

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES

Selection # as assigned by e-Tool: BA-T1059-P001

Selection Method: Full Competitive Selection

Country: Barbados

Sector: Climate Change and Sustainability

Funding – TC #: ATN/OC-17463-BA

Project #: BA-T1059

TC name: Walkers Reserve Integrated Master Plan and Restoration Pilot

Description of Services: Develop an Integrated Master Plan for the Walkers Reserve in Barbados to provide guidance on the most appropriate and sustainable land usage and will inform the high-level strategic planning work to be undertaken in accordance with the principles of restoration of ecological landscapes

Link to TC document: [TC document link](#)

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: October 21, 2019, 5:00 P.M. (Washington D.C. Time).

The consulting services (“the Services”), include over a period of 12 months, working closely with The Walkers Institute for Regenerative Research Education and Design (WIRRED), to produce an integrated master Plan for the Walkers Reserve, Barbados, that will support the transition from an active sand quarry to forested/eco-tourism area.

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 (**maximum 10 pages**) 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.

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: Mariana Ceva Alvarez for administrative doubts ([marianace@iadb.org](mailto:marianace@iadb.org)) and Gerard Alleng for technical doubts ([gerarda@iadb.org](mailto:gerarda@iadb.org)).

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## **Draft Summary of Terms of Reference**

\*The full version of the TOR will be provided at the RFP stage.

### **Background**

Over a period of six years, through the work of The Walkers Institute for Regenerative Research Education and Design (WIRRED), the Walkers Reserve in Barbados has been transitioning from active sand quarry to thriving food forest. In switching from the business as usual approach, WIRRED has developed: (i) a model for regeneration for extractive industries; (ii) a hub for climate smart innovation, research and conservation; (iii) an education center for environmental stewardship and conservation; (iv) a scalable permaculture agriculture model; and (v) a viable tourism and hospitality business product, all whilst generating livelihood opportunities for vulnerable communities. This project will support the mainstreaming of natural capital and biodiversity within Barbados, to make the economic case for ecosystem service benefits through quarry restoration and to provide an example of successful quarry restoration practices that can be replicated in the LAC region. The project will support innovations in order to develop new financial and business models to conserve, value, price, and trade natural capital that enhance and protect the underlying natural assets.

### **Objectives**

By the end of this consultancy, there should be:

- (i) An Integrated Master Plan for the Walkers Reserve in Barbados that will provide guidance on the most appropriate and sustainable land usage and will inform the high-level strategic planning work to be undertaken in accordance with the principles of restoration of ecological landscapes.

### **Activities**

The consulting firm should perform all the activities needed to achieve the objectives, including but not restricted to:

- a. Undertake a review of international best practices, case studies; as well as national policy and regulatory requirements related to the development and implementation of integrated master plans for landscape restoration and present the best available methodology for the development of Walkers Reserve Masterplan.
- b. Undertake a gap analysis of the technical information available for the site including available background studies, existing technical assessments (topography, geology, risk assessment including climate risk and hydrology), available engineering information and previous studies in order to determine data gaps and assess best use of natural assets.
- c. Undertake an on-site investigation to characterize existing conditions, current land uses, identify ecology, natural capital account, geographical and vegetation mapping using the latest technology.
- d. Undertake an assessment and identification of additional restorative interventions.
- e. Identify priority areas of investment for potential recreational, commercial, and eco- tourism activities to expand and achieve economies of scale.
- f. Develop the integrated Walkers Reserve Masterplan including business as usual, market and financial analyses to provide direction for the planning, acquisition, development and renovation of the site for the next 10 years 2020-2030.
- g. Develop an implementation plan with at least three concept investment alternatives for Walkers Reserve including project phasing, investment plan and other programming elements.
- h. Conduct at least two consultation workshops including SWOT analysis and consultation with local community people and relevant stakeholders to gather input and get buy-in from local authorities.