

TECHNICAL COOPERATION  
BY THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN

PROPOSAL

By the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) for an expert, i.e., an investment project specialist, to be assigned to the Center for Investment Projects (CEPI) to the Government of Japan.

1. The Center for Investment Projects (CEPI) of IICA, is a technical support unit under the supervision of the Office of the Deputy Director General for Operations. It was established in August 1982.

Its purposes are to cooperate with the Member States and operating units of IICA in the identification, formulation and evaluation of investment projects; provide support in the formulation of IICA's technical cooperation projects; conduct training activities in project formulation, evaluation and management for professionals from IICA member countries; and design of methods for carrying out the above.

CEPI's staff consists of eight university-level professionals: four have Master's degrees, two have doctorates.

Over the past six years, CEPI has drawn up thirteen (13) investment projects for a total of US\$400 million, aimed at promoting development of the agricultural sector in ten Latin American and Caribbean countries (Barbados, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Panama, Paraguay, Venezuela), within the framework of the technical cooperation agreement IICA has with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for preparing agricultural projects. Most of these projects are in operation, funded with national resources and IDB funds. IICA and IDB anticipate signing a third stage of the agreement in the second semester of 1988, for the amount of US\$3.5 million for preparing projects over the next three years.

CEPI works to identify and prepare investment project profiles in cooperation with its member countries, to be funded by other sources such as the World Bank and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). Under an agreement between IICA and IFAD, CEPI participated in 1987 and 1988 in project identification missions in Brazil and Mexico, with funding from IFAD.

As concerns training in agricultural project development at the farm, national and regional levels, CEPI organizes different types of events, courses and seminars in member countries, for national professionals. In 1988 such activities were conducted in Honduras, Costa Rica and Mexico, where a total of 70 technical experts received training.

In the framework of the agreement between IICA and the Iberoamerican Cooperation Institute (ICI), two courses are offered yearly: one on project preparation and evaluation, and another on agricultural project management at ICI's International Development Center in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia. Each of the courses is attended by 25 university professionals from the South American countries.

- 2a. Specialist in the preparation of agricultural investment projects ✓
- 2b.
  - i. Analyze investment projects and prepare corresponding reports. ✓
  - ii. Draft proposals for the preparation of studies and investment projects, and participate in preparing feasibility studies of investment projects. ✓
  - iii. Prepare proposals for IICA management of investment projects.
  - iv. Cooperate, in his/her area of specialization, in training events offered by CEPI on project identification, formulation and management, and in preparing teaching materials for the events.

v. Provide support for project identification and preparation to the units established for this purpose by IICA in agreement with national and international institutions.

vi. Participate on IICA project preparation teams, and/or on teams established through agreements with national and international organizations.

vii. Participate in preparing project profiles for presentation to IICA member countries and to international funding organizations.

2c CEPI Director ✓

2d University training in agronomy and/or economic sciences, with postgraduate studies in economics, agricultural economics or agricultural planning. Experience in preparing investment l projects for the agricultural sector. Working languages: Spanish and/or English. Age: 35 to 45.

2e One

3 Not applicable

4 a. Two years

b. IICA Headquarters, San Jose, Costa Rica

c. Not applicable

d. Perdiem allowance in accordance with IICA regulations, which are reviewed quarterly.

e. For travel within the country, transportation will be provided or paid for according to IICA regulations.

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g. To be arranged.

h. As an international professional personnel associated with IICA, he/she will enjoy all the rights and privileges granted by the government of Costa Rica to IICA international personnel.

Exempted from taxes on income earned as an international civil servant

- i. In accordance with point h., he/she will have the right to import, tax free, for personal use and use of family one automobile, furniture, refrigerator, stove, sound and audio system, sewing machine, food, beverages, clothing and other home furnishings.