

BIODIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES PROGRAM

REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS No. 2009-1/Soy

APRIL 3, 2009

The Biodiversity and Agricultural Commodities Program (BACP), a program of the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the IFC, and several donors is seeking grant applications for funding projects that contribute to the preservation of biodiversity of global significance within soy agricultural landscapes by reducing the negative impacts of soy production and commercialization and promoting biodiversity-friendly production, demand, and commercialization of sustainable soy.

Grants awarded in response to this Request for Grant Applications (RFA) will fall within the strategic directions outlined in the BACP Market Transformation Strategy for Soy, which is attached to this RFA as Annex A and is available for download from the BACP website (www.bacp.net).

Interested and eligible applicants are requested to submit a project proposal following the guidelines and submission instructions provided in the BACP Implementation Procedures Manual, attached here as Annex B. The BACP evaluation committee will review all project proposals. The applicants whose project proposals best respond to the goals of the BACP and the Market Transformation Strategy for Soy and fulfil the Project Selection Criteria as outlined in the BACP Implementation Procedures Manual will be invited to enter a phase of negotiation towards signing a Grant Agreement. Others will receive an explanation of the reasons why they have not been selected.

This RFA will be in effect for 12 months from the date of publication (April 3, 2009 to April 3, 2010) and applicants are encouraged to submit their project concepts at any time during this period. Evaluation of project concepts, however, will be done in accordance to the schedule presented below. Project concepts received after the cut-off dates outlined below will be evaluated in the next round.

Round 1:

Project concepts submitted before May 8, 2009 will be evaluated in May and June, 2009

Round 2:

Project concepts submitted before December 1, 2009 will be evaluated in January, 2010

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An applicants conference will be held in Brazil in April, 2009 to provide applicants with the opportunity to ask questions regarding the BACP and the application process. Participation in the applicants conference is optional but highly encouraged. Details of the time and location of this applicants conference will be sent by e-mail separately and will be posted on www.bacp.net.

This RFA package consists of this cover letter and the following Annexes:

- Annex A: Market Transformation Strategy for Soy
- Annex B: BACP Implementation Procedures Manual

All project concepts must be submitted electronically only to the following email address: bacppmu@chemonics.com. Project concepts **must** be submitted in English.

Issuance of this RFA does not constitute a grant award commitment on the part of the BACP, nor does it commit the BACP to pay for any costs incurred in the preparation and submission of a grant application. Final award of any resultant grant cannot be made until funds have been fully appropriated, allocated, and committed.

This RFA may be amended at any time from April 3, 2009 to April 3, 2010. All amendments will be made public through e-mail announcements and postings on www.bacp.net.

Any questions concerning this RFA should be submitted by email only to bacppmu@chemonics.com and should reference the RFA number (2009-1/Soy). All questions must be submitted in English.

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