

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES

**Selection # as assigned by e-Tool:** TT-T1116-P001

**Selection Method:** Full Competitive Selection

**Country:** Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

**Sector:** Disaster Risk Management

**Funding – Technical Cooperation (TC)#:** TT-T1116

**Project #:** TT-T1116-P001

**TC name:** Strengthening the Integrated National Early Warning System in Trinidad and Tobago

**Description of Services:** Development of a public investment plan to improve the performance of the existing national Multi-Hazard Early Warning System (MHEWS) in Trinidad and Tobago.

**Link to TC document:** <https://www.iadb.org/en/project/TT-T1116>

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 17, 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 Trinidad and Tobago (represented by the Ministry of Planning and Development) requested the IDB to undertake a technical cooperation (TC) project, "Strengthening the Integrated National Early Warning System in Trinidad and Tobago" – TT-T1116. The overall objective of the TC is to achieve citizen safety by improving the capacity of Trinidad and Tobago to implement disaster risk management. To further this objective, the TC focuses on supporting the strengthening of the country's early warning system. The TC consists of two components: (i) an analysis of the current situation and identification of key issues for strengthening the country's early warning system, and (ii) piloting of priority actions. This consultancy is one of the activities under Component 1.

The consulting services ("the Services") include:

- Perform discussion meetings with the IDB, ODPM, TEMA and other relevant institutions.
- Gather the necessary literature and on-site information.
- Conduct field visits.
- Prepare a draft diagnostic report to identify current MHEWS challenges.
- Develop a medium- to long-term action plan to improve the national MHEWS system in Trinidad and Tobago
- Identify high priority items from the Action Plan and summarize them into a costed public investment plan/project proposal that can be implemented in the medium term (e.g., 5 years), including an estimate of the amount of investment required for each item and rough/indexical economic benefits estimation to be derived from it.

These services are expected to be implemented from mid-2023 to early-2024. The leading professionals required to provide these services are: Disaster Risk Management/MHEWS Specialist, Community Awareness/Training Specialist, and Economist.

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: Mr. Hori Tsuneki ([tsunekih@iadb.org](mailto:tsunekih@iadb.org))

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