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Sector: Consulting

Abstract: CONSULTING SERVICES FOR INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS, CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT SPECIALISTS AND TRAINING INSTRUCTORS

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The CARICOM Regional Organisation for Standards and Quality (CROSQ) has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) toward the cost of Promoting Small & Medium Sized Enterprise Competitiveness in the Caribbean through Technical Standards, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds for consultant services.

These consulting services include: a) Four international speakers to speak at regional conferences, b) four conformity assessment specialists to provide diagnostic technical assistance for complying with technical requirements of the conformity assessment and c) four training instructors to develop and deliver courses on aspects of implementation, technical requirements conformity assessment procedures.

International Speakers:

The Awareness-Building Component of the project includes four regional conferences over the four years of the execution of the project. A regional conference will be held each year in one of the four countries of the sub-executing agencies of the project (Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago).

Some of the general areas to be presented at the conferences are Standardisation, Conformity Assessment and Accreditation.

The first conference will be held during September 2006. The general topic of the conference will be Accreditation.

The Terms of Reference for this assignment will be posted on the Web site of CROSQ -www.crosq.org by 15 July 2006.

Conformity Assessment Specialists:

Specialists in Conformity Assessment will work with the standardisation personnel at the national bureaus in Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago. The specialist(s) will be inter alia, required to:

- Prepare and validate procedures for developing Conformity Assessment Guides
- Develop diagnostic technical assistance for complying with technical requirements of conformity assessment procedures
- Evaluate the development process of conformity assessment for at least five companies.

The sourcing of Conformity Assessment Specialists is scheduled to commence during 2007.

Training Instructors:

Training instructors are required to develop and deliver 24 courses to small and medium size enterprises in Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago on standardisation and conformity assessment. The courses shall include the following elements:

- Development of standards
- Implementation of standards
- Conformity assessment procedures

The training modules will be developed and delivered over the life of the project and shall be based on the regional standards and conformity assessment guidelines that have been developed.

The project anticipates that the required training should commence during 2007.

The CARICOM Regional Organisation for Standards and Quality now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.).

Individual consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank (GN2220-10) that may be obtained at the IDB Web site: www.iadb.org.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours – 0830 to 1630 hours, and the Web site of CROSQ: www.crosq.org.

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