

## GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Country: PANAMA  
Project: IMPACT OF PANAMA CANAL ON PANAMA'S ECONOMY  
Type: Miscellaneous  
Tech Coop No. ATN/JF-11091-PN

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The Government of Panama has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) toward the cost of the measurement and estimation of the economic impact of the Panama Canal and related activities on the national economy, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for works and consulting services to be procured under this project.

This project includes a counterpart from the Government of Panama. The project executing agency will be Autoridad del Canal de Panamá (ACP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds to eligible payment of consulting services to be procured under this project.

This project entails the following:

- a. To measure accurately and precisely, as well as forecast, the economic impact of the Panama Canal and Related Activities on the Panamanian economy.
- b. To design methods, processes and methodologies for a future implementation of an Institutional Measurement and Estimation Module for the impact of the Panama Canal and Related activities on the Panamanian economy, as part of the Panama National Accounts. This design shall include, but not be limited to, complete processes and methods, detailed flowcharts and methodologies for all related government agencies to be able to implement in the future proposed data collection processes and data sharing to provide updated and accurate results for all stakeholders. It is intended that government agencies linked to the Panama Canal and Related activities have an active role on this design, through a close collaboration effort within the framework of an inter-institutional initiative, in order to lay the foundations for a permanent measurement system of the economic activities of interest
- c. To design and implement a software and hardware-based simulation/forecasting model as an analytical tool to support the design of the Institutional Measurement and Estimation Module for the economic impact of the Panama Canal and Related activities on the Panamanian Economy. This analytical tool shall use the *Panama Canal Economic Impact Model and Study* developed in 2006, as a baseline. However, this analytical tool shall also measure and estimate impacts of the Panama Canal and related activities that might have not been estimated using the Original Model. Hence, as a basis for the design of the Institutional Measurement and Estimation Module, the

2006 model shall be completely revised and updated, using various analytical tools such as input/output matrices, network analysis, and econometric estimation.

- d. The revision of Canal and the related economic activities' contributions to the Panamanian economy shall be carried out and completed according to widely accepted standards or methodologies for measurement of such activities and corresponding economic impacts. Furthermore, this revision shall take into account locally based international logistics activities including transportation, financial, commercial and maritime activities and its impact on the domestic economy.

Consulting services will be selected and contracted in accordance with the Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank (current edition). Specific procurement notices for contracts to be bid under the IDB's international competitive bidding (ICB) procedures and a request for expressions of interest for will be advertised in UN Development Business (on line), on a local newspaper and on the ACP website.

Interested consultants who wish to receive a copy of the advertisement requesting expressions of interest for consultants' contracts, or those requiring additional information, should contact the address below.

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