

**GOVERNMENT OF GRENADA**

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

**GRENADA EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT PHASE 1**

**CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO CONDUCT ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS AND CLIMATE VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENTS OF SCHOOLS IN GRENADA**

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

The Government of Grenada (GOGR) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to USD 15.533 million towards the cost of the first phase of the Grenada Education Enhancement Project (GEEP). GOGR 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 Education and Human Resource Development (MOEHRD), the Executing Agency, through its Project Management Unit (PMU), now wishes to procure consultancy services to conduct an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) and a Climate Vulnerability Assessment (CVA) to inform the designs of three proposed schools and to develop guidelines for the CVA of schools in Grenada.

The objectives of the consultancy are as follows:

- (a) To undertake an ESIA of the areas where the three schools are to be located and to develop Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs) that would negate or mitigate the negative social and environmental impacts and ensure or enhance the positive impacts.
- (b) To undertake a CVA of the areas where the three schools are to be located, which would identify and evaluate the effects of potential climate variability and change on the proposed school infrastructure and environs, and to identify resilience measures that could be included in the building designs and site plan. The key question the CVA seeks to answer is: To what extent are the schools buildings and sites at risk due to changing climate conditions?
- (c) To develop prototype guidelines for use in the climate vulnerability assessment of schools throughout Grenada. The guidelines will be based on the experience gained in assessing the

schools/sites as well as from broader regional and international experience in designing climate resilient schools.

The duration of the assignment is expected to be for a period of five (5) months, commencing July 2017.

MOEHRD now invites interested eligible consulting firms or joint ventures to submit Expressions of Interest for the provision of these consultancy services.

Firms or Joint Ventures (JV) 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 beneficial owners are citizens or *bona fide* residents of an eligible country; and
- (c) in all cases, the firm or JV 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 CDB member countries and countries eligible for procurement under European Investment Bank (EIB) funded projects which are not CDB member countries.

The attention of interested Firms or JVs is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of CDB's Guidelines for the Selection and Engagement of Consultants (2011), setting forth CDB's policy on conflict of interest.

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to:

- (a) technical competence, validated by references, in the conduct of ESIA's and CVAs. A maximum of three (3) assignments should be presented on six (6) pages maximum, with the role of the firm or JV indicated.
- (b) local, regional, and international experience of the firm or JV in the provision of relevant services. Experience with the education sector in Grenada, and with Multilateral Development Banks, would be an asset. A maximum of five (5) assignments should be presented, on five (5) pages maximum.
- (c) capacity to provide the required expertise in climate change, civil/structural engineering, economics, social development and the environment. Key personnel should possess at least graduate qualifications in relevant areas, and lead personnel should have conducted a minimum of two (2) ESIA's and/or CVAs. For each discipline, a list of key personnel available to the firm or JV, their combined years of relevant experience, and the total number with relevant post-graduate qualifications should be provided. Individual CVs are not required.
- (d) financial capability, by way of a statement confirming that the firm or members of the JV is/are neither bankrupt nor engaged in bankruptcy proceedings and confirmation, if requested, that financial statements for the past three (3) years can be provided.

- (e) existing commitments, by way of provision of a list of current and expected assignments during the length of the assignment giving the name, stage and size of project and the role being/to be performed by the firm or members of the JV.

All information must be submitted in English. Further information may be obtained from the first address below between 8.30 A.M. and 4.00 P.M. Eastern Caribbean time, Monday to Friday.

One (1) hard copy of the Expression of Interest and an electronic copy in pdf format must be received at the first address below no later than 3:00 P.M. E.C. time on **Friday March 24, 2017**. In addition, one electronic copy must be sent simultaneously to CDB by email at the second address below. The sealed envelope containing each submission should indicate the name and address of the applicant and shall be clearly marked **“EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO CONDUCT ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS AND CLIMATE VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENTS OF SCHOOLS IN GRENADA”**. The email subject line should also include that statement, and the email body should state the name and address of the applicant.

The selection method for the award of the consultancy shall be Quality Based Selection (QBS). Therefore, 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. 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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