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Dr. Ramiro López Ghio,
Representative
Inter-American Development Bank
Belize Country Office
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Belize Marine Towers 1st Floor
Belize City

Dear Dr. López Ghio,

Re: Technical Cooperation No. BL-T1159 "Evaluation Support for the Education Quality Improvement Program II" and GPE-PDG "Preparation of the Skills for the Future Program"

The Government of Belize has secured funding from the Inter-American Development Bank through Technical Cooperation No. BL-T1159 "Evaluation Support for the Education Quality Improvement Program II" in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand United States Dollars (US\$200,000.00); as well as a Global Partnership for Education Program Development Grant (GPE-PDG) in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand United States Dollars (US\$200,000.00).

The objective of the first Technical Cooperation (BL-T1159) is to provide technical assistance to the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology (MoECST) in the evaluation of EQIP II, measuring the effects of the program on improving the quality of education at secondary level. The objective of the of the GPE-PDG is to conduct preparatory studies to inform the design of the Skills for the Future Program (BL-L1044), including the validations of instruments for the screening of students for physical, mental, and learning disabilities, and digital application for differentiated instruction in foundational skills and Virtual Laboratory technologies for the teaching of science.

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Based on the Bank's experience in the design and execution of similar interventions and to ensure consistency with the impact evaluation of EQUIP II, led by the IDB, the Ministry of Economic Development hereby requests that the IDB act as the executing agency for BL-T1159. Based on the nature of the GPE-PDG grants, we recognize that these are executed by the grant agent of the multiplier grant, which in this case is the IDB.

We anticipate your favorable consideration of this request and would greatly appreciate the Bank's support in keeping us apprised of any developments regarding the implementation of these two Technical Cooperations.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Osmond R. Martinez', with a stylized, flowing script.

Osmond R. Martinez, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer
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