



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

JAMAICA: FOUNDATIONS FOR COMPETITIVENESS AND GROWTH PROJECT

Loan No.: 9203-JM

Assignment Title: Development of a National Sourcing Policy for Jamaica

Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): FCG/AF/CON/25

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

The Government of Jamaica has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Foundations for Competitiveness and Growth Project (FCGP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The Project is being implemented by the Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ) in collaboration with the Jamaica Promotions Corporation (JAMPRO) as the Lead Coordinating Agency (LCA) for Component 1, which 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. An approval was granted for the Additional Financing of US\$10 Million from the World Bank and the Government of Jamaica committed to provide a further US\$5 Million, thus providing a total of US\$15 million to support the various Government entities implementation of investment climate reforms.

In July 2018, Cabinet mandated the National Competitiveness Council (NCC) to drive the necessary initiatives and reforms to secure key Investment Climate Reforms. Based on the Cabinet's mandate, the NCC updated the National Business Environment Reform Agenda (BERA), which outlines the strategic and transformational initiatives across Government that are designed to address the issues affecting the business climate. The reforms seek to address both the cost of doing business with the Jamaican public sector and the time it takes to complete a process – ultimately reflecting the amount of effort that has to be invested by a firm when trying to do business.

Cabinet, by way of Cabinet Decision No 31/21 dated July 26, 2021 gave approval for the development of a National Sourcing Policy (NSP) and the establishment of a Policy Steering Committee to drive the Policy's development. The establishment of the NSP came about as a means of facilitating further integration of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into the local economy. With the successful model created through the Tourism Linkages Council, it was determined that this could be expanded across all sectors to boost Jamaica's Micro, Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (MSMEs). The NSP will create an enabling framework to strengthen and sustain the nation's economic growth and development through strategic and focused initiatives that encourage and incentivize the use of local inputs in key domestic industries.

The consulting services (“the Services”)

The Government of Jamaica (GoJ) is seeking to engage the services of an Individual Consultant to develop a Green Paper National Sourcing Policy and Implementation Plan (including a Monitoring and Evaluation Framework) that seeks to promote the integration of FDI into the local economy, through the creation of a framework that increases linkages between Multi-national Corporations (MNCs) and Micro, Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (MSMEs).

The anticipated duration of the assignment is eleven (11) months.

The full Request for Expressions of Interest and the Terms of Reference at www.gojep.gov.jm, www.pioj.gov.jm/procurement or www.dobusinessjamaica.com/about-jampro/tender-invitations.

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 is required to possess, at minimum or equivalent:**

- Master’s Degree with concentrations in Economics, International Relations or other related discipline; *[25]*
- Experience in developing government frameworks for sustainable business development demonstrated by four assignments completed in the past seven years; *[25]*
- Experience in preparing global benchmarking research, demonstrated by four projects completed over the past 7 years; *[20]*
- Experience in preparing national policies in Jamaica or a Caribbean country, demonstrated by two policies completed over the past 10 years; *[10]*
- Demonstration of five assignments that required the consultant to utilize participatory methodologies, stakeholder engagement and facilitation of workshops or meetings. *[20]*

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultants method set out in the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” July 2016 (revised in November 2017, July 2018 and November 2020) (“Procurement Regulations”).

Expressions of Interest (EOIs) must be uploaded on or before **January 14, 2022 at 11:45pm**. Submissions will be accepted via the Government of Jamaica Electronic 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@moj.gov.jm.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

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