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JAMAICA
AGRICULTURAL COMPETITIVENESS PROGRAMME (ACP)
Agriculture
GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE
Loan No. 2444/OC-JA; Project No. JA-L1012

The Government of Jamaica has received financing in the amount equivalent to USD15 million from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), 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 Agricultural Competitiveness Programme (ACP). Bidding will be governed by the Inter-American Development Bank's eligibility rules and procedures.

The general objective of the program is to increase the competitiveness of the agricultural sector in Jamaica through the following specific objectives: (i) increase the capacity of small and medium size farmers to access national and international markets; (ii) increase the performance of the country's food quality and safety management systems; and (iii) foster the development of agricultural and agro-processing value chains. The program includes the following components: (i) market access and market linkages development to support MOAF's strategic priorities for market development and the strengthening of Producer Organizations (POs) and vertical integration in clusters; (ii) food quality and safety management systems with reference to food safety, plant health and animal health; and (iii) agribusiness value chain development, which includes the implementation of pilot value chain projects. The procurement of goods, works and services will be conducted to support the full execution of all the components of the ACP.

Procurement processes of contracts financed by the Inter-American Development Bank will be conducted in accordance with the <I>Policies for Procurement of Goods and Works financed by the Inter-American Development Bank</I> (current edition), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the policies. For these procurement processes domestic preference shall 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> (current edition). The contracts will be financed out of the IDB which will further restrict eligibility.

Specific procurement notices for contracts to be bid under the Inter-American Development Bank's 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> and IDB's Web Site as well as national daily newspapers

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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