

Country: **Regional - Latin America and the Caribbean**
Project: **Electronic Government for Regional Integration Project (EGRIP)**
Financing: **The World Bank Group**
Abstract: **Consultancy Services for the Development of a Regional Customs Information System (RCIS)**
Loan/Cr Nbr: **IDA Credits: 4451-SLU, 4452-GD, 4453-DM and 4650-VC;
Project ID Numbers: P100635 and P117087**
Contract Nbr: **2.3b-C/2011; Requests for Expressions of Interest;
Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)**
Deadline: **16 November 2011**

The Governments of the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines have each received individual credits in the amount of 1.5 Million SDRs, equivalent to US\$ 2.3 Million, from the International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank Group, for the financing of the OECS Electronic Government for Regional Integration Project (EGRIP) and intend to apply part of the proceeds for the **development of a Regional Customs Information System (RCIS)**.

Two EGRIP countries have already implemented ASYCUDA World (AW) and the other two countries are currently implementing this UNCTAD-developed system. All countries are using Oracle as the AW DBMS.

Under the EGRIP, a RCIS will be developed using AW as its platform and Oracle as its DBMS. The RCIS will receive from the four AW systems running in each of the four EGRIP countries information about the manifests and the goods declarations being processed in each country. These regional international trade transactions will be stored by the RCIS in a database for statistical purposes. In addition, manifests of ships going from one EGRIP country to another and export goods declarations of goods being exported to another EGRIP country will be retransmitted by the RCIS to the AW system running in the EGRIP country of destination.

The consultancy is expected to require about four (4) man-months and comprises the following services:

- (i) Modification of the AW systems running in the four EGRIP countries so that they send the above information to the RCIS.
- (ii) Preparation of the programs required by the RCIS to receive and store the above information. These programs will become the property of the four EGRIP countries.
- (iii) Preparation of the programs required by the RCIS to transmit certain manifest and exports declarations to the AW systems running in the EGRIP country of destination. These programs will become the property of the four EGRIP countries.
- (iv) Modification of the AW systems running in the four EGRIP countries so that they can receive the above information from the RCIS.

The Regional E-Government Unit (REGU) of the OECS Secretariat now invites eligible **individual consultants** and **consulting firms** to submit expressions of interest for providing the services. Interested consultants must submit updated curriculum vitae of the personnel that would provide the services, including information on their qualifications and capability for undertaking the assignment. **Extensive hands-on experience on the implementation of AW, use of SO Class, Java and Oracle, is required, as well as full command of the English language (to read, write and speak).**

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers, January 1997 (revised September 1997, January 1999, May 2004 and October 2006).

Short listed consultants will receive the detailed Terms of Reference of the assignment and will be requested to submit a financial proposal.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30p.m. (900 hours to 1630 hours).

Expressions of Interest must be delivered electronically to the e-mail address below by 12:00 noon (1200 hours) on **Wednesday, 16 November 2011.**

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