Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Unleashing the Blue Economy in the Caribbean (UBEC), World Bank CREDIT NUMBER 7089-VC

Request for Expressions of Interest Consulting Services

Assignment Title: SVG National Solid Waste Management Strategy / Update of Solid Waste Management Plan Reference No.: SVGUBEC-C-QCBS-2

The Government of Saint Vincent and the GoSVG) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the **Unleashing the Blue Economy in the Caribbean (UBEC) Project**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services for: **SVG National Solid Waste Management Strategy / Update of Solid Waste Management Plan**.

The consulting services is to assist the GoSVG in preparing and adopting a National Strategy Solid Waste Management Strategy to address current deficiencies and anticipated challenges in the solid waste management sector in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. The Consultant will be required to propose viable and necessary legal, institutional and technical improvements to address the identified deficiencies and future challenges in the solid waste management sector and then define the best means for implementing the proposed improvement.

The assignment is expected to be conducted over a period of approximately ten (10) months. The expected duration includes the requirement for adequate stakeholder engagement and consultation during the consultancy period.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following link: <u>https://procurement.gov.vc/eprocure/index.php/current-bids</u>

The Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Information Technology now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

- a) At a minimum, the Consultant will have relevant and sufficient experience in municipal solid waste management in the areas of strategic planning, SWM service delivery related to collection, recycling/recovery, treatment, and disposal processes and facilities.
- b) The technical expertise required for the consultancy shall, at a minimum, include project management; SWM systems planning and operational assessment; civil and environmental engineering; environmental impact assessment; social impact assessment; gender analysis and gender impact assessment; institutional assessment; and financial and economic analysis capabilities.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 revised November 2017 August 2018, November 2020 and September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Quality and Cost Based Selection** (QCBS)method set out in the Procurement Regulations. Further information can be obtained at the address below during the hours 9:00 to 15:30 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by Friday, March 22, 2024.

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