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Barbados
EDUCATION SECTOR ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME (ESEP)
HH (consultants)
FINAL EXTERNAL INDEPENDENT EVALUATION CONSULTANCY
Loan Contract No. 1154/OC-BA
Request for expressions of interest

Deadline: 3 February 2010

The Government of Barbados has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), and intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments under the Education Sector Enhancement Programme (ESEP) towards the Final External Independent Evaluation Consultancy for the Education Sector Enhancement Programme for which this Expression of Interest request is issued.

The purpose of this final evaluation is to:

- *Provide the Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development with an objective, external view of programme performance and in particular, the level of achievement of its intended outputs and the impact on student learning;
- *Determine the level of satisfaction of the stakeholders and beneficiaries;
- *Provide sufficient information for the identification of the long term potential of the ESEP for maintaining a quality education system.

The government of Barbados through the Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development now invites eligible firms/consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants must provide 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.). Firms/consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.

A shortlist of no fewer than three and no more than six consultants that indicate an interest will be invited to submit proposals. Selection of consultants in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank's <I>Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank</I> (current edition) and is open to all eligible applicants as defined in the policies.

Applicants will be advised of the results of their applications in due course.

If the successful consultant is not a Barbadian company, the company must register under the Barbados Companies Act CAP 308, before entering into a contract with the purchaser.

The successful applicant will be required to enter into a contract drafted 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 by way of one of the methods listed below:

- *A deposit with the Treasury of a sum of money or the contract price

- *A guarantee issued by a Bank or accredited Insurance Company whose liability shall not be less than ten percent of the contract price. The cost of obtaining such a surety will have to be the responsibility of the consultant who need not specifically make arrangements for such surety unless and until his tender has been accepted

- *Satisfactory personal sureties

This contract will be for a period of four months.

This invitation for the expression of interest is open to firms, consultants and voluntarily formed joint ventures of consultants which are legally incorporated or otherwise organized in and have their principal place of business in an eligible country and are either:

- *More than 50 percent beneficially-owned by a citizen or citizens and/or bona fide resident or residents of an eligible country or countries or a body or bodies corporate meeting these requirements

- *Owned or controlled by the government of an eligible country provided that it is legally and financially autonomous and operates under the commercial law of an eligible country

- *Eligible countries are IDB member countries

All corporate applicants must include with their application a copy of the company's certificate of incorporation as evidence of the fact that the company is an existing registered company as at the date of application. The certificate must be in the name of the applicant. If the certificate of incorporation is not included with the application at application opening, the applicant must submit this within two weeks after application opening.

Local applicants are advised that the certificate of incorporation referred to at the paragraph above means a certificate of incorporation issued under the 1985 Companies Act of Barbados, or where applicable, a certificate of continuance and/or a certificate of amendment. Certificates must be dated after 31 December 1984.

Applicants should be aware that the provisions of the Labour Clauses (Public Contracts) ACT: CAP349 will have to, in so far as they are applicable to the tender, apply to any contract made in respect of the tender. Full details of the conditions of the Act, CAP 349 may be obtained from the Chief Labour Officer, Labour Department, 2nd Floor, Warrens Office Complex, Warrens, St. Michael. Consultants should submit the certificate required by this act with their tender.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address (1) below during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 16:30 hours, Monday through Friday, except on public holidays.

The original and two copies of the expressions of interest clearly marked: Request for Expressions of Interest - Final External Independent Evaluation Consultancy of The Education Sector Enhancement Programme, must be prepared in English and delivered in sealed envelopes to the following address (2) no later than 16:30 hours on 3 February 2010.

Applications must be placed in the tender box located at the Central Purchasing Department.

No application will be considered unless it complies with conditions set out in this notice.

The government reserves the right to accept or reject any application received.

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The Education Project Implementation Unit
The Project Manager
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St. Michael, Barbados

(21) The Chairman
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