



CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

IDS Knowledge Services: Review of Eldis programme

The Institute of Development Studies wishes to appoint an experienced evaluation team to carry out a review of progress to date and effectiveness of the Eldis programme.

First established in 1995, Eldis [www.eldis.org] is a development focused, internet-based information service: filtering, structuring and presenting development information primarily via the web and email. Over the last 15 years it has established itself as one of the one of the most heavily used development knowledge portals, and has achieved a significant audience in a wide range of countries and organisations.

The review is required under the terms of contract for one of the Eldis donors, NORAD, in order to:

- Provide an evaluation of progress against the agreed goal and purpose of the project.
- To inform the development of a further phase of the Eldis programme for which IDS Knowledge Services intends to seek funding from Norad and other donors.

As such we have defined the objectives for the review as follows:

1. Assess Eldis' impact, effectiveness, efficiency and relevance against the indicators in the agreement
2. Review Eldis' southern devolution and partnership plans.
3. Review Eldis' niche and 'market position' with regard to the funding environment.

What we are looking for in an evaluation team

The evaluation team should be independent of IDS, and should have the following experience and capabilities:

- Demonstrated knowledge of current information management and communication thinking and practice, with a particular reference to international development subjects and audience groups.
- Familiarity with a range of information management and communication tools and approaches (including the latest web technologies and approaches).
- Conceptual understanding of the relationships between knowledge, learning, communication, and social change, especially among development actors.

- Experience conducting evaluations and impact assessments of development programmes of similar size and budget.
- Familiarity with appropriate Monitoring, Evaluation and Review methodologies.
- Strong communication skills (written and verbal).
- A mix of backgrounds and experience within the evaluation team, some of whom should be developing country nationals.
- Capacity to provide value for money.

Timeline

26 May 2010	Draft Terms of Reference sent out to short-listed evaluation teams
14 June 2010	Full proposals submitted
28 June 2010	Evaluation team selected, contract prepared
July 2010	Evaluation team and IDS discuss and agree implementation plan. Evaluation work begins
16 August 2010	Evaluation team delivers draft report for comment.
30 August 2010	Evaluation team delivers final report

Budget

A maximum budget of £12,000 is available for the external costs of the evaluation. We anticipate this should equate to approximately 20 days of consultants time plus expenses.

Requirements for Expressions of Interest

Expression of interest should be no more than three pages (not including attached CVs), and include:

- a cover letter
- a description of the evaluation team
- a page summarising the relevant experience of the team
- an indicative VAT inclusive budget or day rates

Summary CVs for the team should be attached, indicating relevant experience.

Short listed teams will then be asked to submit more detailed proposals for consideration. A more detailed Terms of Reference and guidelines will be provided at that stage.

Deadline for Expressions of Interest: **5pm Monday 24th May 2010**

Expressions of Interest should be sent (by mail or email) to:

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