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**PROCUREMENT NOTICE / ADVERTISEMENT
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
FORM 801B: LIMITED INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION (LIC)**

Beneficiary Country: BRAZIL

Reference Number: UBO Bid No 0438/2010

Description: Evaluation of the “Millennium Fund for Early Childhood Development”.

Deadline for Submission of EOI: 14/12/2010

Objectives and Scope

Hiring of a specialised institution with proven experience on evaluating educational and/or social development initiatives to evaluate the “Millennium Fund for Early Childhood Development”.

The “Millennium Fund for Early Childhood Development” Project, which counted with technical supervision by UNESCO, aimed mainly at: a) improving the quality of education offered by public community-based and philanthropic institutions to children aged 0-6 years and b) mobilizing new partners regarding the relevance of investing public funds in early childhood education. As its main strategy, the project used in-service teacher training, engaging pedagogical coordinators and principals through “Educational Boards”. These are pedagogically-organized units, appropriately staffed and with teaching and learning materials to provide continuous in-service professional education, reproducing a classroom environment for Early Childhood Education. For further information: www.fundodomilenio.org.br:8080.

Expected Procurement Components

The purpose of the evaluation is to provide Senior Management at UNESCO with an assessment of what worked and why, highlighting intended and unintended results, as well as lessons learnt in relation to both the implementation process and the pedagogical results achieved by the project. In particular, it should be assessed whether the main elements of the project (process and content) could be used for promoting sustainable public policies on improving the quality of early childhood education through continuous professional development (sustainability and relevance criteria). Other key criteria such as effectiveness, efficiency and impact should also be applied. It is expected that the evaluators will visit some cities in the Brazilian states of Rio Grande do Sul, Santa Catarina, São Paulo e Minas Gerais during the data collection phase. At least three visits by the Team Leader to attend discussions in Brasilia will be necessary.

Special Procurement Conditions and Additional Information

UNESCO invites universities, foundations, NGOs, civil society organizations and private consultancies to express their interest in carrying out the evaluation.

The evaluation team will ideally consist of experts with complementary expertise and experience. The necessary requirements are: experience with similar evaluation work, experience with international organizations, appropriate competencies in evaluation design and methodology, and knowledge of early childhood education practices and strategies. The team leader should have proven experience in conducting evaluations and in leading or directly managing complex evaluations or strategy development exercises. He/She should have advanced knowledge of Portuguese language. These requirements will be checked by means of the following documents: letters of reference, academic degrees, CVs, contacts with referees, and examples of evaluations conducted. Failure to demonstrate compliance with the requirements above will result in immediate rejection of the proposal.

In order to be considered as a potential supplier, interested enterprises should submit their Expression of Interest including the following information:

- Brief presentation of your enterprise including number of staff, turnover, years in business.
- Reference list demonstrating your qualifications for participating in this possible upcoming bidding process.
- Contact information (full name and address, country, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail address and website, contact person).

The Expression of Interest and accompanying documents must be received by UNESCO no later than **14/12/2010 at 18:00 hours** on the postal address below. Alternatively, Expressions of Interest can be sent by e-mail to **licita@unesco.org.br**. Please indicate Ref. No.: **Expression of Interest 0438/2010** on all submissions.

This request for Expression of Interest does not constitute a solicitation. UNESCO reserves the right to change or cancel the requirement at any time during the EOI and/or solicitation process. UNESCO also reserves the right to require compliance with additional conditions as and when issuing the final solicitation documents. Submitting a reply to a call for EOI does not automatically guarantee receipt of the solicitation documents when issued.

Institutions that provide complete documentation on time and are able to demonstrate the necessary requirements will pre-qualify and be requested to prepare a detailed proposal. These proposals will then be evaluated according to their technical eligibility and those still qualifying will then be evaluated according to the lowest price.

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