
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Design and Implementation of Projects under Result 2 of the Biodiversity Support Programme in ACP Coastal Environments (BioSPACE) Project



1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The OECS Commission, in facilitating the fulfilling of its mandate – enhancing environmental sustainability and strengthening regional integration, is collaborating with the European Union and eligible OECS Member States, to implement key international and national development agenda in the areas of Biodiversity and Ecosystems Management, Climate Change and Disaster Resilience, Land and Water Resources Development, Oceans Governance and Fisheries, Sustainable Energy, and Pollution and Waste Management.

The Support Programme for ACP Small Island Developing States and Coastal Countries also referred to as the Biodiversity Support Programme in ACP Coastal Environments (BioSPACE) was developed to contribute to the sustainable development of ACP Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and coastal countries, while at the same time supporting efforts towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The programme aims to contribute to the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDGs 14 and 15 and secondary SDGs 4, 5, 6, 7 and 13 and support the advancement of the St. George's Declaration of Principles for Environmental Sustainability in the OECS (SGD2040) and the OECS Development Strategy for the Environment (ODSe).

2. GUIDELINES

Procurement of Contracts financed by the European Union will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the “Practical Guide to procurement and grant award procedures for European Union external actions (PRAG 2022)”; available at: (<https://wikis.ec.europa.eu/display/ExactExternalWiki/ePRAG>) which includes information on eligibility and qualification to participate in the processes. Please pay special attention to the following criteria:

- Nationality/Establishment (PRAG annex a2a)
- Origin (PRAG annex a2a)
- Exclusion criteria (PRAG 2.6.10.1.1)
- Code of conduct and respect of ethical clauses (art.8, GC for service contracts)
- Administrative and financial sanctions (art. 10, GC for service contracts)
- Selection criteria (PRAG 2.6.11)
 - Economic and financial capacity (in the last 3 years).
 - Professional capacity (in the last 3 years).
 - Technical capacity (in the last 3 (service) -5 years (works))

Individuals or organisations who are interested in having their name entered on a list of potential contractors are invited to submit an application in accordance with the rules set out below.

Upon examination of the applications received, a list of potential contractors who may be invited to reply to specific invitations to tender in the future will be drawn up.

Each time a specific contract is to be concluded, the specifications will be sent to all or some of the applicants on the list, selected on the basis of special criteria for the contract concerned.

The list drawn up following this notice will be used solely for contracts whose estimated value is within the respective thresholds laid down in the PRAG.

Inclusion on a list of potential contractors does not guarantee in any way that the contracting authority will invite any contractor to tender for any contract.

Please note that this call for expressions of interest imposes no obligation on the OECS Commission to initiate a procurement procedure.

The OECS Commission is not liable for any compensation to applicants whose applications are not accepted. Nor is it liable, if it decides not to initiate a procurement procedure.

3. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES, SUPPLIES AND WORKS

Description	Contract type
Consultancy to Design an Improved Methodology to Conduct Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices/Perceptions (KAP) Studies in OECS Member States	Service
Technical Assistance for the preparation of the research strategy for marine and terrestrial resources	Service
Technical Assistance for conducting Research on crab population, sustainable practices and livelihood options in two (2) Member States	Service
Technical Assistance to develop a Regional Waste Management strategy and action plan to address solid and liquid ship generated and land- based sources of pollution	Service
Technical Assistance for Communications and Public Awareness for Antigua and Barbuda and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Service
Technical Assistance to build resilience in the fishing industry through testing, development and use of alternative gear in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Service
Technical Assistance for the development of Anguilla Fisheries Policy	Service
Technical Assistance for the development of Apiculture Policy and Action Plan	Service
Supply of tools and equipment for piloting fish trap making for the enhancement of Fisheries Management in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Supply
Supply of Safety at Sea Supplies for OECS Member States	Supply
Supply of Mobile Honey Processing Units	Supply
Supply of equipment for Tissue Culture Laboratory in Montserrat	Supply
Construction of Tissue Culture Laboratory in Monserrat	Works
Supply and Installation of artificial reef- Iles Bay, Montserrat	Works

