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Private Sector Competition For Environmental Legislation & Impact Assessment Contracts
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Thus far in 1992, the Social Development Secretariat (SEDESOL) has invited private companies to compete for 42 contracts on designing environmental standards for diverse industries. The contracts are backed by a US$50 million fund created by the World Bank and the federal government. [Ed. note: Environmental protection and enforcement activities formerly carried out by a separate ministry are now the responsibility of SEDESOL. The Urban Development and Environment Secretariat (SEDUE) was dissolved in May this year.] The environmental standard contracts pay between US$50,000 and US$110,000, depending on scale and complexity, and usually entail eight to 12 months of work. Most of the 42 contracts are related to auto emissions, highly toxic waste materials and other top priority areas. Half the contracts were awarded to foreign companies. Another 50 contracts are still up for grabs. Bidding on 14 of the 50 will open in December. SEDESOL officials also plan to receive bids on 15 of 30 ecological impact and conservation studies, each worth US$220,000 to US$450,000. Companies awarded these contracts will deliver analyses on environmental protection mechanisms for specific areas of the country. Examples include the coastal area in Jalisco state where tourism is a fast-growing industry, and the countryside around Coatzacoalcos, Mexico's major oil port. Next, approximately a dozen contracts for training government officials in environmental assessment and enforcement will be open for bidding. Companies awarded these contracts are to receive up to US$50,000. In response to advertisements appearing in newspapers around the world and in Mexico, 260 specialty businesses registered with SEDESOL for eventual bid submission in the World Bank-coordinated program. The 260 include at least 60 US-based companies, 40 from Canada, and 15 headquartered in Australia, France, the UK, and other nations. The rest are Mexican firms. About three months ago, SEDESOL and the Canadian government finalized a 1 million Canadian dollar (US$830,000) loan agreement earmarked for environmental protection programs. Loan terms specify that all "outside" contracts must be awarded to Canadian companies. Five Canadian firms have recently been awarded contracts to draw up new and tougher environmental standards and impact assessments for specific industrial sectors. The five contracts are worth a total 400,000 Canadian dollars (approx. US$330,000). Contract recipients were Le Groupe Delti, Goodfellow Consultants, Stanley Associates, Le Consortium SM Dynamis EnvironTech, and Beak Consultants Ltd. (Source: El Financiero International, 10/12/92)

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