

## **CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK**

### **CONSULTANCY SERVICES - PLANNING FOR THE INTEGRATION OF CLIMATE RESILIENCE IN THE WATER SECTOR IN THE CARIBBEAN**

#### **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

The Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) has allocated funds towards the cost of a project to prepare Planning for the Integration of Climate Resilience in the Water Sector in the Caribbean. 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, the Executing Agency, wishes to procure Consultancy Services – Planning for the Integration of Climate Resilience in the Water Sector in the Caribbean.

The study will establish a suite of tools and guidance resources for institutions responsible for water policies, plans and the implementation of investment programmes to assess and design effective climate resilient action, to help practitioners establish robust and implementable climate resilience sector policies and investment plans and to identify potential financing for effective implementation.

The objective of this work is to therefore demonstrate how gender-sensitive climate and disaster resilience measures could be integrated into the water sector, and in so doing, develop a package of materials that would provide guidance, lessons learnt and technical notes to help practitioners in the region implement the approach. Building on existing methods and tools, work will be carried out in two BMCs that will, *inter alia*, include:

- (a) an assessment of the vulnerability of key infrastructure and assets in the water sector;
- (b) gender-sensitive climate screening of relevant policies, plans and strategies in the sector and recommendations for integrating resilience;
- (c) assessment of the adaptive capacity of the water utility and other key institutions and recommendations for strengthening;
- (d) preparation of a climate resilient investment plan that would include priority infrastructure investments and proposals and strategies to deliver the identified adaptation options; and
- (e) development of a water sector resilience index to measure progress on adaptation.

The methodology will be to develop the guidance based on case studies of two Borrowing Member Countries where appropriate technical approaches and good practices from international experience would be tested in building resilience in the water sector. The Consultancy is to be implemented intermittently over a period of nine and a half months.

The Consultant should have experience in the areas relevant to the scope of services including climate change and climate vulnerability; economics; water supply management; water resource; and social and gender analysis.

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, the Dominican Republic, CARIFORUM and European Union (EU) Member States which are not member countries of CDB and others who are eligible under the prevailing regulatory provisions of the EU<sup>1</sup>.

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 – Consultancy Services – Planning for the Integration of Climate Resilience in the Water Sector in the Caribbean**”.

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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<sup>1</sup> External action financial instruments and European Development Fund, Rules on participation in procurement procedures and grants, a2a\_ecprogrammes\_eligibility2014\_2020\_en.doc

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