

**REQUEST FOR AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL CONSULTANCY
REOI - N° 001/2018 – TOR N° 63**

Brazil

Energy and Mineral Sectors Strengthening Project - META

Loan No. 8095-BR

Project ID No. P126537

Title: Studies on challenges faced by the Brazilian tax system in the natural gas industry

Reference N°.: Term of Reference N° 63

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 Mining 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: *Studies on challenges faced by the Brazilian tax system in the natural gas industry.*

The required timeline for completion of the work is 180 (one hundred and eighty) days, counting from the issuance of the Service Order, as specified in item 7 of the ToR.

The Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME) invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the services according to META Project's ToR N° 63, which is currently available on the following website: <http://www.mme.gov.br/mme/menu/projetos/Meta/ProcessosSeletivos.html>.

Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualification and relevant experience to perform the consulting services. The shortlisting criteria and procedures are the following:

Table 1: Shortlisting criteria.

CRITERIA		TYPE	MAXIMUM SCORE
1.	BASIC REQUISITES		
1.1	Experience in providing consulting services related to tax laws and regulations.	Elimination	N/A
2.	SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS		
2.1	Experience in providing consulting services related to simulations with variation in the incidence of taxes, analyzing the impact on the price of product and/or on the collection of the federated entities, preferably of the natural gas industry.	Qualifying	30
2.2	Experience in providing consulting services related to taxation on enterprises involving natural gas production, transportation, import, commercialization and/or distribution in Brazil.	Qualifying	30
2.3	Experience in providing consulting services related to the Brazilian regulatory framework of the natural gas industry.	Qualifying	25
2.4	Publication of studies on tax legislation applied to the Brazilian natural gas sector.	Qualifying	15
TOTAL			100

Note: The minimum score required for classification is 70% (seventy percent) of the total points (Maximum Score: 100)

Tiebreak Criteria:

- 1) It is considered technical tied when Consultants score 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:
 - Institution with the best score in sub-item 2.1, maintaining the tie;
 - Institution with the best score in sub-item 2.2, maintaining the tie;
 - Institution with the best score in sub-item 2.3, maintaining the tie;
 - Institution with the best score in sub-item 2.4.

The 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 organizations in the form of joint venture or sub consultancies to enhance their qualifications in order to execute the requirements of the study, as stipulated in the item 1.15 of the above-mentioned World Bank’s “Consulting Guidelines”. In case of the formation of a joint venture, the letter of presentation heading the EOI must highlight the leader of the joint venture, the country where the firm is legally registered; its legal representative and his/hers contact information.

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

Applicants must submit the EOIs in a written form, in an envelope, (sent either in person or by postal mail), until 6:00 pm of **January 24, 2018**, to the following address:

ATT: Mayara Cardoso
Projeto META – ToR nº 63
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Interested applicants may request further information either by telephone call (during office hours, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, Brasilia time) or by email.

Phone: +55 61 2032-5027
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Candidate consulting firms must either post or hand out the aforementioned envelope with the following title: Projeto META – ToR Nº 63. Material appended are the following: company’s letterhead paper (letter of presentation) expressing the institution’s interest in executing the services, properly signed by its legal representative, and present documents – brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions among others – able to demonstrate the qualifications and experiences required by this selection process. The contents of the envelope must be limited to the information attained in the REOI. The attached information must be relevant to the Term of Reference’s object, and it is limited to 30 (thirty) pages. Information in reference of Consultant members shall be sent in a subsequence phase of the process.