Poverty Reduction and Rural Renewable Energy Development

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The Asian Development Bank (ADB) recently announced the opportunity of \$754,000 in potential procurement of consulting services under the ADB Technical Assistance (TA) programs.

Project Name: Poverty Reduction and Rural Renewable Energy Development

Project No.: AFG 38044-01

Technical Assistance Amount: US\$745,400.00

Executing Agency: To be determined

Objectives and Scope:

The goal of this pilot project is to establish the necessary conditions for pre-electrification of remote areas using solar power. The long-term objective is to lay the foundation for the sustainable dissemination and use of solar systems in those rural areas that cannot be accessed in the near and medium term by the planned national electric grid.

Consulting Services: Yet to be determined.

Project Processing Stage: Beginning of fact-finding mission: June 2004.

Recruitment of Consultants: Requirements for consulting services to be completed

during fact-finding mission.

How to Apply and Assistance for U.S. Firms:

The Asian Development Bank selects a consultant for a Technical Assistance grant based on its prior Expression of Interest (EOI). An EOI can be transmitted on-line through the ADB's Web site (www.adb.org); afterward it will be acknowledged automatically. Firms may opt to send a hardcopy follow-up EOI addressed to Mr. Robert J. Robertson, officer-in-charge, consulting services division, with a copy to the ADB project officer. The EOI should relate a firm's experience and expertise to the ADB project. It is important for a U.S. firm to emphasize its similar project experience in the country or in a similar geographic area rather than presenting a general profile of its consulting activities. A separate EOI should be submitted for each project. The project name indicated in the EOI should exactly match that listed here to avoid confusion.

To be considered for employment, consultants must register on the ADB's DACON (data on consulting firms) and DICON (data on individual consultants) systems, otherwise, their EOIs will not be accepted. DACON and DICON registration can be done on-line at www.adb.org/consulting.

U.S. firms may also send a notification copy of their EOIs to the U.S. Commercial Liaison Office for the ADB:

U.S. mailing address:

U.S. Commercial Liaison Office for the ADB Attention: Frank Foster, Senior Commercial Officer PSC 500 Box 33 FOP AP 96515-1000

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U.S. Commercial Liaison Office for the ADB Attention: Frank Foster, Senior Commercial Officer 25th Floor Ayala Life-FGU Center 6811 Ayala Avenue Makati City Metro Manila, Philippines 1226

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The U.S. Commercial Liaison Office works closely with the Office of the U.S. Executive Director to the ADB to increase American awareness of, and participation in, the ADB's activities. This office is ready to provide assistance to U.S. firms upon request.

For more information on this project, contact the ADB Project Officer:

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