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**REGIONAL
OECS TRADE CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME
Trade Policy
GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE
Grant No. RG-T1427
Project No. ATN/CC-11417-RG**

The Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) has received financing in the amount equivalent to CDN\$ 376, 800 from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Canadian Trade Fund, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, related services and consulting services to be procured under the project OECS Trade Capacity Building Programme. Bidding will be governed by the IDB's eligibility rules and procedures, and those provisions of the Caribbean Development Bank.

The main objectives of this project are to contribute to the improvement of the benefits of international trade for small producers in the OECS region while strengthening the region's ability to negotiate and implement trade agreements. This will be done through the contracting of consultants to design a market intelligence system, undertake technical studies, conduct institutional strengthening for the Trade Policy Unit, and support project execution.

Procurement processes of contracts financed by the IDB will be conducted in accordance with the <I>Policies for Procurement of Goods and Works financed by the Inter-American Development Bank</I> (GN-2349-7, July 2006), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the policies. For these procurement processes domestic preference will be applied to compare bids. Consulting services will be selected and contracted in accordance with the <I>Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank</I> (GN-2350-7, July 2006). The contracts will be financed out of the IDB Canadian Trade Fund, which will further restrict eligibility.

Specific procurement notices for contracts to be bid under the international competitive bidding (ICB) procedures will be published as they become available. For consulting services expected to cost an amount equivalent to US\$ 200,000 or more, a request for expressions of interest contracts will be advertised in <I>UN Development Business</I> Online, the IDB website, the OECS website, and the CARICOM website.

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

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