REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES

Institution: The University of the West Indies, Mona

Country: Regional

Project: Investment Plan for the Caribbean Regional Track of the Pilot Program for Climate Resilience

Sector: Environment and Natural Disasters- Climate Change Adaptation Policy

Abstract: Development of an Early Warning and Emergency Response System for Fishers

Loan/Credit/Grant No.: ATN/SX-14696-RG

Contract/Bid No.: CF14/C4.02-3 Deadline: 27th May 2016

The University of the West Indies, Mona has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), toward the cost of the Investment Plan for the Caribbean Regional Track of the Pilot Program for Climate Resilience, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include: (i) developing and testing an ICT-based Early Warning and Emergency Response System (EWERS) for fishers (at sea), including the respective system's e-services, and; (ii) conducting the requisite training in the use and administration of the system.

The EWERS is expected to reduce fishers vulnerability to the impacts of climate change while, at the same time, providing for their sharing of local ecological knowledge to inform climate-smart fisheries planning, management decision-making and risk management in the fisheries sector. The consultancy is expected to be delivered over 16 months beginning August 2016. The experts comprising the consulting team may be international or national consultants and should include an Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Engineer/Manager, a Software Development Engineer Specialist and one Social Scientist. The team should have proven experience in Project Management and in working with a wide range of stakeholders, including governmental and non-governmental organizations. Knowledge of climate change issues in the fisheries sector will be a distinct advantage.

The University of the West Indies, through its Mona Office for Research and Innovation, 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.

Short lists shall comprise six firms with a wide geographic spread, with no more than two firms from any one country.

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: <u>Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank</u> GN-2350-9 and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the policies.

Consultants 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 Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality Based Selection method set out in the Consultant Policies.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **27th May 2016.**

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