**DEVELOPMENT OF A RISK-BASED SANITARY AND PHYTO-SANITARY IMPORT AND EXPORT CONTROL SYSTEM FOR BELIZE**

**CONSULTANCY SERVICES – ICT SPECIALIST FOR THE DESIGN OF A WEB-BASED SANITARY AND PHYTO-SANITARY INSPECTION MANAGEMENT SYTEM FOR BELIZE**

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

The Government of Belize (GOBZ) has received for financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to US$257,355.00 towards the cost of GA 74/BZE: Development of a risk-based Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary Import and Export Control System for Belize Project 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 GOBZ and upon approval by CDB, and will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawal 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 GOBZ shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The Belize Agricultural Health Authority (BAHA), the Executing Agency, now wishes to procure consultancy services – ICT Specialist for the Design of a Web-based Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary Inspection Management System for Belize.

The objective of the consultancy is to design a web-based SPS Inspection Management System for Belize. The consultancy will entail inter alia: conducting a comprehensive overview of BAHA’s ICT infrastructure and capacity; and based on the Authority’s import, export and transit processes, design a web-based system that will allow the agency to move from a manual to a paperless system. The system should be able to interface with other agencies and ASYCUDA World of the Customs and Excise Department. In addition, the consultancy should produce terms of reference for a consultancy on the Procurement of Software and hardware. The duration of the assignment is expected to be for a period of one-hundred-person days over a timeframe of 12 calendar months.

The BAHA now invites interested eligible **individual** consultants to submit Expressions of Interest indicating qualifications and experience required to provide these consultancy services.

Consultants shall be eligible to participate if:

1. the persons are citizens or bona fide residents of an eligible country; and
2. 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[[1]](#footnote-1).

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 5.15 and 5.17 of Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (2019), setting forth CDB’s policy on conflict of interest for the selection of consultants.

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to qualifications and experience on similar assignments.

All information must be submitted in English. Further information may be obtained from the first address below between 0800 and 1700 hours, Monday to Friday.

An electronic copy of the Expression of Interest must be received at the first address below no later than 1700 hours (local time) on **Friday, August 5, 2022,** and one electronic copy must be sent simultaneously to CDB at the second address below. The PDF document should include the name and address of the applicant and shall be clearly marked **“Expression of Interest – Consultancy Services – ICT Specialist for the Design of a Web-based Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary Inspection Management System for Belize**.**”**

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. GOBZ 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.

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1. Occasionally contracts may be financed out of special programs that would further expand or restrict eligibility to a particular group of member countries. When this is the case, it should be mentioned in this paragraph. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)