



NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING AGENCY

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
CONSULTING SERVICES**

Establishment of Coral Nursery at Port Royal Cays

The National Environment & Planning Agency (NEPA) is seeking to rehabilitate the barrier reef system in the Palisadoes-Port Royal Protected Area which was impacted by a ship grounding in the vicinity of the South Cay in March 2012. The project aims to ameliorate the damage caused by the ship grounding on the coral reef by enhancing the coral coverage through active reef restoration activities which will involve the establishment of coral nurseries and outplanting of nursery grown coral fragments to the impacted site.

The consulting services ("the Services") is for a duration of 7 years and the major objectives include:

- a) Identify donor sites and the coral species to be harvested to establish the coral nursery.
- b) Establish an *in-situ* coral nursery to facilitate the growth of coral fragments for use in transplanting activities at impact area.
- c) Maintain the *in-situ* coral nursery.
- d) Seeding of the artificial reef structure with propagated coral fragments.
- e) Provide maintenance and ensure a minimum survival rate of 75% of coral fragments placed on the artificial reef structure over five years.

NEPA now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Firms must provide the following information to establish their competence to perform the required services:

- a) General background of the consulting firm;
- b) Description of similar projects undertaken relating to coral propagation
- c) Experience as a consulting firm contracted for services within the last three years
- d) Availability of a team with the following appropriate skills/experience:

Project Manager, Coral Reef Ecologist/Marine Biologist with relevant experiences.

Minimum qualification includes:

- a) Masters degree or equivalent in Environmental Management, Natural Sciences or Natural Resources Management from recognized educational institution(s).
- b) Three years of demonstrated experience in coral restoration/rehabilitation and a demonstrated knowledge of coral reef biology and ecology.
- c) Proven track record in the application of the methodology in coral restoration.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. For the purpose of establishing the shortlist, the nationality of a firm is that of the country in which it is legally incorporated or constituted and in the case of Joint Venture, the nationality of the firm appointed to represent it.

Further information can be obtained on the Agency's website at www.nepa.gov.jm or at the address below during office hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. from Monday-Friday or via email: procurement@nepa.gov.jm

Two (2) hard copies of the Expressions of Interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below by **Friday, December 15, 2017 @ 4:30 p.m.**

Following the assessment of submissions, a shortlist will be established and applicants will be provided with the full terms of reference and invited to submit technical and financial proposals to undertake the task.

NEPA reserves the right to cancel this invitation partially or in its entirety. Late submissions will not be accepted.

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