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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES

Institution:
Institute of Marine Affairs

Country:
Trinidad and Tobago

Project:
Piloting a Blue Carbon System in Trinidad and Tobago

Sector:
Environment and Natural Resources Management

Abstract:
CONSULTANCY TO DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT REHABILITATION AND CO- MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR TWO (2) MANGROVE SITES IN SOUTHWEST TOBAGO

Grant No.:
(TT-T1141) ATN/AC-20433-TT, ATN/OC-20434-TT

Contract/Bid No.:
TT-T1141 P00002

Deadline:
July 17th, 2026

1. The Institute of Marine Affairs (the "Executing Agency") has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), (the "Bank") toward the cost of implementing project Piloting a Blue Carbon System in Trinidad and Tobago (TT-T1141). The Institute of Marine Affairs intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

1.1 The consulting services ("the Services") required are to design and implement rehabilitation and management plans for two (2) mangrove sites in Southwest Tobago, namely the Bon Accord Lagoon and Kilgwyn Mangrove Forests in Southwest Tobago.

Key activities will include:

i. Design and implement a rehabilitation plan for the Bon Accord/ Buccoo Bay and Kilgwyn mangrove forests utilizing the ecological, hydrological and socio-economic assessments conducted under Component 1 of the TC. The design and implementation are to be executed incorporating a community engagement approach.

ii. Stakeholder engagement is seen as integral to achieving project outcomes. The Consultant is to develop a stakeholder engagement plan using international best practice. This should include identification and analysis of stakeholders, mapping the direct and indirect users of the goods and services of the mangrove systems, consultation/validation of the proposed rehabilitation plan, coordinate and manage the execution of the rehabilitation efforts and report on stakeholder engagement.

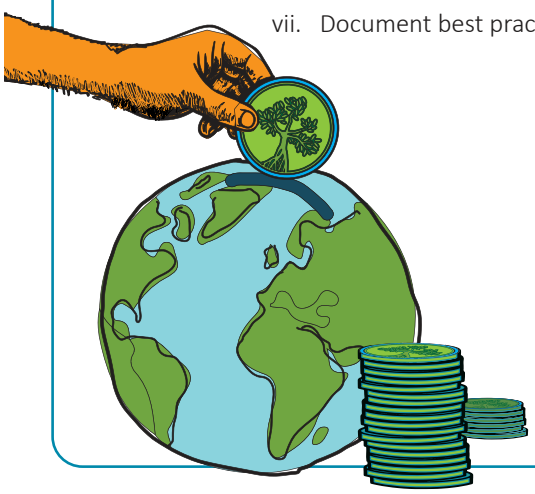
iii. Prepare documents for application for a Certificate of Environmental Clearance (CEC) to conduct the engineering works outlined in the rehabilitation plan. Prepare responses to any requests for information received from the Environmental Management Authority (EMA) in response to the application and submit to the IMA for onward transmission to the EMA.

iv. Design a Monitoring and Evaluation Plan with the identification of indicators to determine success of rehabilitation project. This plan should also include the carbon sequestration potential of this mangrove rehabilitation initiative.

v. Design and implement a co-management plan for these wetlands with the adjacent community(ies). The Co-Management Plan incorporates a collaborative approach with stakeholders and adjacent communities in setting out the management approach and goals, together with a framework for decision making, to apply in the wetland area over a given period of time to maintain ecological integrity.

vi. Work with the coastal communities to identify and promote sustainable livelihood opportunities within the wetlands such as bee keeping, crab catching etc.

vii. Document best practices and lessons learnt.



The expected deliverables will be:

i. An Inception Report and Work Plan.

ii. Rehabilitation Plans for the two (2) project sites

iii. Implementation of the Rehabilitation Plan

iv. A Co-Management Plan for the two (2) mangrove sites, detailing the management approach and goals, together with a framework for decision making, to apply in the wetland area over a given period of time to maintain ecological integrity.

v. A Rehabilitation Report

vi. Monthly Progress Reports

The project is expected to be implemented from **November 2026** for a period of **38 weeks (9 months).**

The Institute of Marine Affairs now invites eligible consulting firms 'Consultants' to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

Contracting firms should have specific expertise and experience in environmental sciences, wetlands ecology, hydrology, natural resource management, civil/coastal engineering, environmental and social safeguards Consultants should be fluent in written and spoken English. Experience working in mangrove forests in the Caribbean would be an asset.

Consultant firms will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank:

Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2350-15

and is open to all eligible bidders from source countries of the Bank as defined in the Policies.

Consultant firms may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. For the purpose of establishing the short list, the nationality of a firm is that of the country in which it is legally incorporated or constituted and in the case of Joint Venture, the nationality of the firm appointed to represent it.

A Consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the Selection Based on Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Consultant Policies.

Submission Options:
Submissions will be accepted via email to ima.procurement@ima.gov.tt (Titled: *Consultancy Services to Design and Implement Rehabilitation and Co-Management Plans for two Mangrove Sites in Tobago*) or via a hard copy delivered to the Institute of Marine Affairs (IMA) on or before the deadline.

Submission Deadline:
The deadline for submitting Expression of Interest is 17th July, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. (Atlantic Standard Time) attention to the following address. Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered.

Procurement Supervisor
Institute of Marine Affairs
Hilltop Lane, Chaguaramas, Trinidad and Tobago

Clarification:
All requests for clarification must be submitted in writing to:
ima.procurement@ima.gov.tt (attn. Procurement Supervisor)
no later than 10th July, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. (AST).