

CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR A TRANSPORT SECTOR STUDY AND PREPARATION OF A TRANSPORT SECTOR POLICY, STRATEGY AND OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) has allocated funds towards the cost of a project to conduct a Transport Sector Study of its Borrowing Member Countries (BMCs), update its Transport Sector Policy and prepare a Transport Sector Strategy and Operational Guidelines. CDB intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under a contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments shall not be made to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations.

CDB now wishes to procure consultancy services for a Transport Sector Study and Preparation of a Transport Sector Policy, Strategy and Operational Guidelines.

The objective of the consultancy is to determine the key issues facing the transport sector across CDB's BMCs and likely to affect the sector over medium to long term, and to assist in charting the role of the Bank in addressing those issues through development of: (a) a Transport Sector Policy and Strategy for CDB; and (b) associated Operational Guidelines for implementation of the strategy; and to disseminate the findings of the consultancy through delivery of one regional transport sector workshop and other media.

The services will include a Desk Review of available information on transport sector, mainly, but not limited to road, air, maritime and inland waterway transport. Visits to a sample of BMCs will be facilitated, but in-depth consultations with stakeholders in all BMCs will be required. Both primary (surveys, focus groups, interviews, etc.) and secondary research methods (literature review, desk research, etc.) are expected to be used for the collection of data. The consultants will be required to demonstrate qualifications and experience in areas including, among others, transport policy, economics, engineering, social and gender analysis, and environmental and climate analysis. Excellent communication skills will be required, including fluency of all team members in English, and inclusion in the team of persons fluent in the official languages of all of the Bank's BMCs. The duration of the assignment is expected to be for a period of approximately thirteen (13) months.

CDB now invites interested eligible consulting firms to submit Expressions of Interest for the provision of these consultancy services.

Consultants shall be eligible to participate if:

- (a) in the case of a body corporate, it is legally incorporated or otherwise organised in an eligible country, has its principal place of business in an eligible country and is more than 50 per cent beneficially owned by citizen(s) and/or *bona fide* resident(s) of eligible country(ies) or by a body(ies) corporate meeting these requirements;
- (b) in the case of unincorporated firms, the persons are citizens or *bona fide* residents of an eligible country; and

- (c) in all cases, the consultant has no arrangement and undertakes not to make any arrangements, whereby any substantial part of the net profits or other tangible benefits of the contract will accrue or be paid to a person not a citizen or *bona fide* resident of an eligible country.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB.

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to technical competence, qualifications and experience, local and regional experience on similar assignments, financial capability and existing commitments. All information must be submitted in English. Further information may be obtained from the address below between 08:30 and 16:30 hours (Eastern Caribbean Time) Monday to Friday.

Three hard copies of the Expressions of Interest must be received at the address below no later than 16:00 hours on Friday, April 15, 2016. Each submission must include a compact disc, flash drive or other media containing an electronic copy of the submission as a single PDF file. The sealed envelope containing each submission should include the name and address of the applicant and shall be clearly marked “**Expression of Interest – Consultancy Services for a Transport Sector Study and Preparation of a Transport Sector Policy, Strategy and Operational Guidelines**”.

Following the assessment of submissions, a short-list of not less than three and not more than six applicants will be provided with full terms of reference and invited to submit technical and financial proposals to undertake the assignment. CDB reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not short-listing any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest.

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