Minimum capacity requirements

Contract Description	Economic and financial capacity	Professional capacity	Technical capacity
<p>Consultancy to Design an Improved Methodology to Conduct Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices/Perceptions (KAP) Studies in OECS Member States</p>	<p>Legal</p> <p>Current ratio (current assets/current liabilities) in the last year for which accounts have been closed must be at least 1. In case of a consortium, this criterion must be fulfilled by each member.</p> <p>Natural</p> <p>Financial situation of the tenderer should not be in deficit, taken into account debts, at the beginning and end of year.</p>	<p>Legal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSc. Social Science, Communications, Sociology, Statistics or a related discipline. • At least one staff member currently works for the tenderer in fields related to this contract. <p>Natural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSc. Social Science, Communications, Sociology, Statistics or a related discipline • Currently working/has worked during the past 3 years as a Contractor with at least one collaborator in fields related to this contract. 	<p>Legal and Natural</p> <p>The tenderer has provided services under at least one contract with a budget of at least EUR 55,000.00 in fields related to this contract, in the last three (3) years.</p>
<p>Technical Assistance for the preparation of the research strategy for marine and terrestrial resources</p>	<p>Legal</p> <p>Current ratio (current assets/current liabilities) in the last year for which accounts have been closed must be at least 1. In case of a</p>	<p>Legal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSc. Environmental or Natural Resource Management, Coastal Zone Management, Environmental Law or a related discipline. 	<p>Legal and Natural</p> <p>The tenderer has provided services under at least one contract with a budget of at least EUR 50,000.00 in fields related to</p>

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	<p>consortium, this criterion must be fulfilled by each member.</p> <p>Natural</p> <p>Same as above.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least one staff member currently works for the tenderer in fields related to this contract. <p>Natural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BSc. Environmental or Natural Resource Management, Coastal Zone Management Environmental Law or a related discipline. Currently working/has worked during the past 3 years as a Contractor with at least one collaborator in fields related to this contract. 	<p>this contract, in the last three (3) years.</p>
<p>Technical Assistance for conducting Research on crab population, sustainable practices and livelihood options in two (2) OECS Member States</p>	<p>Legal</p> <p>Current ratio (current assets/current liabilities) in the last year for which accounts have been closed must be at least 1. In case of a consortium, this criterion must be fulfilled by each member.</p> <p>Natural</p> <p>Same as above.</p>	<p>Legal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BSc. Environmental or Natural Resource Management, Coastal Zone Management, Environmental Law or a related discipline. At least one staff member currently works for the tenderer in fields related to this contract. 	<p>Legal and Natural</p> <p>The tenderer has provided services under at least one contract with a budget of at least EUR 84,500.00 in fields related to this contract, in the last three (3) years.</p>

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		<p>Natural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSc. Environmental or Natural Resource Management, Coastal Zone Management, Environmental Law or a related discipline. • Currently working/has worked during the past 3 years as a Contractor with at least one collaborator in fields related to this contract. 	
<p>Technical Assistance to develop a Regional Waste Management strategy and action plan to address solid and liquid ship generated and land- based sources of pollution</p>	<p>Legal</p> <p>Average annual turnover of the tenderer must exceed EUR 95,000.00.</p> <p>Current ratio (current assets/current liabilities) in the last year for which accounts have been closed must be at least 1. In case of a consortium, this criterion must be fulfilled by each member.</p> <p>Natural</p> <p>Same as above</p>	<p>Legal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSc. Environmental or Natural Resource Management, Maritime, Environmental Law or a related discipline. • At least one staff member currently works for the tenderer in fields related to this contract. <p>Natural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSc. Environmental or Natural Resource Management, Maritime, Environmental Law or a related discipline. • Currently working/has worked during the past 3 years as a 	<p>Legal and Natural</p> <p>The tenderer has provided services under at least one contract with a budget of at least EUR 47,500.00 in fields related to this contract, in the last three (3) years.</p>

