Objeto: Request for Expressions of Interest for SELECTION OF A CONSULTING FIRM SPECIALIZED IN STRATEGIC PLANNING, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, INNOVATION AND PUBLIC MANAGEMENT. THE WORK TO BE DEVELOPED BY THE HIRED CONSULTING FIRM WILL CONTRIBUTE FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF PUBLIC POLICIES THAT ENVISAGE THE PROMOTION OF INNOVATION, COMPETITIVENESS AND CAPACITY BUILDING OF ENTREPRENEURS, IN ORDER TO FOSTER THE PRODUCTION OF WEALTH AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN RIO GRANDE DO SUL BASED ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION.

1. Rio Grande do Sul State Government, due to a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (hereinafter "World Bank") to cooperate in the execution of the Swap to Strengthen Public Investment Project (Programa de Apoio à Retomada do Desenvolvimento Econômico e Social do Rio Grande do Sul – PROREDES BIRD), intends to use part of such loan for payment of consulting services, in accordance with the Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers.

2. We invite firms interested in providing consultant services to send a letter of Expression of Interest, exclusively to the Special Bidding Committee (Comissão Especial de Licitações – CEL PROREDES-BIRD/RS) (address below), by August/23/2013, appending its "PORTFOLIO" and the documents evidencing experience in the carrying out of similar works, in accordance with paragraph 4, below.

3. The firm will be selected by Quality and Cost Based Selection – QCBS, in accordance with the “Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits by World Bank Borrowers” dated January 2011.

4. The expression of interest must contain at least the following information:
   a) Prospectus presenting the Consulting firm;
   b) List of firms/institutions benefited by similar works already developed and concluded, preferably public entities;
   c) Name, telephone and contact e-mail of the person in charge of managing these firms/institutions benefited by similar works;
   d) Description of similar works developed and concluded, with the conclusion date;
   e) Terms of the three last signed and concluded contracts, whose object is similar to the required services.

5. Special Bidding Committee’s contact information: Comissão Especial de Licitações – CEL PROREDES-BIRD/RS: Av. Borges de Medeiros, 1501, 2º andar, sala da Comissão Especial de Licitações – CEL PROREDES-BIRD/RS, in Porto Alegre/RS, CEP 90.119-900, phone +55 51 3288.1183, fax +55 51 3288.1300, from Monday to Friday, 8.30-12.00 and 13.30-18.00, email cel@seplag.rs.gov.br, web site www.seplag.rs.gov.br/cel.


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