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(Saltillo, Coahuila) – The North American Development Bank (NADB), in coordination with the Instituto de Altos Estudios Internacionales de Saltillo (IALESI), and with the full support of the State of Coahuila, today sponsored “New Alternatives in Financing, Organization and Administration,” a seminar to analyze and discuss various approaches to the future of municipal finance and public administration in the northern border region of Mexico.

Inaugurated by Coahuila Governor Enrique Martínez y Martínez and coordinated by NADB Managing Director Raúl Rodríguez and IALESI President Eliseo Mendoza Berrueto, the conference was attended by representatives from the finance ministries of the Mexican border states, academics specializing in municipal issues, public finance consultants, experts on infrastructure project financing, and federal legislators and municipal officials, among others.

As explained by Mr. Rodríguez, this dialogue is a joint effort of the NADB and various Mexican organizations, municipalities and state agencies “to analyze possible options for facilitating municipal access to the capital markets, as well as to review some organizational and operating models in order to offer constructive proposals that can be submitted for consideration by the governments of the Mexican border states.”

In addition, Rodríguez stressed the importance of municipal reform for financing public infrastructure services and noted that the NADB, through its technical assistance programs, “seeks to strengthen the performance of municipal utilities by ensuring the long-term viability of infrastructure projects.”

For his part, Eliseo Mendoza commented that, “IALESI enthusiastically joined the NADB’s initiative to organize this seminar because it offers a good venue for addressing issues directly tied to strategies for increasing the competitiveness of municipal entities within the framework of an increasingly integrated and open global economy.

“While it is not uncommon to hear that companies have to deal with new challenges in the globalization process, not only to maintain or penetrate foreign markets but also to protect their domestic market, public institutions and local governments rarely discuss the challenges posed by this process,” Mendoza stated. “Local governments also need to compare their efficiency indicators with those of other local governments where the most competitive international companies are located.”

Speakers included Alex Briseño, former city manager of San Antonio, Texas; Dr. Bernardo González Aréchiga, dean of the Graduate School of Public Policy of the Instituto Tecnológico de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM); Benito Solís, executive director of Moody’s Mexican office; Raúl Leggs, city manager of Tijuana, B.C.; Mauricio Merino, an expert on municipal organization and management from the economic research center, CIDE; Salvador Santana, from INDETEC, an institute for technical development of public treasuries; Dr. Luis
Since the inception of its technical assistance programs, NADB has authorized more than US$13 million to perform studies necessary for the proper management and development of utility systems in various communities, as well as for the development of projects in all the environmental sectors in which the Bank operates.

For more information on the NADB, visit www.nadb.org. For more information on IALESI, visit www.ialesi.com.mx.

The North American Development Bank, created under the auspices of NAFTA, is a financial institution established and capitalized in equal parts by the United States and Mexico for the purpose of financing environmental infrastructure projects along their common border. As a pioneer institution in its field, the Bank is working to develop integrated, sustainable and fiscally responsible projects with broad community support in a framework of close cooperation and coordination between Mexico and the United States.

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This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice for this project which was published in NADBank News on April 28, 2000.

Town of Combes (the Purchaser ) intends using part of the proceeds of a grant from the North American Development Bank’s (the Bank) Border Environmental Infrastructure Fund (BEIF) which is funded by contributions from the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) towards the cost of a Sanitary Sewer and Water Yardline contract, to be constructed simultaneously.

Bidding for a contract to be financed with the proceeds of a grant from the Bank is open to firms from any country. Bidders must have completed a similar project within the past five years that is at least the same value and complexity of the current project. Bidding will be conducted in accordance with the NAD Bank Policies and Procedures. Bids for a Contract could be submitted in United States Currency or Mexican Currency.

The Purchaser now invites sealed bids from suppliers and contractors for the following contract which is to be funded from part of the proceeds of the grant:

Sanitary Sewer and Water Yardlines which consist of 617 Sanitary Sewer Services, 25 Water Services and Decommissioning of existing Septic Systems.

Bidding documents for each of the section may be obtained from the office at the address below upon payment of a non-refundable fee of $100.00 each. If requested, the documents will be promptly dispatched by courier, but no liability can be accepted for loss or late delivery.

All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of five percent (5%) of the total bid to be paid in U.S. dollars.
Bids for the contract must be presented in sealed envelopes clearly marked as NADBANK SERVICES PROJECT delivered by the 24th day of December, 2003 to the City Hall located at 316 Templeton, Combes, Texas 78535 by 10:00 A.M. CST at which time they will be opened and read out loud in the presence of those bidders’ representative who choose to attend. Any bids received after the bid deadline will be not be accepted and returned unopened to the sender. A pre-bid conference will be held at the Combes Community Center of the Town of Combes, located at 21646 Hand Road, Combes, Texas, on December 17, 2003 at 11:00 A.M.

A register of potential bidders who have purchased the bidding documents may be inspected at the address below. Prospective bidders may obtain further information from, and inspect and acquire the bidding documents at the following office:

R. E. Garcia & Associates
116 North 12th Avenue
Edinburg, Texas 78541-3502
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