

## CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM) SECRETARIAT

### **A HARMONISED APPROACH TO EDUCATION REFORM WITHIN CARICOM - DEVELOPING THE SKILLS NEEDED FOR A 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY ECONOMY AND SOCIETY**

#### **CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR EDUCATION SECTOR SPECIALIST**

#### **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards the cost of implementing the project entitled *A Harmonized Approach to Education Reform within CARICOM- Developing the Skills Needed for a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Economy and Society* and intends to apply 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 the CARICOM 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 CARICOM shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The CARICOM Secretariat, the Executing Agency, now wishes to procure consultancy services for an **Education Sector Specialist**.

The objective of the consultancy is to provide technical support to the HRD Commission in the drafting of a Regional Education and Human Resource Development 2030 Strategy and Action Plan that is results-focused, gender responsive and socially inclusive; and the design of a structure for coordinating, monitoring and evaluation, and reporting on the implementation process.

The duration of the assignment is expected to be eight person-months over a period of one calendar year.

The CARICOM Secretariat now invites interested eligible *individuals* to submit Expressions of Interest for the provision of these consultancy services.

Consultants shall be eligible to participate if:

- (b) in the case of *individuals*, the persons are citizens or *bona fide* residents of an eligible country; and
- (c) 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.

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to relevant experience, qualifications, and capability to carry out the assignment. All information must be submitted in English. Further information may be obtained from the first address below between 09:00 and 16:00 hours Monday to Friday.

Expressions of Interest may be submitted electronically or in hard copies. Electronic submissions should be sent simultaneously to the email addresses below with the subject **“Expressions of Interest – Consultancy Services for Education Sector Specialist”** no later than 15:00 hours on **Monday, October 12, 2015**.

In the case of hard copies, five (5) hard copies – one original and four (4) copies - of the Expression of Interest must be received at the first address below no later than 15:00 hours on **Monday, October 12, 2015**; and one (1) hard copy must be sent simultaneously to CDB at the second address below. The sealed envelope containing each submission should include the name and address of the applicant and shall be clearly marked, **“Expressions of Interest – Consultancy Services for Education Sector Specialist”**.

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. The CARICOM Secretariat 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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