

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

THE BELIZE SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND

**CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO CONDUCT AN IMPACT AND INSTITUTIONAL
ASSESSMENT OF THE BELIZE SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND**

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Government of Belize (GOBZ) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards the cost of two projects, namely, the Belize Social Investment Fund II Project and the Institutional Assessment of the Belize Social Investment Fund Project. GOBZ intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing from these two projects to eligible payments under a contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of GOBZ 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 GOBZ shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The Ministry of Economic Development, Petroleum, Investment, Trade and Commerce (MOED), the Executing Agency, now wishes to procure Consultancy Services for an Impact and Institutional Assessment of the Belize Social Investment Fund. The consultancy will be executed into two phases: Phase I will involve an evaluation of the activities and impact of BSIF interventions, lessons learnt, and beneficiaries' perspectives on the performance of BSIF. Phase II will incorporate the findings and recommendations of Phase I, as well as carry out a comprehensive analysis of the institutional and national/global context within which BSIF currently operates and recommend the most effective and efficient mechanism for providing basic infrastructure and social services in poor communities throughout Belize.

The MOED 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 organized in an eligible country, has its principal place of business in an eligible country and is more than fifty percent (50%) beneficially owned by a citizen or citizens and/or a *bona fide* resident or residents of an eligible country or countries, or by a body or bodies corporate meeting these requirements;
- (b) in the case of unincorporated firms, the person or persons is or are a citizen or citizens, or *bona fide* resident or residents of an eligible country; and

- (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.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB.

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to technical competence, qualifications and local and regional experience on similar assignments, financial capability and existing commitments. All information must be submitted in English. Further information may be obtained from the first address below between 8:00 and 16:00 hours Monday to Friday.

The original and four (4) hard copies of the Expressions of Interest must be received at the first address below no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 17, 2017, 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 an Impact and Institutional Assessment of the Belize Social Investment Fund”**

Following the assessment of submissions, a short-list of not less than three (3) and not more than six (6) applicants will be provided with full terms of reference and invited to submit technical and financial proposals to undertake the assignment. GOBZ 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 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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