



## MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT



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#### IDB TECHNICAL COOPERATION (TC)

- **(BH-T1012) – STRENGTHENING THE ENERGY SECTOR IN THE BAHAMAS**
  - **(BH-T1016) – PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE ENERGY IN THE BAHAMAS**
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The Government of The Bahamas (GOBH) signed two Technical Cooperation agreements with the Inter-American Development bank toward:

1. Strengthening the Energy Sector in The Bahamas (BH-T1012), and;
2. Promoting sustainable energy in The Bahamas (BH-T1016).

Under the first project (BH-T1012) consulting firms will submit proposals for the integrated assessment of the Energy Sector and establishing a broad framework for the implementation of renewable energy (RE). This will involve: (i) an operational, and financial review of Bahamas Electricity Corporation to ensure sustainability and establish a strategy for expansion, including diversification of generating sources; and, (ii) an analysis of the current regulatory framework with recommendations to achieve a sustainable energy matrix.

The general objectives of the second project (BH-T1016) are: (a) to promote and support sustainable energy in The Bahamas, including renewable energy (RE), energy efficiency (EE), Waste to Energy (WE) and energy conservations programs; and (b) to provide alternatives to minimize dependency on fossil fuels. Specifically the project will: (i) provide technical assistance to develop a national EE program; (ii) explore alternatives for RE; (iii) provide support for a WE program; and, (iv) make recommendations for institutional strengthening.

Six firms were short-listed following local and international requests for expressions of interest in 2008. These are listed below:

**BH-T1012 – Strengthening the Energy Sector in The Bahamas**

COMPANY	COUNTRY
DANISH ENERGY MANAGEMENT A/S	Denmark
FICHTNER	Germany
CASTALIA • Hunton & Williams LLP	USA
KEMA INC.	USA (Netherlands)
LAHMEYER INTERNATIONAL GMBH	Germany
KPMG CORPORATE FINANCE • HATCH LTD	Bahamas • Canada

**BH-T1016 – Promoting Sustainable Energy in The Bahamas**

COMPANY	COUNTRY
FICHTNER GMBH	Germany
R W BECK	USA
SCOTT WILSON / Juniper • IT POWER • SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ADVISORS	UK • UK/LAC • Argentina
IPA ENERGY+WATER ECONOMICS • AETS • SGURR	UK • France • UK
CAMP DRESSER & McKEE	USA
CSB CONSULTANTS (consortium of six firms and independent consultants)	Bahamas

Proposals are due 06-May (BH-T1012) and 21-May (BH-T1016) and both projects are expected to take one year to complete.

Local firms interested in participating can access contact information for the short-listed firms on the BEST Commission website [www.best.bs](http://www.best.bs) .