

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL CONSULTANCY
REOI - N° 001/2017 – TERM OF REFERENCE - ToR N° 64**

Brazil

Energy and Mineral Sectors Strengthening Project - META

Loan No. 8095-BR

Project ID No. P126537

Title: Study on Policy Development of the Long-term Policy for Trading of the Federal Union's Oil and Gas.

Reference N°: Term of Reference N° 64.

On March 1, 2012, both Federative Republic of Brazil and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) signed the Loan Agreement No. 8095-BR. The agreement's objectives are to finance the 1st Phase of the Energy and Mineral Sectors Strengthening Project (META), and to allot part of the financial resources to the hiring of expert technical consultancies.

This Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) aims to receive Expression of Interest (EOI) to hire the following consultancy: *Study on Policy Development of the Long-term Policy for Trading of the Federal Union's Oil and Gas*.

The required timeline for completion of the work is 240 (two hundred and forty) days, counting from the issuance of the Service Order.

The Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME) now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to express their interest in providing the services according to META Project's ToR N° 64, which is currently available on the following website link:
<http://www.mme.gov.br/mme/menu/projetos/Meta/ProcessosSeletivos.html>.

Interested Consultants should provide proof of information that they fill both required qualification and experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria and procedures are the following:

Table 1. Shortlisting criteria.

QUALIFYING CRITERIA		FACTOR	MAXIMUM SCORE
1.	BASIC REQUIREMENTS		
1.1	Experience in consulting services for either global or Brazilian oil and/or gas industry.	Eliminatory	N/A
2.	SPECIFIC QUALIFICATION		
2.1	Experience in strategy consulting services for either global or Brazilian oil and/or gas industry.	Qualifying	35
2.2	Experience in international agreements, Brazilian oil and/or gas legal and regulatory frameworks, and/or experience in oil, gas and hydrocarbons trading.	Qualifying	35
2.3	Performing of studies and/or reports and/or publications either on oil and gas or hydrocarbons trading, on a periodic basis	Qualifying	10
2.4	Performing of studies and/or reporting on either economic analysis, market analysis, risk analysis, or geopolitical analysis related to either oil and/or gas industry or hydrocarbons trading.	Qualifying	10
2.5	Performing of studies and/or reporting on industry global trends, technology trends, and price forecasts related to either oil and/or gas industry; or studies and/or reporting on hydrocarbons trading.	Qualifying	10
TOTAL			100

Note: The minimum score required for classification is 70% (seventy percent) out of total score.

Tiebreak Criteria:

1) Technical tie occurs when the Consultant scores the same punctuation after the evaluation of the SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS.

2) In case of the situation described in item 1), the tiebreak criteria will follow the given order:

- Consulting firm with the best score in sub-item 2.1, maintaining the tie;
- Consulting firm with the best score in sub-item 2.2, maintaining the tie;
- Consulting firm with the best score in sub-item 2.3, maintaining the tie;
- Consulting firm with the best score in sub-item 2.4, maintaining the tie;
- Consulting firm with the best score in sub-item 2.5.

Attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers* edited in January 2011 ("Consulting Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of joint venture or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

This REOI does not indicate an obligation for hiring contract. Selection of the Consultant will be in accordance with the Quality-and-cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the above-mentioned "Consulting Guidelines".

Applicants must submit expressions of interest (EOI) in a written form, in an envelope, (sent either in person or by postal mail), until 6:00 pm of October 25, 2017, to the following address:

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Interested applicants may request further information either by telephone call (during office hours, from 9:00 a.m to 6:00 p.m, Brasilia Time) or by email:

Phone: +55 61 2032-5027
Email: cpl@mme.gov.br

Candidate consulting firms must either post or hand out the aforementioned envelope with the following title: Projeto META – ToR N° 64. Material appended are the following: company's letterhead paper properly signed by legal representative expressing its interest in performing the services, brochures, description of similar assignments, proof of work experience in similar projects, proof of qualifications and experiences required by this bidding process. The contents in the envelope must be limited to the information requested in the SMI. The attached information must be relevant to the object of ToR N° 64, and is limited to 30 (thirty) pages. Qualified applicants will submit further information on staff and consultant members at a later stage when requested.