**CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM) SECRETARIAT**

**STUDY ON THE SUBSTITUTABILITY OF PLANTATION WHITE FOR REFINED SUGAR IN REGIONAL MANUFACTURING PROJECT**

**CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR A STUDY ON THE REFORM**

**OF THE CARICOM SUGAR REGIME AND SUGAR INDUSTRY**

**STAKEHOLDERS’ CONSULTATION - REGIONAL**

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

The *Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat* has *received* financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to *US$114,813* towards the cost of Study on The Substitutability of Plantation White for Refined Sugar in Regional Manufacturing Project and intends to apply a portion of 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 Secretariat* 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 Secretariat* shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

*CARICOM Secretariat* the Executing Agency, now wishes to procure consultancy services for “A Study on the Reform of the CARICOM Sugar Regime and Sugar Industry Stakeholders’ Consultation – Regional”

The objective of the consultancy is to provide Stakeholders in the Caribbean with an assessment of the substitutability of Plantation White for refined sugar in regional manufacturing of beverages and sugar-containing products. The duration of the assignment is expected to be for a period of *twenty (20) Days.*

*The CARICOM Secretariat* now invites interested eligible individual consultants to submit Expressions of Interest indicating qualifications and experience required to provide these consultancy services.

Consultants shall be eligible to participate if:

1. the persons are citizens or *bona fide* residents of an eligible country; and
2. in all cases, 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

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of CDB’s Guidelines for the Selection and Engagement of Consultants (2011), setting forth CDB’s policy on conflict of interest.

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to qualifications and experience on similar assignments. All information must be submitted in English. Further information may be obtained from the first address below between *09:00hrs* and *16:00hrs* hours Monday to Friday.

**Electroniccopies** of the Expressions of Interest must be received simultaneously by the persons listed below at the email addresses provided, no later than **16:00hrs on Thursday, February 28, 2019**. The emails containing each submission should include the name and address of the applicant and should clearly indicate in the Subject **“Expression of Interest – Consultancy Services for *A Study on the Reform of the CARICOM Sugar Regime and Sugar Industry Stakeholders’ Consultation – Regional*”**

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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