

Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

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Members:	43 countries; about 30 borrowing members
Staff:	Approx. 2,000, of which nearly 600 are in field offices; some 40 nationalities represented
Working Languages:	Spanish and English
Lending Territory:	Developing countries in Central and South America, and the Caribbean
Lending Categories:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ordinary capital is lent on hard terms• Concessional capital is lent from the Fund for Special Operations• Canadian Project Preparation Facility resources are used to carry out basic studies, prefeasibility and feasibility studies, and final engineering studies in least developed IDB member countries

Organization of Lending Functions

IDB lending operations are grouped under an Operations Department and a Project Analysis Department. Operations are further subdivided into three regions, each of which has divisions that handle individual countries. Project Analysis is subdivided into two divisions: Agriculture and Social Development; and Infrastructure, Energy and Industry.

The IDB maintains field offices in each of its 23 Latin American member countries. Their role is more substantive than that played by field offices of other IFIs. IDB field office staffs help identify new projects, administer approved loans, and supervise project execution. They are also closely involved with procurement matters and with consultant selection.

The technical specialist in the Project Analysis Department in Washington can assist you in obtaining infor-

mation on consultant requirements for projects in sectors of his/her area of expertise. These officials are particularly important for early information or if you are unable to visit the project country. Once projects have reached the detailed engineering phase, however, it is the sector specialist in the field office who will be in a position to provide you with information on the specifications, bid requirements, evaluation of bids, etc.

Priority Sectors for IDB Lending

In 1984, the Inter-American Development Bank committed new loans totalling \$3.56 billion in the following sectors:

	%
• <i>productive sectors</i> , including agriculture and fisheries, industry and mining, and tourism	44.8