

JAMAICA

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

Sector: Capital Markets / Consulting Services

**CONSULTING FIRM TO DEVELOP A SET OF STRATEGIC OPTIONS FOR
THE REFORM OF THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S COOPERATIVE BANK
(NPCB) AND OTHER APPROVED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (AFIS)**

Expressions of Interest

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

Deadline: 20 February 2009

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) has provided funding for the contracting of a consulting firm 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 selected firm will conduct a thorough financial and institutional diagnosis and make recommendations to key stakeholders so that they may reach consensus on how best to serve the agricultural sector using the aforementioned windows.

The duration of the contract is three months, with a minimum of 50 days in Jamaica. The project team should include a minimum of three persons and all must be fluent in English. At least one person on the team must have good knowledge of Jamaican institutional, socio-economic, and political realities in order to tailor recommendations that will be feasible and able to implement in the Jamaican context.

The IDB now invites eligible consultants to express their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants must submit information establishing that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the IDB's *Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank* (current edition), and selection is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the policies. 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).

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours (0800 to 1600). Expressions of interest must be delivered via mail services or e-mail to the address indicated below by 1630 hours on 20 February 2009.

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