

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

Contract title: Consultancy to Develop Technical Recommendations and a Draft Policy for an Appropriate Financial market Infrastructure to Facilitate Cross border Transactions in the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) intends to award a service contract for the Consultancy to Develop Technical Recommendations and a Draft Policy for an Appropriate Financial market Infrastructure to Facilitate Cross border Transactions in the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

Purpose

The purpose of this Consultancy is to formulate technical recommendations on an appropriate cross-border financial market infrastructure to support the modernization and efficient functioning of the financial services sector in the Caribbean Community.

Project description

The Project is part of the Community's financial sector modernisation initiative and seeks to deepen financial integration towards advancing the realisation and harmonization of the CSME. Accordingly, the Consultant will undertake a Situational Analysis of the existing financial market infrastructure in the Community including the facilitation of cross-border retail payments and securities transactions. The insights drawn from this analysis will serve to inform the formulation of appropriate technical recommendations to facilitate (a) cross-border retail payments; and (b) the secure, seamless settlement of securities transactions in the Community. In addition, a draft Policy will be prepared to provide guidance on the implementation and operation of an appropriate financial market infrastructure for the Community.

The Consultancy will be executed over a period of seven (7) months and will involve desk research, stakeholder engagements and regional consultations. The Consultant will be expected to conduct consultations with stakeholders and a schedule of missions to select Member States would be agreed with the CARICOM Secretariat. A hybrid approach comprising virtual and in-person meetings will be utilised in order to allow for broad consultations with stakeholders.

The CARICOM Secretariat will convene at least two (2) regional consultations which will be facilitated by the Consultant to review the Situational Analysis, the technical recommendations and the Draft Policy. The Regional Consultations will be held on a date and time as well as in a location that is mutually agreed by the Consultant and the Secretariat.

Expressions of Interest must be received no later than 16:00 hours on *Wednesday*, 26 March 2025, and must be submitted by e-mail to: selwin.grenion@caricom.org.

The CARICOM Secretariat reserves the right to reject all applications or to cancel the present

invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not short-listing any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expression of Interest.

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EOIs must be submitted using the template below.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

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	Name(s) of legal entity or entities making this EOI	Nationality ¹
Leader ²		
Member		
Etc		

2 CONTACT PERSON (for this EOI)

Name	
Organisation	
Address	
Telephone	
Fax	
e-mail	

3 AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

Please fill in the table below to indicate any areas of specialist knowledge related to this contract for each legal entity making this EOI. State the type of area of specialisation as the row heading and use the name of the legal entity as the column headings. Indicate the areas of specialist knowledge each legal entity has by placing a tick (\checkmark) in the box corresponding to the specialisation in which it has significant experience. **Maximum 10 specialisations**.

	Leader	Member 2	Member 3	Etc
Relevant specialisation 1				
Relevant specialisation 2				
Etc ³				

4 EXPERIENCE

Please fill in the table below to summarise the main projects related to this contract carried out over the past 5 years by the legal entity or entities making this EOI. The number of references to be provided must not exceed 15 for the entire EOI.

Ref no (maximum 15)	Proje	ct title						
Name of legal entity	Country	Overall contract value [insert currency]	Proportion carried out by legal entity (%)	No of staff provided	Name of client	Origin of funding	Dates (start/end) ⁵	Name of consortium members, if any
Detailed description of project					Type and scope of services provided			

5 STATEMENT

I, the undersigned, the authorised signatory of the above Consultant (for consortiums, this includes all consortium members), hereby declare that we have examined the REOI referred to above. If our EOI is short-listed, we fully intend to submit a tender to provide the services requested in the tender documents.

We are fully aware that, for consortia, the composition of the consortium cannot be changed in the course of the tender procedure, unless the CARICOM Secretariat has given its prior approval in writing. We are also aware that the consortium members have joint and several liability towards the CARICOM Secretariat concerning participation in the above tender procedure and any contract awarded to us as a result of it.

Signed on behalf of the Consultant

Name	
Signature	
Date	

 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ Country in which the legal entity is registered.

² Add / delete additional lines for consortium members as appropriate. **Note** that a subcontractor is not considered to be a consortium member for the purposes of this EOI form. Subsequently, data on subcontractors must not appear in the data related to the economic, financial and professional capacity. If this EOI is submitted by an individual legal entity, the name of that legal entity should be entered as 'Leader' (and all other lines should be deleted). Any change in the identity of the Leader and/or any consortium members between the deadline for receipt of EOIs indicated in the REOI and the award of the contract is not permitted without the prior written consent of the CARICOM Secretariat.

Add / delete additional lines and/or rows as appropriate. If this EOI is submitted by an individual legal entity, the name of the legal entity should be entered as 'Leader' (and all other columns should be deleted).

⁴ The effect of inflation will not be taken into account.

⁵ If the reference contract is only partially completed, please quote the percentage and value which has been completed.