

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES

Selection # as assigned by e-Tool: RG-T3520-P002

Selection Method: Simplified Competitive Selection (SCS)

Country: Regional

Sector: *SME Development*

Funding – TC #: ATN/CO-17734-RG

Project #: RG-T3520

TC name: *Improving the Business and Innovation Climate and Capacity to Attract Investment in OECS Member Countries*

*Description of Services: The objective of this assignment is to strengthen St. Vincent and the Grenadines' investment policy framework and capacity to coordinate and promote Business and Innovation Climate (BIC) reforms.*

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

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: April 30<sup>th</sup> , 5:00 P.M. (Washington D.C. Time).

The Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning, Sustainable Development and Information Technology of St. Vincent and the Grenadines is currently establishing a Unit to coordinate and promote BIC reforms. The consulting services (“the Services”) will be focused on (i) analyzing and providing recommendations for strengthening the current policy, legislative, regulatory and institutional framework for investment promotion; and institutional framework for coordinating and accelerating the pace of business and investment climate reforms in St. Vincent and the Grenadines; (ii) Drafting of an improved policy and legislative framework (policy statement and standalone investment law) ; and (iii) providing technical advice to guide the establishment of the Unit to coordinate and promote BIC reforms and capacity building to improve the Unit’s capacity to deliver on its mandate.

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 above from 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.

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: [spereira@iadb.org](mailto:spereira@iadb.org), cc'd to [competecaribbean@iadb.org](mailto:competecaribbean@iadb.org).

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