



REPUBLICATION REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE PILOT STUDY OF THE DIAGNOSIS OF THE QUALITY OF PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION WITHIN THE INTEGRATED AND SUSTAINABLE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (PDRIS). (PDRIS-LN:8185-0BR).

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (MI) No. 001/2013/SEDUC/IBRD/PDRIS
REQUEST FOR BIDS (SdP) No. 001/2013/SEDUC/IBRD/PDRIS**

1. THE STATE OF TOCANTINS has requested a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) to implement the Integrated and Sustainable Regional Development Plan (PDRIS) and intends to use a part of the funds from this loan in permissible payments for Consultancy Services.

2. The services, which are the object of the current request for expressions of interest, aim to hire specialized consultants to conduct a diagnostic evaluation of 35 School Units offering Pre-School Education in the municipalities of Aguiarnópolis, Aliança do Tocantins, Barrolândia, Colinas do Tocantins, Pugmil and Wanderlândia, with a view to developing public policies that enable improvement in the quality of this stage of Primary Education. The services include: (i) conducting research on a Diagnostic Pilot Study, in 2 stages, to assess the quality of Pre-School Education Centers with regard to physical space, real estate, personal care routines, interactive activities, pedagogical practices of teachers and the cognitive development of the children; (ii) producing a guide to support teachers' pedagogical practices in Pre-School Education; (iii) developing teaching materials for the Teachers' Training Course for teachers in Pre-School Education; (iv) providing on-the-job Training Courses for all teachers in Pre-School Education; (v) developing an Evaluation Report of the Results of the Initiative; (vi) drawing up a Pre-School Education Development Plan.

3. The Department of Education (SEDUC) invites eligible companies/institutions to submit expressions of interest with a view to providing these consulting services. Interested companies/institutions must demonstrate that they are qualified to perform the services and should present information proving their qualifications, ability and experience (printed, description of similar services, experience in similar situations, etc.). The creation of consortia and associations for this project is permissible.

4. One company/institution will be selected in accordance with procedures established by the World Bank's Guidelines for the Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011, Quality- and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS).

5. Interested consultants may obtain further information from the references provided below, Monday to Friday, from 12.30 to 6.30 pm (Local time). – Project Management Unit - (UGP) PDRIS - SEPLAN, FAO: Andrea B. C. Luz Murakami – AANO - Esplanada das Secretarias, Palmas, Tocantins, CEP 77001-002 – Brazil. Telephone 55 (63) 3212-4473 email: andrea.murakami@seplan.to.gov.br.

6. Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address stated below, in person or via regular mail, no later than 4.p.m. on **27 of January, 2014**. – Project Management Unit - (UGP) PDRIS - SEPLAN, FAO: Andrea B. C. Luz Murakami – AANO - Esplanada das Secretarias, Palmas, Tocantins, CEP 77001-002 – Brazil. Telephone 55 (63) 3212-4517 email: andrea.murakami@seplan.to.gov.br, website: www.seplan.to.gov.br.

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