

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES– FIRM SELECTION)

SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES OECS Regional Tourism Competitiveness Project

Credit No.: 6001-VC

Assignment Title: Technical Assistance to Review Technical Standards for Water Transport

Reference No.: SVGRTCP-C-CQS-1

The **Governments of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Lucia and Grenada** have each received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the **OECS Regional Tourism Competitiveness Project**, and intend to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) includes the following, to be done for each of the three countries referenced above:

- i. Developing an inventory of laws, regulations and international conventions governing the operations of international ferry transport/water transportation
- ii. Identification of the gaps in the laws, regulations and international conventions listed in the inventory; actions needed to address the gaps; actions needed to harmonise laws, regulations and international conventions
- iii. Establishing the optimal and minimal technical specifications and safety standards governing the operations of passenger ferries

The **Economic Planning and Sustainable Development Division, Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning, Sustainable Development and Information Technology** now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The Consulting firm must be capable of successfully carrying out all aspects of the Terms of Reference; have working knowledge of the OECS legislative system; have knowledge of marine engineering; be fluent in English; and have experience in executing at least, two (2) similar consultancies within the past five years. The minimum requirements for key experts are:

CONSULTING TEAM MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

| Position | Qualifications | Experience |
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| Expert 1- Lawyer | Master’s Degree in: Maritime Law, or International Law, or Law of the Sea. | At least seven (7) years work experience |
| | Or Bachelor’s Degree in Law (LLB), | A minimum of ten (10) years relevant work experience |

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| Expert Engineer | 2- | Marine | Bachelor's Degree in Marine Engineering or Marine Operations | A minimum of five (5) years of work experience |
| | | | Or | Certificate in Marine Engineering or Marine Operations |

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's **Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers January 2011, revised July 2014** ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Consultants' Qualifications Selection (CQS)** method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours of 9:00am to 3:30pm.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by **14th December, 2018**.

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