

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

JAMAICA: FOUNDATIONS FOR COMPETITIVENESS AND GROWTH PROJECT
Loan No.:8408-JM

Assignment Title: Development of an Inclusive Growth Index Framework (IGIF)

Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): FCG/CON/079-0

The Government of Jamaica has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Foundations for Competitiveness and Growth Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The Consulting Services (“the Services”)

The objective of this assignment is to develop Jamaica’s first multi-dimensional Inclusive Growth Index (IGI) and supporting operational framework, collectively referred to as the Inclusive Growth Index Framework (IGIF).

The key objectives of the IGIF may be summarized as follows:

1. To provide a better understanding, through the facilitation of a broader-based measurement, of the overall health of Jamaica’s economy.
2. To establish, demonstrate and measure the interdependence and interconnectedness of the key constituents of the economy, to further use these established relationships to inform policy responses and ultimately facilitate better national outcomes. That is, to use econometric (and other relevant) tools to assess the relationships across outcome indicators within and across the respective pillars. In so doing, the principal hope is to have an empirical understanding of the strength/impact of variables and trade-offs in achieving the desired growth.

The anticipated duration of the assignment is twelve (12) months.

Interested consultants may obtain the Terms of Reference and the template for submission of an Expression of Interest in English at www.gojep.gov.jm or <https://www.pioj.gov.jm/procurement/>.

The Planning Institute of Jamaica now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services, **using the attached template**. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. **The shortlisting criteria are as follows:**

Criteria	Allocation of Scores ¹		
Demonstrable experience with the development of economic or socio-economic indices and accompanying analytical reports, with specific reference to inclusive and sustainable growth	Evidenced by the successful completion of three or more projects of a similar nature; (30 points)	Evidenced by the successful completion of two projects of a similar nature; (20 points)	Evidenced by the successful completion of one project of a similar nature; (10 points)
Demonstrable experience in applying statistical methods/analyses to determine the extent of interdependence of indicators within and across indices and sub-indices. This should include an empirical understanding of the strength/ impact of key variables and the trade-offs relationships involved in achieving the desired outcomes	Evidenced by the successful completion of three or more projects of a similar nature; (40 points)	Evidenced by the successful completion of two projects of a similar nature; (30 points)	Evidenced by the successful completion of one project of a similar nature; (20 points)
Demonstrable experience in conducting requirements analysis for the design/ development of an appropriate Management Information System (MIS) supporting operational framework for projects of a similar nature (while making best use of the Contractee's existing software)	Evidenced by the successful completion of three or more projects of a similar nature; (15 points)	Evidenced by the successful completion of two projects of a similar nature; (10 points)	Evidenced by the successful completion of one project of a similar nature; (5 points)
Demonstrable experience in developing test plans, manuals, conducting testing of software applications in development and production environments, and troubleshooting technical issues	Evidenced by the successful completion of more than two (2) projects of a similar nature; (10 points)	Evidenced by the successful completion of two (2) projects of a similar nature; (7 points)	Evidenced by the successful completion of one project of a similar nature; (4 points)
Demonstrable experience in the development of maintenance and sustainability plans for information systems	Evidenced by the successful completion of more than two (2) of a similar nature within the last 10 years; (5 points)	Evidenced by the successful completion of two (2) projects of a similar nature within the last 10 years; (3 points)	Evidenced by the successful completion of one (1) project of a similar nature within the last 10 years; (1 points)

¹ If the submitted Expression of Interest does not fit within the allocation of scores provided for each criterion, zero points will be allotted for said criterion.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The shortlist will contain five (5) to eight (8) firms, with demonstrated experience in the field of the assignment.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality Based Selection method of the World Bank Procurement Regulations 2022 and will be specifically set out in the Request for Proposals.

Expressions of Interest (EOIs) must be uploaded on or before **July 11, 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@care@mof.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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