



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES– **INDIVIDUAL SELECTION**)

JAMAICA: Foundations for Competitiveness and Growth Project
Loan No.:9203-JM

Assignment Title: Programme Manager – Trade Facilitation Task Force

Reference No.: FCG/GOJ/CON/05

The Government of Jamaica has secured a loan from the World Bank to finance the Foundations for Competitiveness and Growth Project (FCGP). The Project Executing Agency is the Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ), with key Project Components being implemented by Jamaica Promotions Corporation (JAMPRO) and the Development Bank of Jamaica (DBJ) as the Lead Coordinating Agencies. The overall objective of the project is to strengthen the business environment in Jamaica for private sector investment by promoting broad-based private sector-led growth, improving the investment climate, modernizing infrastructure and logistics, as well as enhancing entrepreneurship and competitive industries. Component 1 of the project, which is coordinated by JAMPRO, seeks to enhance competition in the business environment. The initiatives under the project are expected to strengthen the enabling environment for private sector competitiveness to help Jamaica unleash its potential for productivity and growth.

Jamaica's Trade Facilitation Reform Programme is (TFRP) being implemented against the background of the GOJ's Public Sector Transformation and Modernization Programme (PSTMP), which builds on previous efforts to reform the public sector. The Trade Facilitation Reform Agenda is being executed through a coordinated framework with the Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce (MIIC) serving as lead Ministry with oversight for implementation of the TFRP. Implementation is led by the Trade Facilitation Task Force (TF2) through its secretariat which resides within the Trade Unit of MIIC.

The consulting services ("the Services")

The objective of this assignment is to provide expert programme management oversight and guidance to the achievement of the six (6) outputs under the Trade Facilitation Programme. The work of the Programme Manager is expected to contribute to Jamaica achieving economic growth and enhanced competitiveness, by, inter alia, reforming the institutional and governance framework, establishing a Single Window to handle all trade-related transactions, and building the capacity of border protection entities. It is expected that these measures will redound to a reduction in time and cost associated with trade, and improvements in global Indices.

The intended start date is January 2022 and the period of implementation is 24 months from this date.

[Note: The award of contract is subject to the World Bank's declaration of effectiveness of Loan Agreement No. 9203-JM](#)

The full Terms of Reference can be accessed at the following site:
www.gojep.gov.jm or <https://www.pioj.gov.jm/procurement/>

The Planning Institute of Jamaica now invites eligible individuals (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. **Interested Consultants should provide curriculum vitae with detailed information demonstrating the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The Consultant will also be required to provide at least three references as evidence of similar work previously conducted. The shortlisting criteria are:**

- i) Graduate Degree in International Trade, Trade Law, Management, Business Administration, Strategic Planning/Management, or qualifications in a related area **[15 marks]**.
- ii) Certification in Project Management **[10 marks]**
- iii) At least eight years of experience in the planning, coordination, management and implementation of development projects **[25 marks]**.
- iv) Demonstrable knowledge of trade environment, trade facilitation issues and knowledge of WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement **[20 marks]**.
- v) Demonstrated experience in analytical and problem solving skills, data analysis, communication and report writing **[10 marks]**.
- vi) Demonstrated experience in coordination across a wide range of institutional and professional groups, people management and communication **[10 marks]**.
- vii) Demonstrated knowledge of public sector processes, and a sound appreciation of Government issues and associated sensitivity and confidentiality implications **[10 marks]**.

The Planning Institute of Jamaica now invites eligible individuals (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Public Procurement Act, 2015, the Public Procurement (Amendment) Act, 2018 and the Public Procurement Regulations, 2018. Detailed curricula vitae, in a written form, must be uploaded on or before **November 4, 2021 at 11:45pm**. Submissions will be accepted via the Electronic Government Procurement Portal (www.gojep.gov.jm). No hard copy submission will be accepted.

To participate in this tender opportunity, consultants must first be registered and know how to use the electronic Procurement System, www.gojep.gov.jm. Please self- register on the e-GP System, by selecting the Register as a Supplier link from the home page. **Consultants are encouraged to upload their submissions at least two (2) hours prior to the deadline for submission.** For assistance, and training please contact the GOJEP support desk at: 1-876-932-5220 or 1-876-806-5149 or 1-876-806-4581; or 1-876-806-4536 or via email at oppccustomer@care@mof.gov.jm.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 8:30am to 4:00pm local time.

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