

GOVERNMENT OF THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

NATURAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT – INFRASTRUCTURE REHABILITATION PROJECT

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR HYDROLOGY STUDY AND FLOOD RISK REDUCTION

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Government of the British Virgin Islands (GOBVI) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to US\$15,672,000 towards the cost of the Natural Disaster Management – Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project, and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds to eligible payments under a contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of GOBVI 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 GOBVI shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The Ministry of Communications and Works, the Executing Agency, wishes to procure consultancy services to undertake a drainage assessment for storm-water flood risk reduction within the capital, Road Town, catchment area. The object of the assignment is to provide the GOBVI with options for the reduction of storm-water flood risk to Road Town through the assessment and analysis of surface area, slope, soil, and general drainage conditions during high rainfall events. In addition, the assignment will map levels of risk, identify cost-effective drainage improvement measures, develop drainage policy and plans, as well as enhance the capacity of GOBVI to better manage flood hazards. The duration of the assignment is expected to be eleven (11) months.

The Ministry of Communications and Works 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 organized in an eligible country, has its principal place of business in an eligible country and is more than fifty percent (50%) beneficially owned by a citizen or citizens and/or a *bona fide* resident or residents of an eligible country or countries, or by a body or bodies corporate meeting these requirements;
- (b) in the case of unincorporated firms, the person or persons is or are a citizen or citizens, or *bona fide* resident or 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 Project Coordinator at the first address below, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Four (4) hard copies of the Statement of Capability must be received by the Central Tenders Board at the second address below, no later than 3:00 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2016, and one (1) hard copy must be sent simultaneously to CDB at the third address below. The sealed envelope containing each submission must include the name and address of the applicant and shall be clearly marked **“Statement of Capability – Consultancy Services for Hydrology Study and Flood Risk Reduction - Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project”**.

Following the assessment of submissions, a short-list of not less than three (3) and not more than six (6) applicants will be provided with full terms of reference and invited to submit technical and financial proposals to undertake the assignment. GOBVI 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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