





## GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

## WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

## CONSULTING SERVICES FOR SOCIAL AND GENDER MONITORING AND EVALUATION

# **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

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The Water and Sewerage Corporation (WSC), the Executing Agency, now wishes to procure Consulting Services for Social and Gender Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E).

### The objectives of the consultancy are to:

- Collect base line data and information on key social indicators disaggregated by age and sex in each project area, to form the basis for the integration of social and gender M&E across components of the project;
- b. Develop and implement a comprehensive, result based, gender sensitive, M&E framework for measuring the development achievements of the project; and
- c. Strengthen the social and gender M&E capacity of WSC and other project partners operating in The Bahamas and the Family Islands.
- d. The assignment will require about 110 person-days over a period of approximately 33 months.
- e. WSC 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; 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.

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. All information must be submitted in English. Further information may be obtained from the first address below between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Four (4) hard copies of the Expressions of Interest along with two (2) CDs with a single non-editable PDF file of the complete Expression of Interest must be received at the first address below no later than 4:00 p.m. local time on Friday, February 19, 2016 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 – Consulting Services for Social and Gender Monitoring and Evaluation."** 

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. GOCB 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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### GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

## WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT CONSULTING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION

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The Water and Sewerage Corporation (WSC), the Executing Agency, now wishes to procure Consulting Engineering Services for Construction Supervision.

The objective of the consultancy is to ensure that the design and construction of the project infrastructure is to a high quality, in accordance with the requirements of WSC and GOCB. The services will include, among other things, procurement advisory services for design-build contracts; the review and approval of designs; and the supervision of construction activities. The duration of the assignment is expected to be for a period of approximately 39 months.

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- b. in the case of unincorporated firms, the persons are citizens or bona fide 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.

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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. GOCB 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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# GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

The Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas (GOCB) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to US\$28.5 million towards the cost of the Water Supply Improvement Project and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under contracts procured under this project. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of GOCB 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 GOCB shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

#### The following consultancy assignments will be procured under the project:

- a. Engineering Services;
- b. Social and Gender Monitoring & Evaluation;
- c. Public Education & Awareness Programme;
- d. Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment;
- e. Change Management and Human Resources Support Programme; and
- f. Photovoltaic Potential Assessment.

It is expected that these will be procured during the period February 2016 to December 2016.

### The following works will be procured under the project:

- g. Crooked Island Water Supply Infrastructure;
- h. Eleuthera Water Supply Infrastructure;
- i. Cat Island Water Supply Infrastructure;
- j. San Salvador Water Supply Infrastructure;
- k. Long Island Water Supply Infrastructure; and
- I. South Andros Water Supply Infrastructure.

It is expected that these will be procured during the period February 2016 to June 2016.

Consultants and Contractors from member countries of CDB will be eligible to participate in these procurement opportunities.

The Water and Sewerage Corporation is the Executing Agency for the project. Further details of the project can be obtained by contacting address below.

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