



**MINISTRY OF FINANCE
AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE**

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Consultancy – Assessment of Competition in the Commercial Banking Space

COUNTRY: JAMAICA
PROJECT NAME: STRATEGIC PUBLIC SECTOR TRANSFORMATION PROJECT
IBRD LOAN NO.: 8406JM
COMPONENT: ADAPTIVE PUBLIC SECTOR APPROACHES TO PROMOTE FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY
BID NO: 8406JM-COM03-CQS-001-18
SELECTION METHOD: CONSULTANT'S QUALIFICATION-BASED SELECTION

The Government of Jamaica (GOJ) has received loan financing from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) towards the cost of the Strategic Public Sector Transformation Project (SPSTP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the consulting services. The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to strengthen public resource management and support selected public sector institutions in facilitating a more enabling environment for private sector growth.

The main objective of the consultancy is to assess competition in the space in which commercial banks operate, identify bottlenecks and impediments and propose policy recommendations for improved competition.

The consultancy will have a duration of **6 months**.

The Ministry of Finance and the Public Service now invites eligible firms to indicate their interest in providing the consultancy service. Interested consulting firms should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the service. The shortlisting criteria are:

- Minimum of 3 years` international expertise in any of the following: (i) Banking Competition, (ii) Market Development; or (iii) Economic Research;
- Experience in doing similar projects in at least 2 developing economies or emerging markets within the last 10 years;
- Expertise in policy development in any of the following areas: (i) Market Competition, (ii) Banking, (iii) Finance

The attention of interest consulting firms are drawn to Section 7.11 of The World Bank Procurement Regulations of IPF Borrowers, Procurement in Investment Project Financing Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services, July 2016.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of joint venture or sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A firm will be selected in accordance with the Consultant's Qualification - Based Selection Method set out in the Guidelines. Clarifications to the Request for Expressions of Interest may be obtained by consulting any of the details below. The detailed Terms of Reference for the Consultancy Service are available on the website of the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service at www.mof.gov.jm. Expressions of Interest along with a copy of the firm's registration certificate must be delivered in a written form to the address below or by mail, fax or email by **November 21, 2017**.

Interested consultants may submit Expressions of Interest to:

**THE PROCUREMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER
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Planning Institute of Jamaica

GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA

COMMUNITY RENEWAL PROGRAMME (CRP)

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR

Conducting Baseline Studies for Seventeen Vulnerable and Volatile Communities to Support the Community Renewal Programme

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Government of Jamaica (GOJ) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards the cost of conducting baseline studies in 17 vulnerable and volatile communities to support the Community Renewal programme (CRP) 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 GOJ 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 GOJ shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ), the Executing Agency, now wishes to procure consultancy services for Conducting Baseline Studies for Seventeen Vulnerable and Volatile Communities to Support the Community Renewal Programme.

The objective of the consultancy is to collect data for a gender-sensitive monitoring and evaluation system designed and operationalized to better inform the programming decisions and benchmarks for intended outcomes and impact of the interventions within the most vulnerable and volatile CRP beneficiary communities, and to train the CRP staff and key stakeholders in the management and use of the data. The duration of the assignment is expected to be for a period of twelve (12) months.

The PIOJ now invites interested eligible consulting firms to submit Expressions of Interest for the provision of these consultancy services.

Consulting firms shall be eligible to participate if:

- (a) in the case of a body corporate, it is legally incorporated or otherwise organized 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 persons are citizens or bona fide residents of an eligible country; and
- (c) in all cases, the firm 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 firms 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 technical competence, qualifications and experience, local and regional experience on similar assignments, financial capability and existing commitments. All information must be submitted in English. Further information may be obtained from the address below between **8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays**, and between **8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Fridays**.

The original and one hard copy of the Expressions of Interest must be received at the first address below no later than **2:30 p.m. on Friday November 24, 2017** and one electronic copy must be sent simultaneously to CDB by email 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 "Expression of Interest – Consultancy Services for Conducting Baseline Studies for Seventeen Vulnerable and Volatile Communities to Support the Community Renewal Programme".

Following the assessment of submissions, a shortlist 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. GOJ 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 shortlisting 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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