

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES

**Selection # as assigned by e-Tool:** BH-T1096-P006

**Selection Method:** Full Competitive Selection

**Country:** The Bahamas

**Sector:** Disaster Risk Management

**Funding – Technical Cooperation (TC)#:** BH-T1096

**Project #:** BH-T1096-P006

**TC name:** Support policy reform in comprehensive disaster risk management

**Description of Services:** (i) To develop a disaster risk management budget tagging methodology that complies with the mandate established by the Bahamas' Disaster Risk Management Act enacted on December 9<sup>th</sup>, and (ii) to support the Government of the Bahamas (GoBH) in the adoption of this methodology.

**Link to TC document:**

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) is executing the above-mentioned TC. For this TC, the IDB intends to contract consulting services described in this Request for Expressions of Interest.

Expressions of interest must be delivered using the IDB Portal for Bank Executed Operations (<http://beo-procurement.iadb.org/home>) by: **May 18, 2023, 5:00 P.M.** (Washington D.C. Time).

To access the IDB Portal, the firms must generate a registration account, including **all** the data requested by the Portal. If any of the information requested is not included, the firm will not be able to participate in this or any other Bank-executed selection process for operational work. If the firm has been previously registered, please validate that you have **all** the firm's information updated and complete before submitting an expression of interest.

The Government of the Bahamas (GoBH) developed the Climate and Disaster Budget Tagging Methodology in 2021, a tool for identifying and tracking climate change (CC) and DRM-related expenditures at the national budget level. The methodology developed here was piloted by the Bahamas Ministry of Finance and related ministries in 2021-2022 to encourage the implementation of the relevant budget tagging. The final report after this pilot exercise recommends:

- The implementation of training sessions to ensure that each ministry/agency conducting the tagging exercise fully understands the level of detail required for tagging.
- To conduct a more detailed tagging with an assignment of additional tags instead of the two (CC and DRM) done for 2021-2022 and to update the Chart of Accounts accordingly.

Considering this background, this consultancy will first develop the conceptual framework and tagging structure that is consistent with the DRM Act 2022 and that allows for the identification and classification of CC and DRM-related expenditures, taking into account the catalogue of accounts and coding used in the national budget structure of the Bahamas. Then the consultant will provide technical guidance to the ministries and agencies to adopt the Budget Tagger in their budget preparation for 2024-2025.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include:

- Collect and review the literature necessary to accomplish this work.
- Define a conceptual framework for the DRM budget tagging methodology consistent with the DRM ACT 2022 and climate change-related legislation.
- Recommendations to the Ministry of Finance to update the Chart of Accounts based on the conceptual framework and categories/subcategories defined in the methodology.
- Provide training to relevant ministries on the DRM budget tagging methodology.
- Provide advice and assistance, as appropriate, to ministries and agencies to use the DRM budget tagger in their budget preparation.

This service is expected to be implemented as needed (i.e., not full-time) from July 2023 to May 2024. The leading professional areas required for this service are Disaster Risk Management Specialist and Public sector budgeting and financial planning of public investment investments Specialist.

Eligible consulting firms will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: [Policy for the Selection and Contracting of Consulting firms for Bank-executed Operational Work](#) - GN-2765-4. All eligible consulting firms, as defined in the Policy may express an interest. If the Consulting Firm is presented in a Consortium, it will designate one of them as a representative, and the latter will be responsible for the communications, the registration in the portal and for submitting the corresponding documents.

The IDB now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the services described above in the draft summary of the intended Terms of Reference for the assignment. Interested consulting firms must provide information establishing that they are qualified to perform the Services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Eligible consulting firms may associate in a form of a Joint Venture or a sub-consultancy agreement to enhance their qualifications. Such association or Joint Venture shall appoint one of the firms as the representative.

Interested eligible consulting firms may obtain further information during office hours, 09:00 AM to 05:00 PM, (Washington D.C. Time) by sending an email to: Hori Tsuneki ([tsunekih@iadb.org](mailto:tsunekih@iadb.org))

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