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JAMAICA
PRIMARY EDUCATION SUPPORT PROJECT
Consultants
STRENGTHENING OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT UNIT CAPACITY
Loan No. 1264-OC/JA

The Government of Jamaica has received a loan from the Inter-American Development Bank to fund activities under the Primary Education Support Project (PESP). Part of the proceeds of this loan is to fund payments for the procurement of the services of a consultant to provide technical assistance leading to the development of an integrated examination data processing system which is capable of linking the data collection, registration, centering, materials management, administration, scoring, placement, certification and reporting processes. The Grade Six Achievement Test (GSAT) is one of the tests for which the unit has responsibility. The GSAT is used to place students in secondary institutions. The consultancy is required to strengthen the capacity of the Student Assessment Unit to fulfill its mandate in respect of student assessment in Jamaica.

Interested eligible bidders from IDB's member countries may obtain a copy of the terms of reference and evaluation criteria from the address below.

Individuals should have the following competencies:

- Masters degree in Educational Measurement and Statistics
- A minimum of a first degree in computer programming
- A minimum of five years experience in the development of educational measurement software
- At least five years experience in the provision of training and technical assistance in data processing, statistical analysis and data base management
- Five years experience in systems analysis and development
- Prior involvement in the development of large scale examination data processing systems
- Sound knowledge of the Jamaican educational system would be an asset.

Expressions of interest will be received starting on Monday, 6 February 2006. Interested consultants are required to submit a brief proposal outlining the methodology to be used, which should clearly demonstrate an understanding of the requirements. A copy of their curriculum vitae should also be submitted to the address below. Submissions by e-mail will be accepted.

This request for expressions of interest will close on Monday, 6 March 2006 at 1500 hours. Selection of consultants will be based on an evaluation of their proposed methodology and their curriculum vitae. A minimum of three consultants will be short-listed and invited to submit cost proposals. Only short-listed applicants will be contacted.

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