

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST **CONSULTING SERVICES**

Selection # as assigned by e-Tool: TT-T1115-P001

Selection Method: Simplified Competitive Selection

Country: *Trinidad and Tobago*

Sector: *Urban Development and Housing*

Funding – TC #:TT-T1115

Project #: ATN/KP-19393-TT

TC name: *Smart Town Arima*

Description of Services: *Consultancy for socio-economic, mobility and digital connectivity assessments in Arima*

Link to TC document: [TC Document - Disclosure 64875.pdf](#)

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) is executing the above-mentioned operation. For this operation, 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: *March 6, 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. In the event that 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 consulting services ("the Services") include a diagnostic to ascertain the ways in which the Arima town center presents and functions as a place for doing business; working, recreating, and commuting and to recommend specific place-based investments and measures to enhance the quality of these user experiences and digital connectivity in the 2nd quarter of 2023.

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: [Robin Rajack, robinr@iadb.org](mailto:Robin.Rajack@iadb.org).

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Draft Summary of Terms of Reference

- 1.1. The Housing and Urban Development Division of the Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department is seeking a diagnostic consultancy to ascertain the ways in which the Arima town center presents and functions as a place for doing business; working, recreating, and commuting, and to recommend specific place-based investments and measures to enhance the quality of these user experiences and digital connectivity.
- 1.2. The consultancy will produce an empirically-derived understanding of current user experiences and trends of those who utilize downtown Arima to: (i) offer or use business or administration services; (ii) offer or avail themselves of recreational, cultural, and social activities; (iii) employ or earn an income; or (iv) commute.
- 1.3. The consultancy will assess the existing broadband infrastructure in the Borough of Arima and measure the existing gap and the required investment to significantly improve the above user experiences
- 1.4. The consultancy will establish how the ways in which downtown Arima presents and functions as a place either facilitates or hinders a consistently positive user experience for the above identified groups.
- 1.5. The consultancy will propose specific place-based investments and measures to enhance and maintain the quality of user experiences for these identified groups.
- 1.6. The main outputs of the consultancy are a Socio-economic Diagnostic; a Mobility Diagnostic; a Digital Connectivity Diagnostic; and an Urban Regeneration Plan for Arima based on place-based investments and measures and digital connectivity/Smart City enhancements