

February 1, 2010

Subject: Impact Evaluation on Japan's Technical Assistance Trust Funds in the Sustainability, Access to Finance and Corporate Advice Business Lines

Request for Expressions of Interest

The International Finance Corporation through the Japan Technical Assistance Trust Fund (TATF) intends to finance the assignment: an impact evaluation on the Japan TATF in key IFC advisory services areas. The main objective will be to assess the results, impacts and lessons learned from Japan's TATF contribution at the project and program level in selected advisory services areas such as Environment (energy efficiency, labor standards in the garment industry) and trade finance.

The assignment will be conducted through desk reviews and information already available to IFC (recent evaluations and other project documentation). There may be a need to interview IFC staff, external clients, and others as necessary. The assignment will also look into efforts made in increasing Japanese visibility, how it was promoted and what results were achieved at the project and program level.

Timeline: Work to begin mid to late March 2010 with a final product delivered by June 15, 2010.

The International Finance Corporation now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing their services by submitting a response to this Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI). Please note that Consulting Firms may associate with other interested firms or individuals to enhance their qualifications. Firms that have been determined to be qualified through the evaluated results of this first stage may be invited to submit proposals for the Request for Proposals (RFP) that will be issued at a later date.

Interested consultants must provide the following information that will indicate that they are qualified to perform the services:

- Provide information on your expertise and experience with any prior similar assignments; experience in similar conditions; availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.
- Demonstrate a capability to meet the World Bank Group's Vendor Eligibility Criteria as found on www.worldbank.org/corporateprocurement.
- Please note that Marketing Brochures should only be provided as attachments and will not be considered as a substitute for written responses. Elaborate artwork is not required or encouraged.

Responses must be delivered to the below mentioned personnel by e-mail no later than **February 8, 2010** and shall not exceed **5** pages. If the submitted response exceeds **5** pages, IFC reserves the right to read only the first **5**.

By responding to this REOI, you are confirming compliance with the World Bank Group Procurement Policy.

The responses will be reviewed and those consultants deemed best qualified in IFC's judgment will be short-listed according to the following criteria:

The following qualifications are desirable:

1. Experience in the following areas of expertise, 1) Environment (energy efficiency, labor standards in the garment industry), 2) Trade finance
2. Knowledge of Japanese Official Development Aid (ODA) policies and concrete understanding of private sector development projects.

The following qualifications are mandatory:

1. Minimum 5 year experience in program evaluation
Note: Firm must provide list of the ten most relevant evaluations completed in terms of area of expertise, funding source and in synthesizing primary and secondary sources of information.
2. Level of proficiency in Japanese language: Excellent – Native
Note: Firm must provide self evaluation of language proficiency
3. Minimum 5 years experience in private sector development
Note: Firm must provide listing of ten most relevant private sector development projects.

IFC reserves the right to limit the number of qualified firms shortlisted for efficiency. IFC reserves the right to verify any information provided, or to request additional information after REOI packages are received. IFC reserves the right to proceed, or to not proceed, with issuing an RFP. IFC reserves the right to modify the scope of work for the RFP as necessary to meet Project requirements.

All data and information received from IFC for the purpose of this assignment are to be treated confidentially and are only to be used in connection with the execution of these Terms of Reference. The contents of written materials obtained and used in this assignment may not be disclosed to any third parties without the expressed advance written notice of IFC.

All correspondence related to this REOI should be addressed in writing only by sending an e-mail to Kalyan Neelamraju, (KNeelamraju@ifc.org). IFC is not responsible for any verbal explanation or interpretation of these documents.

Sincerely,

Kalyan Neelamraju
International Finance Corporation