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BARBADOS

**PROGRAMME TO IMPLEMENT THE EXTERNAL PILLAR OF THE
MEDIUM-TERM ACTION PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT EFFECTIVENESS**

Consultants / Reform and Modernization of the State-Planning and State Reform

GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Technical Cooperation No. ATN/OC-10569-BA

Project ID No. BA-T1003

The Government of Barbados, through its Ministry of Finance, Economic Affairs and Energy, has received financing in the amount equivalent to US\$ 450,000 from the Inter-American Development Bank under the Programme to Implement the External Pillar of the Medium-Term Action Plan for Development Effectiveness (PRODEV-Barbados). The Government intends to apply part of these proceeds to payments for consulting services.

The main objective of the project is to strengthen the capacity of the Government of Barbados to Manage for Results. To this end a consultancy will be undertaken to diagnose the following Government processes:

- *Planning and evaluation of the Public Sector Investment Programme (and other investment programmes including the project cycle, from evaluation to post-evaluation)
- *Budgetary and financial processes
- *Auditing, oversight and control; and a review of current efforts in procurement and statistical systems

Upon completion of the diagnosis, a comprehensive Action Plan will be formulated which will prioritize necessary reforms for achieving the concept of management for results over the short, medium and long term. As such, the Action Plan would provide guidelines to:

- Support the strengthening of the technical capacity of the public sector for setting policies and investment priorities
 - Improve its capacity to follow-up and evaluate its decisions and the investment program; and
- learn from experience and redefine, if needed, policies and investment decisions.

The procurement of goods for the project, including computer hardware, software and ancillary equipment, is expected to cost an amount equivalent to US\$ 20,000, and will be carried out by the procurement method of shopping as described in the *Policies for the Procurement of Works and Goods Financed by the Inter-American Development Bank* (GN-2349-7), July 2006.

Consulting services will be selected and contracted in accordance with the *Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter American Development Bank* (GN-2350-7), July 2006, and is open to all eligible bidders as defined

in the policies. Consulting services will be procured via international competitive bidding.

For specific procurement notices for consulting services expected to cost an amount of US\$ 200,000 or more, a request for expressions of interest contracts will be advertised in UN Development Business' and Inter-American Development Bank's websites as well as in the Barbados Nation Newspaper and the Barbados Advocate Newspaper.

Interested eligible bidders and consultants who wish to receive a copy of the advertisement requesting expressions of interest for consultancy contracts, or those requiring additional information, should contact the address below:

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