

BARBADOS

Administration Of Justice Program

General Procurement Notice

Loan No. 1332/OC – BA

The Government of Barbados (GOB) has received a loan in the amount of US\$8.75 million from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) to assist in financing the modernization and strengthening of the administration of justice in the island.

The Administration of Justice Program will be carried out over a four-year period, beginning in the second quarter of the calendar year 2002, and is comprised of the following three (3) components:

1. Sector Management - A modern information and document flow system will be established that will include a computerized court management system, enhancement of court reporting and recording capacities, and the establishment of a sector-wide information exchange and management capability.

Procurement opportunities will exist for the provision of IT solutions for the above activities and consultancy services in court reporting, change management and court management.

Collaboration between government agencies and civil society organizations will be expanded in such area as foster care, after-school programs, youth training, conflict mediation and crime prevention.

2. Access to Justice – The program will support the introduction of modern case management, in which the judge will take an active role in working with the litigants for a speedier resolution of the case, as well as alternative dispute resolution (ADR).

Procurement opportunities will exist for the provision of services in the above activities, ADR, and for a consultant to evaluate the feasibility of a public defender system.

3. Youth and Rehabilitation – The program features innovative investments aimed at providing at-risk youth with employment and positive social skills, in addition to modernizing the justice system.

The loan resources will help finance consultancy services for re-organization and training of the Probation Department and consultancy services for the reform schools in the areas of staff training, vocational instruction, and new curriculum development. A post-release program and manuals for inmate rehabilitation will be designed for young offenders.

Limited civil works investments will renovate the existing facilities and/or construct new facilities in which to provide intensive rehabilitation of low-risk youth including academic and vocational training, remediation instruction, and social counseling for adolescents to prevent them entering into serious criminal lifestyles. Existing agriculture and training facilities serving the prison population will be upgraded.

The execution of this program is the joint responsibility of the Office of the Attorney General and the Ministry of Home Affairs and will be effected through a single Program Technical Unit referred to as the Justice Improvement Programme Secretariat. Special Procurement Notices (SPNs) for works in excess of US\$1.5 million and for goods in excess of US\$250,000 will be published in *Development Business and IDB Projects Online*. SPNs for Consultant Services in excess of US\$200,000 will also be published in *Development Business and IDB Projects Online*. All procurement notices will be published in the country's local press. (SPNs) for Goods and Consulting Services related to Programme execution by the PTU, Judiciary, Ministry of Home Affairs and the Office of the Attorney General will be published between the second quarter of 2002 and the third quarters of 2004.

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