

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR “THE DESIGN AND SUPERVISION OF THE
REPLACEMENT OF 16 KILOMETRES OF WATER MAINS AND UPGRADE OF
EQUIPMENT AT PUMPING FACILITIES”

EIB/BWA/3.2b/2021/01

BARBADOS WATER INFRASTRUCTURE REHABILITATION PROJECT

GOVERNMENT OF BARBADOS

The Government of Barbados (GOB) (hereinafter referred to as “the Borrower”) has received a loan from the European Investment Bank – EIB (hereinafter referred to as “the Bank”) – towards the cost of the Barbados Water Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project. The GOB, through its executing agency the Barbados Water Authority (BWA), now requests Expressions of Interests from companies interested in providing consulting services to produce designs and provide construction supervision services, for the replacement of potable water mains and upgrade of equipment at the Bridgetown Sewage Treatment Plants and three pumping facilities of the BWA.

Specific areas of work include the production of designs, specifications, and tender documents, as well as contract administration and construction supervision of works for:

- a. the replacement of 16 Km of potable water mains to be carried out by a contracting firm. Services shall include the preparation of Bill of Quantities and material lists for procurement of pipes and fittings.
- b. the upgrade of equipment at the Bridgetown Wastewater Treatment Plant and;
- c. the installation of gantry cranes at three pumping station facilities for the Barbados Water Authority (BWA)

This contract is expected to be implemented from March 2022 to June 2024.

The tender procedure will be conducted in accordance with the Guide to Procurement for Projects Financed by the EIB (GtP), accessed via the following website.

<https://www.eib.org/en/publications/guide-to-procurement>

Interested consulting firms must provide the below information, listed in decreasing order of importance, to establish their competence in performing the services required:

- a. Technical capacity - general: Experience as a consulting firm contracted for services for at least five (5) years and specifically, experience as a consultant for design and/or supervision of water and/or wastewater infrastructure in the last three (3) years.
- b. Technical capacity - personnel: permanent staff of at least four (4) engineers and four (4) technicians over the past three years (2018, 2019, 2020) with the appropriate skills and experience including:
 - i. The ability to successfully manage civil engineering projects of this nature.

- ii. Experience in the design, of hydraulic distribution networks and projects of this nature.
- iii. Experience in construction management and the ability to successfully oversee projects of this nature.
- iv. Experience in Quantity Surveying with the ability to develop budgets, bills of quantities and track and control costs.

At this stage it is not necessary to provide CVs

c. Technical capacity - contract references:

c.1) Successful completion within the eight (8) years prior to the submission deadline of at least two (2) service contracts for the supervision of water supply and/or sewage works with an individual contract amount of at least 500,000 USD.

c.2) Successful completion within the eight (8) years prior to the submission deadline of at least three (3) service contracts for the design of water supply and/or sewage works and preparation of the relevant tender documents with an individual contract amount of at least 500,000 USD. At least one of the contracts must be for the design of water supply works of at least 5km in length.

- Please provide a certificate of completion for each contract.

- The references can be part of combined or separated contracts.

c.3 The candidate should have carried out the services requested at points c1) and c2) above as Single Consultant or Lead Consultant in an Association/Consortium/Joint Venture

d. Financial resources: The candidate should have a minimum average turnover of 1,000,000 USD in the last 3 years (2018, 2019, and 2020).

In case more than six companies or consortia satisfy the above criteria, the ranking will be based on the number of references under c1) and c2) and the best six will be shortlisted.

Interested companies must also complete and submit the following forms, samples of which are attached hereto as appendices of Annex 1:

- a. Applicant Identification form,
- b. Declaration of Absence of Conflict of Interests (GtP 1.5)
- c. Statement Regarding Situations of Exclusion (GtP 1.2),
- d. Covenant of Integrity (GtP 3.6 Annex 3).
- e. Environmental and Social Covenant (GtP 3.8)

All firms are invited to participate in the tender. Reference should be made to section 1.2 of the GtP, with respect to eligibility. Reference should also be made to GtP 3.7.5 with respect to language of the Tender. English is the preferred language.

One (1) electronic copy of the Expression of Interest must be received at the first address below **no later than 4:00 pm AST, November 5, 2021**. The electronic submission should include the name and address of the applicant and shall be clearly marked” **Expression of Interest - Consultancy Services for The Design and Supervision of the Replacement of 16 Kilometres of Water Mains and Upgrade of Equipment at Pumping Facilities” - EIB/BWA/3.2b/2021/01**

Following the assessment of submissions, a short-list of not less than three and not more than six applicants will be provided with the full terms of reference and invited to submit technical and financial proposals to undertake the assignment.

