**CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM) SECRETARIAT**

**ASSESSMENT OF THE OPTIMAL FUTURE STATE FOR THE COORDINATION OF THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM) STATISTICAL SYSTEM PROJECT**

**CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR AN ASSESSMENT OF THE OPTIMAL FUTURE STATE**

**FOR THE COORDINATION OF REGIONAL STATISTICS WITHIN THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY**

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

The *Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat* has *received* financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to *US$125,000* towards the cost of Study and travel for The Assessment of the Optimal Future State for the Coordination of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Statistical System) 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 *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 *CARICOM Secretariat* shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

*CARICOM Secretariat* the Executing Agency, now wishes to procure consultancy services **for “An Assessment of the Optimal Future State for the Coordination of Regional Statistics within the Caribbean Community”**

The objective is to design and conduct an assessment of the CARICOM RSP and provide recommendations towards a structured, sustainable and strategic approach to RSP’s institutional enhancements, and to clearly state the future state of RSP, using evidence to inform the decision-making process. The duration of the assignment is expected to be for a period of *two hundred and sixty (260) Days.*

*The CARICOM Secretariat* now invites interested eligible consulting firms to submit Expressions of Interest indicating qualifications and experience required to provide these consultancy services.

Consultants shall be eligible to participate if:

1. 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;
2. in the case of unincorporated firms, the persons are citizens or bona fide residents of an eligible country; and
3. 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. Consultants are advised to review the detailed eligibility criteria detailed in Section 4 and conflict of interest provisions in Section 5 of the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January 2021), as published on CDB’s website.

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to qualifications and experience on similar assignments. All information must be submitted in English. Further information may be obtained from the first address below between *09:00hrs* and *16:00hrs* hours Monday to Friday.

**Electroniccopies** of the Expressions of Interest must be received simultaneously by the persons listed below at the email addresses provided, no later than **16:00hrs (GMT-4) on Monday, 13 March 2023**. The emails containing each submission should include the name and address of the applicant and should clearly indicate in the Subject **“Expression of Interest – Consultancy Services for An Assessment of the Optimal Future State for the Coordination of Regional Statistics within the Caribbean Community”**

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 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.

1. ***Address 1* 2. *Address 2***

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