

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES

Selection # as assigned by e-Tool: BA-T1063-P003

Selection Method: Simplified Competitive

Country: Barbados

Sector: ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL DISASTERS

Funding – TC #: ATN/CO-17589-BA

Project #: BA-T1063

TC name: Strategic Roadmap for the Blue Economy in Barbados

Description of Services: Consultant Firm to help design and kick start the implementation of an Integrated Blue Economy Policy Framework and Strategic Action Plan

Link to TC document: click [here](#)

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) is executing the above-mentioned operation. For this operation, the IDB intends to contract consulting services described in this Request for Expressions of Interest. Expressions of interest must be delivered using the IDB Portal for Bank Executed Operations (<http://beo-procurement.iadb.org/home>) by: *November 20th 2019*, 5:00 P.M. (Washington D.C. Time).

The consulting services (“the Services”) include *the development of an Integrated Blue Economy Policy Framework and Strategic Action Plan in order to help the MMABE in fulfilling its mandate. This will include the implementation of at least one selected intervention with the objective of creating implementation momentum for the MMABE’s workplan in the blue economy context. The chosen firm will be responsible for coordinating all aspects related to the completion of this task, inclusive of all logistic aspects, with the approval of the IDB and government counterparts. Estimated start time for this consultancy is March 2020 and it is expected to be completed over a period of 18 months.*

Eligible consulting firms will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: [Policy for the Selection and Contracting of Consulting firms for Bank-executed Operational Work](#) - GN-2765-1. All eligible consulting firms, as defined in the Policy may express an interest. If the Consulting Firm is presented in a Consortium, it will designate one of them as a representative, and the latter will be responsible for the communications, the registration in the portal and for submitting the corresponding documents.

The IDB now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the services described below in the [draft summary](#) of the intended Terms of Reference for the assignment. Interested consulting firms must provide information establishing that they are qualified to perform the Services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Eligible consulting firms may associate in a form of a Joint Venture or a sub-consultancy agreement to enhance their qualifications. Such association or Joint Venture shall appoint one of the firms as the representative.

Special requirements according to the Donor Trust Fund (DTF), if applicable.

Interested eligible consulting firms may obtain further information during office hours, 09:00 AM to 05:00 PM, (Washington D.C. Time) by sending an email to: [Sara Valero \(sarav@iadb.org\)](mailto:sarav@iadb.org), [Gerard Alleng \(gerarda@iadb.org\)](mailto:gerarda@iadb.org) and/or [Valarie Pilgrim \(valariep@iadb.org\)](mailto:valariep@iadb.org). *The Expression of Interest and the relevant information SHOULD NOT EXCEED TEN (10) PAGES (not including cover page, table of contents and annexes). Any additional files (if deemed necessary) are to be attached separately and be clearly marked as annexes.*

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Draft Summary of Terms of Reference

The overall objective of this TOR is to help design and develop a vision, policy framework, and workplan with a holistic and integrative approach to Barbados' blue economy for the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy (MMABE).

Key activities include:

1. A cross-sectoral analysis and mapping of industries and key public sector, private sector and non-state stakeholders and their roles and responsibilities, inter-institutional arrangements, policies, legislation, strategies (financial included), spatial plans, and infrastructure related to managing the Blue Economy;
2. A benchmarking and gap analysis of Barbados' Blue Economy against that of global best practices;
3. An integrated policy framework and strategic action plan/roadmap that will provide a vision and workplan for the MMABE's including the identification of strategic themes for the blue economy in order to guide the ministry's work over the next 3-5 years. A set of Sustainable Development Blue Economy Indicators should also be defined for monitoring, evaluation and reporting purposes. This activity will include at least 1 workshop for stakeholder consultation and validation;
4. A well-defined coordination mechanism that identifies all relevant players for the development of a blue economy in Barbados given the cross-sectorial nature of it and therefore the strong need to ensure stakeholder engagement, information sharing, consultation and coordination. The proposed mechanism will include a complete list of players including the public and private sectors, academia and diaspora, among others. This activity will include at least 1 workshop for stakeholder consultation and validation;
5. A clear data collection protocol and management mechanism particularly for key parameters that would inform the reporting exercise on Sustainable Development Blue Economy Indicators as well as Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) commitments under the Paris Agreement on

Climate Change.

6. Selection and implementation of at least one specific “low hanging fruit” intervention based on the recommendations of the action plan to be developed in activity (iii) with the objective of creating implementation momentum for the MMABE in the blue economy context and most likely will be related to institutional strengthening, policy, legislative or regulatory reforms, or technical support to develop priority sector studies.

The firm should ensure that the proposed team of experts include personnel with advanced knowledge and experience working in the relevant national political economy, and at least the following:

- a) Team leader: a graduate degree in natural resources/environmental management, engineering, marine biology or similar is required. At least 10 years of demonstrated professional experience in coastal zone management, marine ecosystems/biology, small island development challenges with knowledge and experience with the blue economy, particularly associated with infrastructure projects and developing economies will be required.
- b) Policy specialist: a graduate degree in International Business, Economics, Public Policy or a related field. At least 10 years of demonstrated professional experience regarding policy analysis and understanding of sustainability and current small island developing states’ issues and debate. Knowledge on the specific policy and regulatory implications of a blue economy will be considered an asset.
- c) Sectoral Expert (s): The consulting firm will ensure that among the team they propose to carry out the consultancy there will be experts on the following sectors (5 years of experience): (i) energy; (ii) agriculture and fisheries; (iii) transport; (iv) coastal zone management; (v) waste and wastewater; and (vi) water resource management.