Evaluation criteria is as indicated below:

CRITERA		MAXIMUM SCORE
1.0	Criteria 1 - General	
	General background of the consulting firm, including staff, turnover and years in business.	20
2.0	Criteria 2 - Firm general experience and technical competence	
	Experience of similar projects undertaken in the preparation of detailed designs and specifications, and provision of construction supervision services.	40
3.0	Criteria 3 - Staff Experience	
	Candidates must be suitably qualified and have a minimum of five (5) years’ experience, with participation as a consultant in a role that is similar to the proposed consulting services within the last five (5) years.	30
4.0	Criteria 4 - Experience with monitoring Environmental and Social Impacts of projects	
	Experience with monitoring the environmental and social impacts of projects during the execution phase.	10
	Total	100

The Government of Barbados 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 short-listing or engaging any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of the Expressions of Interest.

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 BWA Project Management Office
 2nd Floor Barbados Water Authority

Pine Commercial Estate
The Pine
St. Michael
Barbados

Appendix 1⁵ to ANNEX 1

APPLICANT IDENTIFICATION

1.1. Applicant identification

INFORMATION REQUIRED	
APPLICANT NAME	
CONTACT DETAILS	Address: Telephone: Fax: E-mail:
LEGAL FORM	

1.2. Person authorised to submit the Expression of Interest on behalf of the Applicant and appropriate evidence of such authorisation

INFORMATION REQUIRED	
TITLE	Mr/Ms/Dr/other (delete or complete as appropriate)
NAME	Surname: Forename(s):
FUNCTION	
CONTACT DETAILS	Address: Telephone: Fax: E-mail:

1.3. Contact person (if different from 1.2)

TITLE	Mr/Ms/Dr/other (delete or complete as appropriate)
NAME	Surname: Forename(s):
FUNCTION	
CONTACT DETAILS	Address: Telephone: Fax: E-mail:

⁵ In case of consortia or joint ventures, to be filled in by all participating entities.

Appendix 2 to ANNEX 1

DECLARATION OF ABSENCE OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

The undersigned declares that neither (i) the Applicant nor (ii) he/she/they personally as authorised representative(s) of the Applicant have a direct or indirect interest of such a nature and scale that may affect the performance of the tasks assigned to the Applicant under any Operational Agreement referred to in the Call for Expression of Interest No. JER-009/3.

The undersigned is/are aware that a conflict of interest could arise in particular as a result of economic interests, political or national affinities, family or emotional ties, or any other relevant connection or shared interest.

The Applicant will inform EIF, without delay, of any situation constituting a conflict of interest or which could give rise to a conflict of interest.

Furthermore, the Applicant and the undersigned in his/her/their capacity as duly authorised representative(s) of the Applicant confirm to have read the EIF Anti-Fraud Policy and declare not to have made nor to make any offer of any type whatsoever from which an advantage can be derived under the Operational Agreement and not to have granted nor to grant, not to have sought nor to seek, not to have attempted nor to attempt to obtain, and not to have accepted nor to accept, any advantage, financial or in kind, to or from any party whatsoever, constituting an illegal practice or involving corruption, either directly or indirectly, as an incentive or reward relating to signing of the Operational Agreement.

Yours sincerely,

Signature:

Name and position in capitals:

Applicant's name:

Place:

Stamp of the Applicant's (if applicable):

Date (day/month/year):

Appendix 3 to Annex 1

STATEMENT REGARDING SITUATIONS OF EXCLUSION - 1

The undersigned certifies/certify that the (Applicant) is not in any of the situations which would exclude it from taking part in this Call for Expression of Interest and accordingly declare(s) that the (Applicant):

- i) has never been the subject of a conviction by final judgment for one or more reasons listed below:
 - participation in a criminal organisation, as defined in Article 2 (1) of the Council Joint Action 98/733/JHA⁷;
 - corruption, as defined in the Council Act of 26 May 1997 and in Article 3 (1) of the Council Joint Action 98/733/JHA;
 - fraud within the meaning of Article 1 of the Convention drawn up on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union, on the protection of the European Communities' financial interests⁸;
 - money laundering as defined in the Directives 2005/60/EC⁹ of 26 October 2005 and 2006/70/EC¹⁰ of 1 August 2006, and Directive 2001/97/EC of 4 December 2001¹¹;
- ii) has not performed any act which may be qualified as illegal activity in the meaning of the terms of the EIF Anti-Fraud Policy;
- iii) is not bankrupt or is being wound up, where its affairs are not being administered by the court, where it has not entered into an arrangement with creditors, where it has not suspended business activities or is not in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure under national laws and regulations;
- iv) is not the subject of proceedings for a declaration for bankruptcy, for an order for compulsory winding up or administration by the court or of an arrangement with

⁷ Joint Action of 21 December 1998 adopted by the Council on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union, on making it a criminal offence to participate in a criminal organisation in the Member States of the European Union (Official Journal of the European Union L351 of 29.12.1998), as amended from time to time.