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		Contractor with at least one collaborator in fields related to this contract.	
<p>Technical Assistance for Communications and Public Awareness for Antigua and Barbuda and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines</p>	<p>Legal</p> <p>Average annual turnover of the tenderer must exceed EUR 118,000.00.</p> <p>Current ratio (current assets/current liabilities) in the last year for which accounts have been closed must be at least 1. In case of a consortium, this criterion must be fulfilled by each member.</p> <p>Natural</p> <p>Same as above.</p>	<p>Legal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSc. Social Science, Marketing, Communications, Sociology, Statistics or a related discipline. • At least one staff member currently works for the tenderer in fields related to this contract. <p>Natural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSc. Social Science, Marketing, Communications, Sociology, Statistics or a related discipline. • Currently working/has worked during the past 3 years as a Contractor with at least one collaborator in fields related to this contract. 	<p>Legal and Natural</p> <p>The tenderer has provided services under at least one contract with a budget of at least EUR 59,000.00 in fields related to this contract, in the last three (3) years.</p>
<p>Technical Assistance to build resilience in the fishing industry through testing, development and use of alternative gear in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines</p>	<p>Legal</p> <p>Current ratio (current assets/current liabilities) in the last year for which accounts have been closed</p>	<p>Legal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSc. Environmental or Natural Resource Management, Coastal Resource Management, Agricultural 	<p>Legal and Natural</p> <p>The tenderer has provided services under at least one contract with a budget of at least EUR 25,000.00 in fields related to</p>

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	<p>must be at least 1. In case of a consortium, this criterion must be fulfilled by each member.</p> <p>Natural</p> <p>Same as above.</p>	<p>Sciences, Fisheries Management or a related discipline.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least one staff member currently works for the tenderer in fields related to this contract. <p>Natural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BSc. Environmental or Natural Resource Management, Coastal Resource Management, Agricultural Sciences, Fisheries Management or a related discipline. Currently working/has worked during the past 3 years as a Contractor with at least one collaborator in fields related to this contract. 	<p>this contract, in the last three (3) years.</p>
<p>Technical Assistance for the Development of Anguilla Fisheries Policy</p>	<p>Legal</p> <p>Current ratio (current assets/current liabilities) in the last year for which accounts have been closed must be at least 1. In case of a consortium, this criterion must be fulfilled by each member.</p>	<p>Legal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BSc. Environmental or Natural Resource Management, Coastal Zone Management, Environmental Law or a related discipline. At least one staff member currently works for the 	<p>Legal and Natural</p> <p>The tenderer has provided services under at least one contract with a budget of at least EUR 15,000.00 in fields related to this contract, in the last three (3) years.</p>

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	<p>Natural</p> <p>Same as above.</p>	<p>tenderer in fields related to this contract.</p> <p>Natural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSc. Environmental or Natural Resource Management, Coastal Zone Management, Environmental Law or a related discipline. • Currently working/has worked during the past 3 years as a Contractor with at least one collaborator in fields related to this contract. 	
<p>Technical Assistance for the Development of an Apiculture Policy and Action Plan</p>	<p>Legal</p> <p>Current ratio (current assets/current liabilities) in the last year for which accounts have been closed must be at least 1. In case of a consortium, this criterion must be fulfilled by each member.</p> <p>Natural</p> <p>Same as above</p>	<p>Legal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSc. Apiculture, Agricultural Sciences, Environmental or Natural Resource Management or a related discipline. • At least one staff member currently works for the tenderer in fields related to this contract. <p>Natural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSc. Apiculture, Agricultural Sciences, Environmental or Natural Resource 	<p>Legal and Natural</p> <p>The tenderer has provided services under at least one contract with a budget of at least EUR 32,500.00 in fields related to this contract, in the last three (3) years.</p>

