

Country: JAMAICA  
Project: PRIMARY EDUCATION SUPPORT PROJECT  
Sector: Miscellany  
Subject: PROCUREMENT OF PUBLISHERS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF  
INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FOR LITERACY INTERVENTION  
Loan No. 1264-OC/JA  
Invitation for Prequalification

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. A major objective of the project is to improve literacy levels in primary schools by implementing a programme including support materials for use in the windows for language arts for the Revised Primary Curriculum. The programme is targeted at grades 1-3.

The Government of Jamaica now invites publishing firms, specializing in educational materials development, editing and book production to pre-qualify for the development of instructional materials. Interested entities must provide 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).

Pre-qualification will be based on eligibility, qualifications, personnel, relevant and applicable experience, financial capability and availability of plant and equipment. Firms will be short-listed in respect to their responsiveness to the requirements stated and in keeping with IDB and GOJ requirements.

A shortlist of three to six firms will be pre-qualified. The pre-qualified firms will be invited to submit proposals. The terms of reference will be made available to the short-listed firms only.

Interested companies may obtain the prequalification questionnaires and bid documents, at the address below or by e-mail. Any firm or joint venture wishing to pre-qualify 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 "PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR PUBLISHERS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FOR LITERACY INTERVENTION", must be placed in a sealed envelope addressed to the Project Manager and delivered to the address below by Monday, 10 January 2005 at 1400 hours (Jamaica time). Late applications will not be considered in any circumstances.

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