



GOVERNMENT OF SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES
MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC PLANNING AND INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PHASE 1:

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR PROJECT ENGINEER

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (GOSVG) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards the cost of *the School Improvement Project- Phase 1 (SIP)*, and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under a contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of GOSVG and upon approval by CDB and will be subjected in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawals from the financing 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 GOSVG shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Information Technology (MOF) through the Public Sector Investment Programme Management Unit (PSIPMU), the Executing Agency, now wishes to procure consultancy services for a Project Engineer (PE).

The objective of this consultancy is to contribute to the timely and effective implementation of the project scope, by providing project management and technical support to the office of the Project Manager in managing the SIP. The PE will be mainly responsible for facilitating the work of specialist consultants, reviewing and assisting with the submission of claims to CDB, record keeping and reporting and supervision and management of the infrastructure works component.

The consultant must have excellent written and oral communication skills and be fluent in English. The candidate must have a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering and a minimum of five years' experience in the design and construction of civil engineering works projects at least similar in scope and complexity to the subject project. Previous work experience on projects financed by multilateral development banks (MDBs), including with monitoring and evaluation of projects financed by MDBs, would be desirable, as would previous work experience in the Caribbean.

The duration of the assignment is expected to be for a period of **twenty four (24) months**.

Consultants shall be eligible to participate if:

- (a) the person is a citizen or *bona fide* resident 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. Consultants are advised to review the eligibility criteria detailed in Section 4 and conflict of interest provisions in Section 5 of the *Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January, 2021)*, as published on CDB's website.

The Terms of Reference for the assignment can be obtained at:

https://procurement.gov.vc/eprocure/images/pdf/CurrentBids/SIP_PE_TOR.pdf

The MOF now invites eligible Individual Consultants to submit Expressions of Interest indicating the qualifications and experience required to provide these consultancy services.

Expressions of interest must be submitted in English, electronically, by email, in pdf format, to the first address below and copied to the second address no later than **3:15 pm, local time on Friday, May 31, 2024**. The email subject line should state “**Expression of Interest - Consultancy Services for Project Engineer**” and the email body must state the name and address of the applicant. The burden of proving receipt of the e-mail will be on the applicant and will not be met solely by a read receipt or sent items report generated by the applicant's computer.

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

Further information may be obtained from the first address below between 8:30 am and 3:30 pm local time Monday to Friday.

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