



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO ASSIST THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION IN THE LONGITUDINAL STUDY OF THE PROJECT OF INTEGRATED SUSTAINABLE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (PDRIS-LN:8185-0BR).

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (MI) No. 004/2013/SEDUC/IBRD/PDRIS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (SdP) No. 004/2013/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 Sustainable Regional Development Plan - PDRIS and intends to apply part of the resources of this loan in acceptable payments for Consultancy Services.

2. The purpose of this request for expressions of interest aims to hire specialized consulting to conduct a Longitudinal Study in 6 (six) School Units included with actions of the Program "Estrada do Conhecimento" – PEC/SEDUC, in the municipalities of Aliança do Tocantins, Barrolândia, Colinas do Tocantins, Pugmil and Wanderlândia, in order to diagnose the profile of students enrolled in the first year of high school, monitor the academic performance in the course of this phase and one year following the conclusion of this, as well as measure the effectiveness of education offered in these School Units for social and professional development of students observed. Services include: (i) perform diagnostic research of 540 (five hundred and forty) students and their families to meet their socio-economic characteristics, their expectations about the high school, their plans for the future work and vision of these students on the school as a promoter of academic and professional success; (ii) monitor the development of the students, the academic aspect, through the application of annual cognitive assessments in Portuguese and mathematics throughout high school and one year following the completion of this stage of education; (iii) analyze the results of cognitive assessments, students' proficiency growth indicators of the Portuguese language and Mathematics from one grade to another, as well as the relationship between the skills developed in school, and the student's life during and after the completion of high school; (iv) identify school characteristics that enhance student's learning while minimizing the impact of social origin about this learning and verify which are the pedagogical practices adopted by schools and teachers to the effectiveness and quality of the offered instruction; (v) support new policies under the education system, to enable schools to have better efficiency and equity of teaching offered to High School students. All services should be developed in all classes of 1st year of high school, in YEAR I, Longitudinal Study (research) and in the grades of 2nd and 3rd years, from YEAR II up, in each of the 6 (six) School Units.

3. The Secretariat of Education - SEDUC invites eligible companies/institutions to submit expression of interest in order to provide these consulting services. Companies/institutions concerned must demonstrate that they are qualified to perform the services, and shall present information proving his qualifications, ability and experience (printed, description of similar services, experience in similar conditions, etc.). The formation of consortiums and associations for this project is permitted.

4. A 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, Selection Based on Quality and Cost (SBQC).

5. Interested consultants may obtain further information at the coordinates provided below, from Monday to Friday, from 12:30 to 6:30 pm (Local time). – Project Management Unit - (UGP) PDRIS - SEPLAN, A/C: Andrea B. C. Luz Murakami – AANO - Esplanada das Secretarias, Palmas, Tocantins, CEP 77001-002 – Brasil. Telephone 55 (63) 3212-4473 email: andrea.murakami@seplan.to.gov.br.

6. Expressions of interest must be delivered at the address stated below in person or via normal mail, no later than **04:00pm on the day 21 of November, 2013**. – Project Management Unit - (UGP) PDRIS - SEPLAN, A/C: Andrea B. C. Luz Murakami – AANO - Esplanada das Secretarias, Palmas, Tocantins, CEP 77001-002 – Brasil. Telephone 55 (63) 3212-4517 email: andrea.murakami@seplan.to.gov.br, website: www.seplan.to.gov.br.

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