Call for Evaluation Consultant/Team: Final Evaluation of Global Research Project on Urbanization and Development: Delving Deeper into the Nexus

1. Announcement

The Global Development Network (GDN), an International Organization focused on building research capacity in developing countries and transition economies seeks an evaluation team for undertaking the final evaluation of GDN’s Global Research Project (GRP), Urbanization and Development: Delving Deeper into the Nexus.

2. Project Description

The Global Research Project, Urbanization and Development: Delving Deeper into the Nexus provided research grants to five research teams to support comparative and systematic research that looks across continents. The project brought together experts from Latin America and Asia respectively to address fundamental issues on urbanization and development, as well as, opportunities for researchers from these regions to engage in meaningful academic collaborations in a globally interconnected way.

3. Objectives of the Evaluation

The purpose of the evaluation is to evaluate the extent the project has achieved its stated objectives, the contribution of various project components to achieving the overall project objectives as well as documenting lessons learnt from the research capacity building experience.

The evaluation team will develop and finalize the methodology in the inception phase of the evaluation in collaboration with GDN’s M&E Unit. The full Terms of Reference for the evaluation is available through the following link:


4. Suggested Team Composition

GDN wishes to engage either a single Principal Evaluator or a two or three member evaluation team comprising of one Principal Evaluator and two or more team members (assistants). For selection, GDN will treat submissions by a single Principal Evaluator or an evaluation team equally.

The Principal Evaluator will either be an evaluation expert or a senior academic with experience in the field of Urbanization and Development with:
• (essential) demonstrated technical expertise in evaluation methodologies and previous proven skills and experience in undertaking evaluations, preferably based on strong academic credentials
• (essential) a strong background and experience in evaluating research organizations and research programs aimed at building research capacity to influence policy
• (essential) excellent research and communication skills (in English) as evidenced by academic degrees (PhD preferred) and a record of scholarly and policy publications
• (essential) high analytical skills with experience in conducting interviews and surveys and interpreting data and information
• (preferred) experience with research programs or research capacity building programs in developing countries and transition economies

Team members can complement or add to the expertise of the Principal Evaluator (listed above).

5. Timeline and Budget

Timeline: The evaluation timeframe is from middle or end of August 2013 to end October 2013.

Budget: The budget for the evaluation (including consultancy, local taxes, travel, overheads, etc.) is approximately US$ 7,500.

6. Proposal Submission and Requirements

The following information and documents must be provided as part of the proposal:

a. Proposed Evaluation Methodology:

The applicant (Principal Evaluator) will provide a short overview of the proposed evaluation design, methodology, data collection, timeline and task staffing chart (in case of a team). The description of the budget and its components must also be provided.

b. Proposed Team and their Qualifications:

The applicant (Principal Evaluator) will propose the team members with their expertise, academic credentials, designated roles and responsibilities in the proposal. CVs for all team members must be provided. Please include the following information in the Principal Evaluator CV:

• Academic credentials
• List of Countries with field experience as team lead of evaluations
• Contact details of three references
• Daily rate for your last 3 assignments
• Three reports written under your experience as a team leader of evaluations
• Confirmation of availability of the Principal Evaluator and/or the team members (where applicable)

In case of a single Principal Evaluator, the full, detailed CV must be provided along with the relevant required information.
7. Procedure: Proposal Submission

Interested applicants should send in a cover letter and the complete proposal (with the required documentation) to consultants@gdn.int with a copy to Ms. Savi Mull, Coordinator - Monitoring & Evaluation smull@gdn.int. Please indicate “Urbanization: Final Evaluation” in the subject line of your email message.

The deadline for receipt of completed proposals is Monday, 19 August, 2013 (6:00 pm Indian Standard Time).

There will be telephone and/or face-to-face interviews with the applicants of the shortlisted proposals. Only applicants of shortlisted proposals will be contacted.