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BARBADOS

MODERNISATION OF THE BARBADOS NATIONAL PROCUREMENT SYSTEM

Information and technology

ASSESSMENT OF AN ELECTRONIC PROCUREMENT (INFORMATION) SYSTEM

IDB loan No. 2099 OC/BA

Expression of interest

Deadline: 2 March 2011

The Government of Barbados has received a loan from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) towards the Modernisation of the Barbados National Procurement System and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to procure consultancy services for which this Expression of Interest is issued.

The Government of Barbados is working towards the acquisition of an electronic Procurement System (ePIS) to support the business needs of the Central Purchasing Department and wider governmental ministries and departments. The consultancy involves the conduct of a survey and assessment of electronic procurement (information) systems available (both locally and internationally) and recommendation of suitable systems based on business requirements.

The Government of Barbados, through the Special Projects Unit (SPU) of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs now invites eligible Individual Consultants from member countries of the IDB with experience in the field of Information Technology to submit their proposals with respect to providing the required services.

Interested Individual Consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the consultancy. This information should include - curriculum vitae; work experience with e-procurement software; experience in similar projects involving government; competence in English; proposed methodology and any other relevant information. The methodology must demonstrate a sound understanding of the objective of the consultancy; technical approach to addressing the objectives to achieve the expected results and the expected cost of providing the services.

The Individual Consultant will be evaluated in accordance with the following criteria:

- *Qualifications and academic background
- *Work experience in the field of information technology
- *Experience in E-procurement software
- *Methodology
- *Language proficiency/competency in English

Selection of consultants will be in accordance with the procedures set out in the <I>Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants Financed by the Inter-American Development Bank</I>.

Interested Individual Consultants are asked to obtain information which outlines the details of the services to be supplied and other consultancy requirements from the address (1) between the hours of 9:00 - 16:30 hours, Monday through Friday except on public holidays.

The successful applicant will be required to enter into a Contract drawn up by or in a form approved by the Solicitor General or another Legal Officer in the Public Service approved by her. A surety for the due performance of the contract will be required by one of the methods listed below:

*By way of a deposit with the Treasury of a sum of money or approved securities to the value of not less than ten percent of the contract price; or

*By way of a Bank or accredited Insurance Company whose liability shall be not less than ten percent of the contract price; the cost of obtaining such a surety shall be the responsibility of the applicant who need not specifically make arrangements for sureties unless and until his tender has been accepted; or

*By way of satisfactory personal sureties.

Proposals clearly marked "Expression of Interest – Consultancy for the Assessment of an Electronic Procurement (Information) System" must be placed in the Tenders Box located at the Central Purchasing Department, Fontabelle, St. Michael no later than Wednesday, 2 March 2011, and addressed to the office (2) below.

Late submissions will not be accepted and will be returned unopened to the applicant.

The Government of Barbados reserves the right to accept or reject any application received.

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(2) The Chairman
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