.

Expressions of interest must be delivered via e-mail at the address indicated below on or before **Friday, November 06, 2026 at 17.00 hours Suriname Time.**

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the Government of Suriname.

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