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REQUEST FOR EXPRESIONS OF INTEREST Management Plan for Volcano Reserve Pilas – El Hoyo

The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) and the Government of Nicaragua (GoN) have entered into a \$ 175 million, five-year Compact to promote economic development in the departments of Chinandega and Leon. The Program will fund three major projects: i) Road Rehabilitation, ii) Property Regularization and iii) Value-added rural business development with an emphasis on environmental sustainability. Further information regarding the MCC is available on their web site (www.mcc.gov) and information on the Nicaragua MCA Program is available at the MCA-Nicaragua web site (www.cuentadelmilenio.com.ni).

The Millennium Challenge Account (MCA-Nicaragua) hereby announces its request for a national and/or international consulting firm to develop the consultancy services for "**Management Plan for Volcano Reserve Pilas El Hoyo**". This notice follows the General Procurement Notice that appeared in DG-Market online on February 4, 2006, and in the local newspapers of Nicaragua on February 4 and 6, 2007.

The objective of the consultancy service is to provide a document governing the Protected Areas of the Momotombo Volcano, beginning with a participatory planning process that provides guidance for conservation action, and establishes the norms and technical details for the management and administration of these protected areas.

The specific objectives of the consultancy services are:

1. Develop a management plan in a participatory, feasible and agreed upon manner; economically and socially viable, so that the document can serve as guidance for the conservation and management of natural resources, and obtain financial resources for the protected area.
2. Define the Volcano Reserve Pilas El Hoyo limits, so that the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment (MARENA) can develop the demarcation of such area, and in addition, define the deteriorating zones.

A firm will be selected under Consultant's Qualification Selection (CQS) according to MCA-Nicaragua's Procurement Guidelines, and according to the following evaluation criteria:

- The consultancy firm must have experience in the development of management plans for protected areas.
- The consultancy firm must be composed of professionals that are fully knowledgeable in the following areas: ecological evaluations, socioeconomic evaluations and studies and of land tenure, planning the use of natural resources, geographic information systems, community development, participatory methodologies and environmental laws.
- The technical staff must be comprised of professionals with a minimum of 5 years experience in the following areas: Agronomical/Forestry Engineer or bachelors degree in Ecology and/or Biology with experience in planning and natural resource management and coordination of teams; Agronomical/Forestry Engineer with experience in forestry management plants and development of forestry projects; bachelors degree in Biology and/or Ecology with experience in flora and fauna; bachelors degree in Economics with knowledge of project development and economic evaluation of natural resources; bachelors degree in Sociology or related field with experience in socioeconomic studies with participatory methods, with experience in geographical information systems; bachelors degree in Environmental Law with experience in environmental legislation and study of land tenure, and a professional with experience in the development of mitigation and/or prevention plans of risk.

The letters of expression of interest, along with all supporting documents such as the firm's profile and CV's, description of similar works executed, and supporting documents, should be submitted by **March 08, 2007** by **10:00 a.m.** Documents sent by email must be in PDF format, or any other format that cannot be altered. The documents must be delivered to any of the following addresses:

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