Contract Description	Economic and financial capacity	Professional capacity	Technical capacity
		Management or a related discipline. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently working/has worked during the past 3 years as a Contractor with at least one collaborator in fields related to this contract. 	
Supply of tools and equipment for piloting fish trap making for the enhancement of Fisheries Management in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Legal Average annual turnover of the tenderer must exceed the supply contract amount. Natural Financial situation of the tenderer should not be in deficit, taken into account debts, at the beginning and end of year.	Legal and Natural Related supply experiences in fields related to this contract.	At least one contract with a budget for the supply amount in the supply of mobile honey processing units or similar equipment in the last three years.
Supply of Mobile Honey Processing Units	Same as above	Same as above	At least one contract with a budget for the supply amount in the supply of mobile honey processing units or similar equipment in the last three years.
Supply of Equipment for Tissue Culture Laboratory in Montserrat	Same as above	Same as above	At least one contract with a budget for the supply amount in the supply of Tissue Culture Laboratory equipment or similar equipment in the last three years.
Construction of Tissue Culture Laboratory in Montserrat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the average annual turnover of the tenderer in the past 3 	Must have staff that currently work in fields related to this contract and	The Contractor must have completed at least one (1) project

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	<p>years must be equivalent to at least XCD 50,000.00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the tenderer must have access to an amount of credit which is equivalent to at least XCD 30,000.00 	<p>have at least five (5) years' experience as a skilled mason, carpenter, glazier or related trade.</p>	<p>of the same nature/complexity as the Tissue Culture Laboratory during the last 5 years.</p>
<p>Supply and Installation of artificial reef, Iles Bay, Montserrat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the average annual turnover of the tenderer in the past 3 years must be equivalent to at least XCD 200,000.00 the tenderer must have access to an amount of credit which is equivalent to at least XCD 150,000.00 	<p>Must have staff that currently work in fields related to this contract and have at least five (5) years' experience as a professional diver, construction and deployment of coral reef structures or other related professions.</p>	<p>The Contractor must have completed at least one (1) project of the same nature/complexity as artificial reef installation during the last 5 years.</p>

4.

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Legal basis, eligibility and rules of origin

The legal basis of this procedure is Annex IV to the Partnership Agreement between the members of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, signed in Cotonou on 23 June 2000 as amended in Luxembourg on 25 June 2005 and in Ouagadougou on 22 June 2010. Reference is made to Annex IV as revised by Decision 1/2014 of the ACP-EU Council of Ministers of 20 June 2014.

Participation in tendering is open on equal terms to all natural and legal persons (participating either individually or in a grouping – consortium – of candidates/tenderers) which are established in one of the Member States of the European Union, ACP States or in a country or territory authorised by the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement under which the contract is financed.

Participation is also open to international organisations.

For UK candidates or tenderers: Please be aware that following the entry into force of the EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement* on 1 February 2020 and in particular Articles 127(6), 137 and 138, the references to natural or legal persons residing or established in a Member State of the European Union and to goods originating from an eligible country, as defined under Regulation (EU) No 236/2014** and Annex IV of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement***, are to be understood as including natural or legal persons residing or established in, and to goods originating in, the United Kingdom ****. Those persons and goods are therefore eligible under this call.

* Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community.

** Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action.

*** Annex IV to the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement, as revised by Decision 1/2014 of the ACP-EU Council of Ministers (OJ L196/40, 3.7.2014).

**** Including the Overseas Countries and Territories having special relations with the United Kingdom, as laid down in Part Four and Annex II of the TFEU.

5.**APPLICATION**

Interested legal entities and natural persons who wish to be considered as potential contractors for the above-mentioned contracts are required to complete the Expression of Interest Form below and should ensure that the contracts descriptions of interest, and the qualifications and relevant experience pertinent to the contracts are included.

An electronic copy of the Expressions of Interest should be submitted by **5th April 2024** addressed to:

Procurement Officer

OECS Commission

Morne Fortuné

P.O. Box 1383

Castries

Saint Lucia

Email: procurementbids@oecs.int

Copied to: norma.fevrier@oecs.int

The email submissions should include the name and address of the Contractor and shall be clearly marked in the subject line as “Expression of Interest – **BioSPACE Project**”.