

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (email)

19 May 2006

The Building Communications Opportunities (BCO) Alliance invites interested consultants to submit an expression of interest to coordinate the BCO Impact Study.

The BCO Alliance, a group of seven development NGOs and three donors working in the field of Information and Communication for Development (ICD), is seeking international development consultancy support in the field of ICD, with specialised experience in evaluating the impact of ICD projects. Work will take place in the period June 2006 – September 2007.

Attached you will find the Briefing document and the Terms of Reference for the BCO Impact Assessment Study against which you are requested to submit a three page proposal. The deadline is the 26 May 2006.

This is a call that has been made to a list of consultants who have been recommended by one or more of the BCO partners. Should you not be available and wish to recommend somebody else, please send the person's name and email to myself or Kitty.

For any enquiries and to submit your proposal, please send to Lauren@womensnet.org.za and Kitty.Warnock@panos.org.uk

We thank you
Lauren

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Decision on BCO Impact Study RFP (email)

31 May 2006

Chat, Kitty and I are pleased to inform you all that the successful consortium to coordinate the BCO Impact Study is David Souter, Kate Wild and Tina James.

As previously reported in my email dated 29 May, 7 parties submitted Expressions of Interest. All were strong in various ways, and the decision was not easy. We reviewed and analysed all of them against the following broad criteria:

1. Experience in, knowledge about and understanding of ICT4D issues and the sector, research and analytical experience
2. Approach to working with BCO partners, extent to which building BCO capacity and learning is integrated into proposal
3. Methodology and approach to the RFP/carrying out the work
4. Expected outputs - conceptualisation, approach to/understanding of voice and participation, advocacy and communication strategy/output, feasibility of outputs suggested
5. Budget, cost, affordability

The team scored each submission and qualitatively justified their scoring.

The team felt that the communications strategy that Souter et al proposed could be strengthened. As such we may consider requesting David Souter to approach one of the consortium whose communication approach was strong.

Please find attached Souter et al's sub mission.

Thanking you
Chat, Kitty and Lauren