



## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES Legal firm for legal and regulatory (advisory) services

**Institution:** The Inter-American Development Bank  
**Country:** The Republic of Suriname  
**Project:** Consolidate the sustainability of the energy sector (SU-L1055 subcomponent 1.1)  
**Sector:** Energy  
**Abstract:** Legal firm for legal and regulatory (advisory) services  
**Loan No:** Loan Contract Number 4931 /OC-SU-2  
**Deadline:** March 24 th, 2023, 11:00 a.m. (Suriname Time)

The Republic of Suriname has received financing from the [the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) toward the cost of the program “consolidate the sustainability of the energy sector”, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The loan is divided into three components and several sub-components. The subcomponent 1.1, executed by the Ministry of Natural Resources of Suriname, includes financial support to execute some of the roles and responsibilities of the Energy Authority of Suriname (EAS).

The Ministry of Natural Resources of Suriname now invites eligible **Legal** firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing consulting services for the Energy Authority of Suriname (EAS).

The consulting services (“the Services”) includes:

- **Assessment and review of the existing legal and regulatory energy sector framework.**
  1. Reviewing the current legal & regulatory framework of the energy sector of Suriname, specifically the existing electricity/energy laws, other relevant legislation and sector regulations.
  2. Identifying and determining the gaps regarding the legal & regulatory framework, based on the energy policy set forward by the government (Energy Sector Plan) and to ensure that the EAS is not constrained in the execution of its mandated functions.
  3. Making recommendations for the strengthening and revision of the energy sector’s legal & regulatory framework, in order for the EAS to support sector reform measures, transition the sector towards sustainable development, and to remove potential barriers to the development of the EAS’ institutional capacity and overall execution of its functions
  
- **Drafting of new primary and secondary legislation or legislative amendments**
  1. Finalizing the drafting of a number of crucial and vital State Decrees and relevant regulations as part of the establishment and implementation process of a functioning legal framework for the energy sector.
  2. Supporting the government and the EAS on finalizing and preparing a draft law on rural electrification for approval by the parliament of Suriname

The duration for these Services is **one (1) year**.

**Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience as follows:**

**Professional experience:**

**The Legal firm** shall be expected to have these qualifications:

- Evidence of at least 5+ years of relevant experience working with in the energy sector,
- At least three (3) professional references from clients from public or private organizations with contact information in the form of a letter,
- Specific experience with at least five projects in the development of legal and regulatory frameworks, including recent project experience in the development of legislation and guidelines in Suriname;

**The consultant's team should include legal, regulatory and energy specialists with:**

- a. recent project experience in the development of energy sector legal and regulatory frameworks, including recent project experience in the development of legislation, and guidelines;
- b. recent project experience in structuring, negotiating and closing large, complex public private partnerships of significant operations; preferably new, large capacity, power plants;
- c. knowledge of (and preferably direct experience with) the principles applicable to the drafting of legal and regulatory instruments in Suriname.

The project team should consist at least of the following key experts:

**A. Team leader**

Academic Qualifications: should have a Master's degree in Law or any other related field. A PhD would be a plus. Work experience:

- Recent (project) experience in the development of energy sector legal and regulatory frameworks or similar;
- proven relevant experience in the drafting of Laws and State Decrees in Suriname in the last 3 years.
- Minimum of 10 years of relevant work experience in legal research and legal advisory tasks and responsibilities. At least the past five years relevant experience in providing legal services, of which at least three (3) years should also be for the government.
- Minimum of 5 years of experience in working with central institutions for institutional strengthening and capacity development;

**Technical experience:**

- Proven record in legal advice, drafting of legal opinions and legal documents.
- Proven record in drafting legislation (the text, with explanatory notes) and legal regulations and instruments.
- Experience in conducting thematic comparative studies and research papers on legal matters related to energy, utilities or similar.
- Solid experience in providing legal advisory support on institutional strengthening and good practices.

- In-depth knowledge of the legal and regulatory framework of the energy sector is a plus.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Demonstrated experience of an advisory role on legal advice
- Experience working with government institutions and international organizations on legal issues.

### ***B. Energy Specialist***

Master Degree in Energy, Engineering or any other related field. A PhD will be a plus.

Work experience:

- At least 10 years of professional work experience in the Energy Sector of Suriname, providing policy advice and program support in the different areas of the energy sector.
- Proven experience with the design and/or implementation of energy development projects.
- At least the past five (5) years relevant experience in providing energy consultancy services, of which at least three (3) years should also be for governments.
- Minimum of five (5) years of experience in working with central institutions for institutional strengthening and capacity development.

### ***C. Supporting legal experts/staff***

Academic Qualifications: should have at least Bachelors degree in Law or any other related field. A Masters is preferable.

Work experience:

- Recent (project) experience in the development of energy sector legal and regulatory frameworks or similar.
- In-depth knowledge of the Surinamese legal framework and processes.
- Minimum of 5 years of relevant work experience in legal research and legal support tasks and responsibilities. At least the past three years relevant experience in legal advisory services.

Technical experience:

- Proven record regarding support on legal advice, drafting of legal opinions and legal documents.
- Experience in conducting thematic comparative studies and research papers on legal matters (preferably related to energy, utilities or similar).

**CVs of experts should clearly describe the required experience and amounts of years.**

**Interested firms should submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) in English including the following:**

The Legal firm qualifications:

- Evidence of at least 5+ years of relevant experience working with in the energy sector,
- At least three (3) professional references from clients from public or private organizations with contact information in the form of a letter,
- Evidence of at least five projects in the development of legal and regulatory frameworks, including recent project experience in the development of legislation and guidelines in Suriname;
- Contact information including email and daytime phone

- Proof of official registration of the Company.

Consulting firms will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2350-15 for the Selection Based on **Quality and Cost Based Selection**.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. Any firm wishing to express interest must be firm must be legally constituted or incorporated under the laws of a member country of the Bank.

Expressions of interest must be delivered by **e-mail** to [SU-L1055-2-procurementmh@outlook.com](mailto:SU-L1055-2-procurementmh@outlook.com) by **March 24 th, 2023**, before 11.00 a.m. Suriname Time (SRT).

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