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JAMAICA

**EVALUATION OF STRATEGIC OPTIONS FOR REFORM OF
DEVELOPMENT BANK OF JAMAICA'S WHOLESALE LENDING WINDOW
FOR AGRICULTURE**

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GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Technical Cooperation No. JA-T1041, Project No. ATN/FG-11443-JA

The Government of Jamaica has received financing in the amount of US\$ 140,000 from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for consulting and non-consulting services to be procured under the project Evaluation of Strategic Options for Reform of Development Bank of Jamaica's (DBJ's) Wholesale Lending Windows for Agriculture. Bidding will be governed by the IDB's eligibility rules and procedures.

The main objective of this project is to develop a set of strategic options for the reform of the National People's Cooperative Bank (NPCB) and other Approved Financial Institutions (AFIs) which serve the financial needs of small scale agricultural producers and rural non-farm entrepreneurs in Jamaica. The NPCB and AFIs are credit windows operated by the Development Bank of Jamaica, a wholesaler of funds to the agricultural sector. A thorough financial and institutional diagnosis will be conducted and recommendations made to key stakeholders so that they may reach consensus and take a decision on how best to serve the agricultural sector using these windows. A consulting firm will be hired to undertake the diagnosis and advise the DBJ. A seminar (for dissemination of the recommendations to stakeholders) and communications expenses will also be funded by the project.

Consulting services will be selected and contracted in accordance with the <I>Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the IDB</I> (current edition). The contracts will be financed out of the Spanish General Cooperation Fund which will further restrict eligibility (50 per cent tied to Spanish firms or nationals).

For consulting services expected to cost an amount equivalent to US\$ 200,000 or more, a request for expressions of interest will be advertised in <I>UN Development Business</I> online, the IDB Website and local newspapers.

Interested eligible bidders and consultants who wish to be included on the mailing list to receive invitations to prequalify/bid under international competitive bidding procedures, and interested consultants who wish to receive a copy of the advertisement requesting expressions of interest for consultants contracts, or those requiring additional information, should contact the address below:

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