



The Office of the Minister of Planning and Development

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Carina Cockburn
Representative
Country Office of Trinidad and Tobago
Inter-American Development Bank
17 Alexandra Street, St. Clair
Port of Spain

Dear Mrs. Cockburn,

Re: Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago - Port of Port of Spain Public Private Partnership Project, Request for Support from the Global Infrastructure Facility (GIF) for the Project Planning and Preparation and Structuring Activities (PPSA) to the Contract Award Phase

Reference is made to the project as captioned above.

I am writing to inform you that the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (GORTT) agreed to the continued engagement of the IDB for the provision of the project preparation and structuring activities (PPSA) for the potential Public Private Partnership (PPP) for the Cargo Handling Operations of the Port of Port of Spain.

It is understood that the PPSA will be executed by the IDB through a contingency recovery technical cooperation in the form of funding from the Global Infrastructure Facility (GIF) and that this funding support will be reimbursable as shall be specified in a Contingency Recovery Agreement (CRA) to be entered between the GORTT, through the Ministry of Planning and Development and the Technical Partner. Please note that the process of engagement includes the vetting of the CRA by the Office of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs and in this regard, I would be grateful if you can forward a copy of the CRA to enable the commencement of this phase.

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The Project is of strategic importance to the Government of The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago as it aligns to Theme III of the National Development Strategy (Vision 2030) 2016-2030, *'Improving Productivity through Quality Infrastructure and Transportation'*, and specifically to improve the efficiency of the Port Authority and expand Port Infrastructure.

With the IDB support, the following will be undertaken:

- Structuring of the PPP model – the conduct of full feasibility studies and other necessary studies for the development and finalization of the financial, technical and legal structure of the PPP model;
- Tendering - preparation of the bidding documents and the draft contract, obtaining Government's approval of the tender process, issuance of the Requests for Expression of Interest to pre-qualified bidders, presentation of bids by bidders, evaluation of bids and selection of the preferred private partner; and
- Contract signature – signature of the contract.

For this reason, we extend our collaboration to enable the GIF and the Technical Partner task team to achieve the successful completion of the PPSA. We are at your disposal to answer any questions you may have regarding the application for IDB support and look forward to hearing of its outcome.

Sincerely,



Penelope Beckles
Minister

cc: Senator the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport
Trinidad and Tobago