REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES)

HONDURAS

ALIANZA PARA EL CORREDOR SECO (ACS)

Project Number No. P148737 Assignment Title: Corredor Seco Food Security Project (ACS-GAFSP) Reference No. PP-16/17-2014

The Government of Honduras (GOH) has received a Grant from the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP); the **Honduran Strategic Investment Office** - **INVEST-H** (formerly known as the Millennium Challenge Account Honduras, MCA-H) will be the Project implementing agency and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services ("the Services"). Under the terms of the GAFSP agreement, INVEST-H will implement the Project through the Services of two (2) Consultants ("Consultants") (such as: Firms, NGO's, Universities, and/or Agencies) allocated to a specific geographic area. The "Consultants" will be required to follow guidelines set out by the World Bank, the project's Supervising Entity.

The project targets 12,000 extreme poverty and poverty stricken households as beneficiaries in 25 municipalities within the southern Honduran dry-corridor (Francisco Morazán, Choluteca and El Paraíso). The overall Services directed to said beneficiaries consist of technical assistance, procurement agent services and the promotion and implementation of agricultural, marketing, business development and health/nutrition related subprojects, emphasizing nutrition sensitive and climate-smart agriculture and application of good socio-environmental practices. The Services will focus on Food production and rural household income generation (Component 1), and Nutrition education and household hygiene (Component 2). The Project will be executed in 5.5 years and will contribute to the GOH's "Alianza para el Corredor Seco" Program.

Each Entity will implement the services either in cluster 1 or cluster 2 described as:

CLUSTER 1		CLUSTER 2	
FRANCISCO	Curaren, Lepaterique, Reitoca, Alubaren,	CHOLUTECA	Apacilagua, Morolica, Concepcion De
MORAZÁN	San Miguelito, La Libertad		Maria, El Corpus, Orocuina, Namasigue,
CHOLUTECA	San José, San Antonio de Flores, San Isidro		El Triunfo, Duyure, San Marcos de Colon
	Pespire	EL PARAÍSO	Liure, San Antonio de Flores, San Lucas
EL PARAÍSO	Soledad, Texiguat, Vado Ancho		

INVEST-H now invites eligible Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services; i.e. brochures, description of a minimum of three similar assignments undertaken in similar conditions, general qualifications and experience as well as the financial turnover of the last three years.

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 ("Consultant Guidelines"), of January 2011 and revised on July of 2014, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

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

Two Consultants will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours (Official time of Honduras). Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by January 8 of 2015

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