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Country: JAMAICA  
Project: PRIMARY EDUCATION SUPPORT PROJECT  
Sector: Education  
SUMMATIVE EVALUATION  
Loan No. 1264-OC/JA  
Expression of Interest

The Government of Jamaica (GOJ) has secured a loan from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) to finance the Primary Education Support Project (PESP). The project will support the development and implementation of activities aimed at improving the delivery of primary level education in Jamaica. Part of the proceeds of this loan is to fund payments for the procurement of the services of a firm to provide consulting services in respect of summative evaluation of the project. The firm will be required, in the first instance, to:

- \*Evaluate the progress of project execution, paying particular attention to programme schedules
- \*Evaluate effectiveness of the structure of project implementation
- \*Evaluate the processes, controls and due diligence procedures in place for proper accountability, quality and efficiency of execution
- \*Evaluate faithfulness to the objective of project

The GOJ now invites eligible consulting firms or joint venture partnerships from IDB's member country to express their interest in providing the services starting during the 2003 calendar year. Interested entities must submit information, in English, indicating their qualification to perform the services (brochure, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability to appropriate skills among staff, utilization of local consultants, etc.).

Prequalification will be based on eligibility, qualifications, personnel, relevant and applicable experience, and financial capability. Firms will be shortlisted in respect to their responsiveness to the requirements stated and in keeping with the IDB's guidelines.

A shortlist of three to six firms will be prequalified. The prequalified firms will be invited to submit technical and financial proposals. The terms of reference will be made available to the shortlisted firms only.

Interested firms or joint ventures may obtain the prequalification questionnaires, clarification and further information from the Project Manager, Primary Education Support Project, at the address below, or by e-mail. Any firm or joint venture wishing to prequalify must complete the necessary questionnaire. In the case of joint ventures, each firm must submit a separate questionnaire.

The original and four copies of the completed questionnaire, in English, clearly marked "Prequalification for Consulting Services for Literacy Intervention", must be placed in a sealed envelope addressed to the Project Manager and delivered to the address below by 1st September 2003 at 1300 hours (Jamaica time). Late applications will not be considered in any circumstances.

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