Universidad Tecnológica (UTEC)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

CONSULTING SERVICES

Technical Cooperation: Supporting the development of a Master Plan for a TECHNOPARK in Rivera’s UTEC Campus

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The Universidad Tecnológica (UTEC) of Uruguay has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) under *Supporting the development of a Master Plan for a TECHNOPARK in Rivera’s UTEC Campus* and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consultancy services.

The objective of the consultancy services (“the Services”) is to develop a master plan to establish a technopark in UTEC Rivera campus and to conduct a feasibility study. The intended outcome of the Services is to develop a master plan to assess the feasibility of establishing a technopark in UTEC Rivera for the potential it has to strengthen regional innovation capacity and to achieve regional development balance.

The main activities of the Services will include the following:

* Assessing the existing conditions of Rivera in coordination with a local consultant and UTEC
* Analyzing the private sector demand for infrastructure, services, and investment for a technopark in Rivera and the extended region of influence (Brazilian border).
* Conducting knowledge sharing activities on Korean and International Science and Technology (S&T) Park development experience
* Carrying out a workshop in Uruguay about best practices in technoparks bringing relevant international experts.
* Carrying out a two (2) week capacity building program for officials in Korea with the aim of upgrading Uruguayan capabilities for development, management and operation of the technopark.
* Developing a master plan proposal of the technopark including both hardware and software development
* Conducting a feasibility study of said master plan in UTEC Rivera campus

UTEC now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualification and relevant experience to perform the services.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of association of firms, or consortium to enhance their qualifications and to carry out the above-mentioned activities. Experience in the Latin America and especially in Uruguay will be a plus. The activities require high level of language working ability in both English and Spanish.

In order to be considered for short-listing, interested consultants having the relevant technical expertise, qualification, and experience are herewith invited to submit their Expressions of Interest (EOI) with no more than **fifteen (15) pages**, including the following: a (i)letter of intention signed by the legal representative on behalf of the Firm; (ii) firm’s profile and the principal areas of technical expertise (all participating firms in case of a consortium); (iii) description of specific experiences relevant to the assignment including the size and value of such projects conducted during the past ten(10) years; (iv) profile of the key personnel to participate in the project (academic, experience, and relevant assignments, certification or licenses relevant to the assigned role).

The implementation period of the consultancy shall be fifteen (15) months and the estimated budget is US$550,000.

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants by the Inter-American Development Bank (GN-2350-9). Firms recognized from the Bank Member countries will be eligible.

Based on the evaluation of the EOIs, the UTEC will short list a maximum of six (6) Consultants, who will be invited, tentatively, during March 2018, to present the technical and economic proposal. A consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Consultant Policies.

The Expression of Interest (EOI) must be submitted electronically as an attachment to Ms. Elianne Elbaum ([elianne.elbaum@utec.edu.uy](mailto:elianne.elbaum@utec.edu.uy)) no later than 5:00 pm on March31st. 2018 at local Uruguayan time. The subject line of the email should read as follows “EOI: UTEC-Technopark Master Plan Development and Feasibility Study”.

Interested consultants may address their inquiries **only by email**, by contacting Ms. Elianne Elbaum ([elianne.elbaum@utec.edu.uy](mailto:elianne.elbaum@utec.edu.uy)).