

Country: TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
Project: TRADE SECTOR SUPPORT PROGRAM
Sector: Public Sector Administration
Subject: INSTITUTIONAL REORGANIZATION AND RESTRUCTURING
Loan No. IDB 1454/OC-TT
Expressions of Interest

The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago has received a loan from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) that will provide partial funding for a Trade Sector Support Program. A Program Coordinating Unit has been established to implement the program in the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI), the executing agency for the program.

The overall objective of the program is to improve the international trade performance of Trinidad and Tobago by strengthening the country's technical and institutional capacity to formulate and implement trade policy, to participate effectively in trade negotiations, to implement trade agreements, and to increase and diversify exports.

The program consists of five components:

- 1 - Institutional Reorganization**
- 2 - Technical Training**
- 3 - Technical Studies**
- 4 - Integrated Information Systems**
- 5 - Trade Assistance Program**

The specific objectives of the program are:

- *To improve the institutional organization of the MTI
- *To develop the technical capacity of human resources in trade-related public institutions
- *To improve the technical, analytical, and institutional bases of trade policy-making
- *To provide support to the private sector's attempts to adjust to the challenges posed by the liberalization of trade

The services of consulting firms that meet the IDB's eligibility criteria are required to assist in the implementation of component 1, Institutional Reorganization and Strengthening of the MTI, and trade-related institutions and development of a strategic management plan for the MTI.

The diagnostic phase of component 4, Integrated Information Systems, will be integrated with the diagnostic phase of component 1 to ensure compatibility between the two components during implementation phase.

Consulting firms are invited to express their interest and request prequalification questionnaires in order to be shortlisted. Expressions of interest, including an e-mail address, must be forwarded to the address below no later than 10 August 2004.

Requests for further information should also be forwarded to the same address.

Firms that are successful in being shortlisted will be invited to submit proposals for the provision of services.

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