

CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM) IMPLEMENTATION AGENCY FOR CRIME AND SECURITY (IMPACS)

ESTABLISHMENT OF INTEGRATED BORDER SYSTEMS FOR THE ORGANISATION OF THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN PROJECT

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO ENHANCE THE RISK MANAGEMENT MODULE FOR THE ADVANCED CARGO INFORMATION SYSTEM

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to US\$650,470 towards the cost of Establishment of Integrated Border Systems for the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States Project and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under a contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of CARICOM IMPACS and upon approval by CDB and will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawal from the financing account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than CARICOM IMPACS shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

CARICOM IMPACS, the Executing Agency, now wishes to procure consultancy services for Technical Support to Enhance the Risk Management Module for the Advanced Cargo Information System (ACIS).

The objective of the consultancy is to develop and enhance the risk management portal/module of the ACIS to improve IMPACS' capacity to assess the level of risk on inbound and outbound shipments destined to ports of entry of participating countries. The assignment will involve supporting CARICOM IMPACS software development team in developing and integrating data interchange messages to send and receive results and findings over the risk assessment reports in order to evaluate and improve IMPACS risk targeting effectiveness. Additionally, the assignment will assist IMPACS in preparing and adopting an effective ACIS Risk Management Framework, provide training to IMPACS staff in establishing ACIS risk management framework and in the development of technical manuals.

The duration of the assignment is expected to be for a period of 10 months not exceeding 200 person days.

CARICOM IMPACS now invites interested eligible **individual consultants** to submit Expressions of Interest indicating qualifications and experience required to provide these consultancy services.

Consultants shall be eligible to participate if:

- (a) the persons are citizens or *bona fide* residents of an eligible country; and
- (b) in all cases, the consultant has no arrangement and undertakes not to make any arrangements, whereby any substantial part of the net profits or other tangible benefits of the contract will accrue or be paid to a person not a citizen or *bona fide* resident of an eligible country.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB¹

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 5.15 and 5.17 of Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (2019), setting forth CDB's policy on conflict of interest for the selection of consultants.

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to qualifications and experience on similar assignments existing commitments and specifically:

The required person will be a Software Developer with a minimum of three (3) years' experience developing risk management applications for Advanced Cargo Information. The Software Developer should have a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science, and be proficient in:

- (a) Modern Internet and web technologies.
- (b) Relational database technology.
- (c) JAVA EE/J2EE language.

Knowledge of Customs and Excise software applications and procedures in the CARICOM region will be an asset.

All information must be submitted in English. Further information may be obtained from the first address below between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. hours Monday to Friday.

An electronic copy of the Expressions of Interest must be sent in PDF format to the email in the first address below no later than 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday January 27, 2021 and one electronic copy must be sent simultaneously to CDB at the second email address below. The Expression of Interest will be deemed to have been received at the time that it is received by CARICOM IMPACS at the first email address below. The burden of proving receipt of the e-mail will be on the applicant and will not be met solely by a read receipt or sent items report generated by the Consultant's computer. The e-mail containing each submission should include the name and address of the applicant. The subject line shall be clearly marked **“Expression of Interest – Consultancy Services for (*Consultancy Services for Technical Support to Enhance the Risk Management Module for the Advanced Cargo Information*)”**

Following the assessment of submissions, the most technically capable and appropriately experienced applicant will be invited to negotiate a contract to provide the consultancy services. *CARICOM IMPACS* reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not engaging the services of any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest.

¹ Occasionally contracts may be financed out of special programs that would further expand or restrict eligibility to a particular group of member countries. When this is the case, it should be mentioned in this paragraph.

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