

GOVERNMENT OF GRENADA

MARKET ACCESS AND RURAL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

CONSULTANT BUSINESS SPECIALIST

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Government of Grenada (GOGR) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to US\$3.03 mn towards the cost of the Market Access and Rural Enterprise Development Project (MAREP) and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under a contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of GOGR and upon approval by CDB, and will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawal from the financing account for the purpose of any payment 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. No party other than GOGR shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The Ministry of Finance, Planning, Economy, Energy and Cooperatives, the executing agency acting on behalf of GOGR, now wishes to procure consultancy services from a Business Specialist.

The objective of the assignment is to focus on: improving the capacity of vulnerable and poor rural residents to become engaged in employment and/or operate small businesses; strengthening of product value chains through the provision of the full range of services and support systems that are required to take products (agricultural and non-agricultural) through to final consumers; and facilitating small farmers/rural entrepreneurs access to credit. The duration of the assignment is expected to be for a period of two (2) years.

The Ministry of Finance, Planning, Economy, Energy and Cooperatives now invites interested eligible **INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS** to submit Expressions of Interest indicating qualifications and experience required to provide these consultancy services.

A consultant shall be eligible to participate if:

- (a) The person is a citizen or *bona fide* resident of an eligible country; and
- (b) 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 qualifications and experience on similar assignments, specifically experience in agri-business/business with a focus on the provision of technical assistance to micro and small businesses and rural entrepreneurs. All information must be submitted in English. Further information may be obtained from the first address below between 8:00 and 16:00 hours Monday to Friday.

One hard copy of the Expression of Interest must be received at the first address below no later than 16:00 hours on **Thursday, January 29, 2015** and one hard copy must be sent simultaneously to CDB at the second address below. The sealed envelope containing each submission should include the name and address of the applicant and shall be clearly marked “**Expression of Interest – Business Specialist: Market Access and Rural Enterprise Development Project**”.

Following the assessment of submissions, the most technically capable and appropriately experienced applicant will be invited to negotiate a contract to provide the consultancy services. GOCR 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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