

GOVERNMENT OF GRENADA

**MARKET ACCESS AND RURAL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
CONSULTANT BUSINESS SPECIALIST**

STATEMENT OF CAPABILITY

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The Government of Grenada (GOGR) has received a loan from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards the cost of the Market Access and Rural Enterprise Development (MARED) Project and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds to eligible payments under a contract for which this invitation is issued.

The Ministry of Finance, Planning, Economy, Energy and Cooperatives acting on behalf of GOGR, wishes to engage an individual consultant to provide business advisory services to the Project. The duration of the assignment is expected to be for a period of six years.

The MARED Project focuses on the development of rural communities in Grenada and comprises components aimed at: 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 Ministry of Finance, Planning, Economy, Energy and Cooperatives now invites interested eligible **individual consultants** to submit Statements of Capability for the provision of the services of a Consultant Business Specialist. The selected candidate is expected to have at least eight years experience in agri-business/business with a focus on the provision of technical assistance to micro and small businesses and rural entrepreneurs.

A consultant shall be eligible to participate if:

- (a) the person is a citizen or *bona fide* resident of an eligible country; and
- (b) 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, and existing commitments. All information must be submitted in English. Further information may be obtained from the first address below between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

One hard copy of the Statement of Capability must be received at the first address below no later than 4:00 p.m. on **August 31, 2011**, 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 “**Statement of Capability – Business Specialist: Market Access and Rural Enterprise Development Project**”.

Following the assessment of submissions, a short-list of, not less than three and not more than six applicants, will be invited to an interview. 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 statements.

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