

GOVERNMENT OF SAINT LUCIA

VIEUX FORT WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM UPGRADE
CONSULTANT - HEAD OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT UNIT

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Government of Saint Lucia (GOSL) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) toward the cost of upgrading water supply system in Vieux Fort and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing to payments under this contract for which this invitation is issued. Payment by CDB will be made only at the request of GOSL and upon approval by CDB, and will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement. The Loan Agreement prohibits a withdrawal from the Loan Account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than GOSL shall derive any rights from the Loan Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Loan.

The Water and Sewerage Company Inc. (WASCO), the executing agency for the project, now wishes to procure consultancy services for the services of a Head of Project Management Unit (HPMU).

Aside from the above-mentioned project, WASCO is also about to commence the implementation of the John Compton Dam Rehabilitation Project, which is also being financed by CDB, and intends to establish a Project Management Unit (PMU) to oversee the implementation of both CDB-financed projects. WASCO now wishes to procure the services of a Head of Project Management Unit (HPMU).

HPMU will report to Managing Director of WASCO. He/she will be responsible for coordinating and monitoring all aspects of the implementation of CDB-Financed Projects. HPMU shall be assigned exclusively to the CDB-financed projects and will be supported by dedicated professional and administrative staff. The professional staff will include two Engineers, and an Environmental Monitoring Officer.

HPMU's duties will include, but will not be limited to:

- (a) supporting WASCO in the procurement of various project consultants and construction contracts;
- (b) proactively supervising and managing consultants and construction contracts;
- (c) expediting the submission to CDB claims for disbursement/reimbursement;
- (d) liaising with WASCO and CDB on all technical and administrative aspects of the CDB portfolio;
- (e) keeping separate accounts for project-related expenditures and disbursement activities;
- (f) submitting to CDB in a timely manner all reports required in the financing agreement; and
- (g) preparing and submitting to WASCO and to CDB, Project Completion Reports, within three months after practical completion of the works.

Prospective candidates should have a minimum of the following qualifications: (a) a Masters Degree or equivalent in Civil Engineering, Construction Management or Project Management with a minimum of 15 years' experience in the management and implementation of civil engineering projects; or (b) a Bachelors Degree or equivalent in Civil Engineering, Construction Management or Project Management with a minimum of 20 years' experience in the management and implementation of civil engineering projects. Water supply project implementation experience will be considered an asset.

WASCO now invites interested eligible individual consultants to submit Expressions of Interest for HPMU. The objective of the assignment is to assist the WASCO in managing the various water-related projects that are being financed by CDB. The duration of the assignment is expected to be 24 months.

Consultants shall be eligible to participate if:

- (a) the persons are citizens or *bona fide* resident or residents of an eligible country; and
- (b) in all cases, the consultant has no arrangement and undertakes not to make any arrangements, whereby any substantial part of the net profits or other tangible benefits of the contract will accrue or be paid to a person not a citizen or *bona fide* resident of an eligible country.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB.

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to qualifications and experience on similar assignments. The Expressions of Interest must include a detailed curricula vitae and all information must be in English. Further information may be obtained from the first address below between the hours of 08:00 and 17:00 (Monday to Thursday) and 08:30 and 16:00 on Friday.

Four (4) hard copies of the Expressions of Interest must be received at the second address below no later than 12:00 hours on September 4, 2015 and one hard copy must be sent simultaneously to CDB at the third address below. The sealed envelope containing each submission should include the name and address of the applicant and shall be clearly marked "**Expressions of Interest –Head of Project Management Unit-Vieux Fort Water Supply Redevelopment Project**".

Following the assessment of submissions, the most technically capable and appropriately experienced applicants will be invited to interview for the post and, if successful, to then negotiate a contract to provide the consultancy services. WASCO reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel this invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not selecting any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest.

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