



GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA

ESSEX VALLEY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

CONSULTING SERVICES FOR A GLOBAL G.A.P ASSESSMENT

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Government of Jamaica (GOJ) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) – United Kingdom Caribbean Infrastructure Partnership Fund (UKCIF), in an amount equivalent to £35,515,000 towards the cost of the *Essex Valley Agricultural Development Project (EVADP)* and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds to eligible payments under a contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of GOJ 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 GOJ shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

Ministry of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries (MICAFA) the Executing Agency, now wishes to procure consultancy services for a *GLOBAL G.A.P Assessment*.

The objective of this assignment is to conduct an assessment of the GOJ's approach to the implementation of GLOBALG.A.P., and to make recommendations on the implementation of GLOBAL.G.A.P Fruit & Vegetables Standard in the Project area.

The duration of this assignment is expected to be for a period of Three (3) months.

MICAFA now invites interested eligible consulting firms to submit Expressions of Interest for the provision of these consultancy services.

Consultants shall be eligible to participate if:

- (a) in the case of a body corporate, it is legally incorporated or otherwise organised in an eligible country, has its principal place of business in an eligible country and is more than 50 per cent beneficially owned by citizen(s) and/or *bona fide* resident(s) of eligible country(ies) or by a body(ies) corporate meeting these requirements;
- (b) in the case of unincorporated firms, the persons are citizens or *bona fide* residents of an eligible country;
- (c) 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; and
- (d) the consultant is not subjected to any restrictions under European Council Regulation No. 2580/2001 of 27 December 2001 or the Terrorism (United Nations Measures) 2009 of the UK with a view to combating terrorism.

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 technical competence, qualifications and experience, local and regional experience on similar assignments, financial capability and existing commitments. Specifically, the consulting firm should have persons with certification, and experience, in the implementation of the GLOBAL.G.A.P Fruit & Vegetables Standard on family owned, small holder farms in developing countries. All information must be submitted in English. Further information may be obtained from the first address below between **9:00am and 3:00pm Monday to Friday**.

Five (5) hard copies of the Expressions of Interest must be received at the first address below no later than **10:00am on Friday June 22nd, 2018** and one 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 **“Expression of Interest – Consultancy Services for a GLOBAL.G.A.P Assessment”**.

Following the assessment of submissions, a short-list of not less than three and not more than six applicants will be provided with full terms of reference and invited to submit technical and financial proposals to undertake the assignment. GOJ and MICAF reserve 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 short-listing 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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