

**Country: Regional - Latin America**

**Project: PROGRAM TO ENHANCE DISSEMINATION OF TRADE DATA**

**Abstract: STRENGTHENING OF TRADSYS**

**Sector: Consultants**

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**Contract/Bid Number: Expressions of Interest, Regional Non-reimbursable Technical Cooperation**

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The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) toward a Program to Enhance Dissemination of Trade Data in CARICOM: Strengthening of its Trade Information System (Tradsys). It is intended to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The general objective of the overall project is to improve the timeliness and accessibility of trade data in CARICOM. The project is divided into three components. This consultancy covers the first component of the project.

The specific objectives of this consultancy are: (i) to provide recommendations on what actions are needed to enhance Tradsys to achieve common and timely data submissions, and (ii) to produce a draft data submission protocol.

The expected duration of the consultancy is approximately 45 person/days over a period of about four months.

The consultant must be an information technology specialist with at least five years of experience in systems design and analysis and have experience working with trade data statistics. Knowledge of Eurotrace and ASYCUDA is also recommended. The consultant should have solid knowledge of the challenges in processing and standardizing trade data into databases and will ideally have previously worked in an international organization or a national statistics office. The consultant must be fluent in English. Knowledge of the CARICOM region would also be an asset.

The CARICOM Secretariat now invites eligible consultants to express their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants must submit documentation establishing that they are qualified to perform the services (description of similar assignments, experience, etc.). The terms of reference can be downloaded from the IDB's Web site below.

Expression of interest, along with Curriculum Vitae, must be sent no later than 22 September 2006 to:

Programme Manager, Statistics.

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