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SECONDARY EDUCATION MODERNIZATION PROGRAMME
Consultants
RECRUITMENT OF AN ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING
SEMP: 3/3/28
Expressions of Interest (EOI)
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In 1999, the Government of Trinidad and Tobago implemented its Secondary Education Modernization Programme (SEMP) with majority funding from the Inter-American Development Bank. Its main objectives were the provision of free, high-quality secondary education; a diversified and improved curriculum and the fortification of the physical and administrative structure, which enables the provision of education programmes. The Ministry of Education (MOE) in its Strategic Plan 2002-2006 has identified restructuring and decentralization of its operations as a key transformational strategy to achieve better organizational performance, better management of schools and a higher level of effectiveness throughout the system. To this end, the MOE has embarked on a comprehensive initiative to reform and modernize the education system. These reforms are concomitant with regional and international agreements to which the Government is party. The reforms include qualitative improvement, which comprises the following four sub-components: Curriculum Development, Teaching and Learning Strategies, Testing, Assessment and Evaluation, and Professional Development. There are several activities captured in the Professional Development sub-component; to achieve these goals the services of an accredited institution of higher learning are required.

The Ministry of Education invites the services of a recognized University or accredited Institution of Higher Learning to submit expressions of interest to design and deliver a Master's degree in Reading to a cohort of 90 suitably qualified teachers in the school system. This notice is for expressions of interest only. Invitation to apply for the actual recruitment of a firm to provide these consulting services will be the subject of a separate notice at a later date.

Information requested for consideration:

- Examples of the three most recent jobs where similar projects have been delivered by the University or accredited Institution of Higher Learning (including contact information for use as references)
- Evidence of the financial stability of the University's or accredited Institution of Higher Learning (e.g., submission of the two most recently audited financial statements)
- Provision of the Curricula Vitae of key personnel and an organizational profile and chart/structure of the University or accredited Institution of Higher Learning

This is not a request for proposals. The purpose of this exercise is to identify interested firms which may qualify to receive an invitation to submit a proposal. Additional information may be obtained from the Programme Consultant, SEMP, at the address below.

Letters of expression of interest and accompanying documents, clearly marked "Expression of Interest – Proposal to Contract an Institution of Higher Learning to Provide a Program of Instruction for Senior Teachers Leading to a Master's Degree in Reading", should be deposited in a sealed envelope no later than 1500 hours on Friday, 20 January 2007, in the tender box located at the office of the Secondary Education Modernization Project Coordinating Unit, at the same address.

The Ministry of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all expressions of interest, without defraying any costs incurred by the firm submitting them, including but not limited to the preparation and submission of such expression of interest.

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