**Caribbean Community (CARICOM)**

**SUPPORT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORK PLAN FOR THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM) ON THE ECONOMY PROJECT**

**CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR: Advisor, to the Chairman of the CARICOM Commission on the Economy**

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariathas received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to US$193,200 *t*owards the cost of ***Technical Assistance for the Implementation of the Work Plan of the CARICOM Commission on the Economy***Project and 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 The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat 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 The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The CARICOM Secretariat*,* the Executing Agency, now wishes to procure consultancy services for ***Advisor, to the Chairman of the CARICOM Commission on the Economy.***

The objective of the consultancy is to appoint a Technical Advisor who will drive the implementation of the activities identified in the Commission’s Work Plan, ensuring timely acceptance of recommendations by all stakeholders and adoption of recommended strategies, including Member State governments.

The duration of the assignment is expected to be for a period of 24 months.

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat now invites interested eligible individual consultants to submit Expressions of Interest indicating qualifications and experience required to provide these consultancy services.

Consultants shall be eligible to participate if:

1. the persons are citizens or *bona fide* residents of an eligible country; and
2. 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 attention of interested Consultants 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 qualifications and experience. Candidates are expected to meet the following minimum requirements:

* possess at least an Advanced University degree (Masters Degree or equivalent) in Economics or Public Administration. A PhD in economics is highly desirable;
* have at least 20 years progressively responsible experience in the design and management of economic development programmes at the national, regional and/or international level or as an adviser to CARICOM Governments on growth and development issues including the deepening of economic integration within the Caribbean Community;
* have extensive advisory or policy design and/or operational experience in the areas under the Commission’s remit, usually stemming from senior government executive or advisory positions or academic life (as reflected in their publications). In some instances, a *mix* of public (including academia) and private sector expertise would be acceptable. Experts must have good analytical skills including the ability to provide objective evidence-based advice as well as the capacity to formulate workable growth-oriented solutions. The ability to conduct technical discussions on multidisciplinary issues, effectively communicate with a wide range of audiences, handle sensitive issues with discretion, collaborate with, and build consensus among key stakeholders (national authorities and regional institutions) as well as to write reports in English, to a high standard and under tight deadlines, is essential; and
* should also be of a high calibre and should be renowned in their field and well-respected by regional officials.

The process for the selection of the appropriate candidate for the position of Adviser to the CARICOM Commission on the Economy may involve a formal interview of short-listed candidates.

All information must be submitted in English. Further information may be obtained from the first address below between 9:00 and 16:30 hours Monday to Friday.

Two (2) hard copies of the Expressions of Interest must be received at the first address below no later than **16:00 hours, 11th January, 2017**and one (1) hard copy must be sent simultaneously to CDB at the secondaddress below. 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 for Advisor, to the Chairman of the CARICOM Commission on the Economy”.**

Following the assessment of submissions, the most technically capable and appropriately experienced applicant will be invited to negotiate a contract to provide the consultancy services. The Caribbean Community (CARICOM)Secretariat 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 engaging the services of 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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