⁸ Council Act of 26 July 1995 drawing up the Convention on the protection of the financial interests of the European Communities (Official Journal of the European Union C316 of 27.11.1995), as amended from time to time.

⁹ Directive 2005/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 October 2005 on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purpose of money laundering and terrorist financing (Official Journal of the European Union L309 of 25.11.2005), as amended from time to time.

¹⁰ Commission Directive 2006/70/EC of 1 August 2006 laying down implementing measures for Directive 2005/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the definition of 'politically exposed person' and the technical criteria for simplified customer due diligence procedures and for exemption on grounds of a financial activity conducted on an occasional or very limited basis (Official Journal of the European Union L214 of 4.8.2006), as amended from time to time.

¹¹ Directive 2001/97/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 December 2001 amending Council Directive 91/308/EEC on prevention of the use of the financial system for the purpose of money laundering (Official Journal of the European Communities L 344 of 28.12.2001), as amended from time to time.

- v) creditors or of any other similar proceedings under national laws and regulations; is not “a firm in difficulty” within the meaning of Article 2.1 of the Community guidelines on State aid for rescuing and restructuring firms in difficulty¹²;
- vi) no member of its senior management has been convicted as a consequence of a judgment which has the force of *res iudicata*, in accordance with the legal provisions of the country of any offence concerning its professional conduct;
- vii) no member of its senior management has been guilty of grave professional misconduct;
- viii) has fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which it is established;
- ix) has fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which it is established and in the countries where it operates, as applicable;
- x) is not found to have provided serious misrepresentation in supplying the information required in accordance with the Call for Expression of Interest or has supplied such information.

The Applicant and the undersigned in his/her/their capacity as duly authorised representative of the Applicant commit to provide all evidence to the above, upon request by EIF.

Signature:

Stamp of the Applicant (if applicable):

Name and position in capitals:

Applicant's name

Place:

Date (day/month/year):

¹² Communication from the Commission – Community Guidelines on State aid and restructuring firms in difficulty (Official Journal of the European Union C 244 of 1.10.2004), as amended or substituted by future Community guidelines from time to time.

Appendix 4 to ANNEX 1

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COVENANT TEMPLATE

We, the undersigned, commit to comply with – and ensuring that all of our sub-contractors comply with – all labour laws and regulations applicable in the country of implementation of the contract, as well as all national legislation and regulations and any obligation in the relevant international conventions and multilateral agreements on environment applicable in the country of implementation of the contract.

Labour standards. We further commit to the principles of the eight Core ILO standards¹⁹ pertaining to: child labour, forced labour, non-discrimination and freedom of association and the right to collective bargaining. We will (i) pay rates of wages and benefits and observe conditions of work (including hours of work and days of rest) which are not lower than those established for the trade or industry where the work is carried out; and (ii) keep complete and accurate records of employment of workers at the site.

Workers relations. We therefore commit to developing and implementing a Human Resources Policy and Procedures applicable to all workers employed for the project in line with Standard 8 of the EIB's Environmental and Social Handbook. We will regularly monitor and report on its application to *[insert name of the Contracting Authority]* as well as on any corrective measures periodically deemed necessary.

Occupational and Public Health, Safety and Security. We commit to (i) complying with all applicable health and safety at work laws in the country of implementation of the contract; (ii) developing and implementing the necessary health and safety management plans and systems, in accordance with the measures defined in the Project's Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) and the ILO Guidelines on occupational safety and management systems²⁰; (iii) providing workers employed for the project access to adequate, safe and hygienic facilities as well as living quarters in line with the provisions of Standard 9 of the EIB's Environmental and Social Handbook for workers living on-site; and (iv) using security management arrangements that are consistent with international human rights standards and principles, if such arrangements are required for the project.

Protection of the Environment. We commit to taking all reasonable steps to protect the environment on and off the site and to limit the nuisance to people and property resulting from pollution, noise, traffic and other outcomes of the operations. To this end, emissions, surface discharges and effluent from our activities will comply with the limits, specifications or stipulations as defined in *[insert name of the relevant document]*²¹ and the international and national legislation and regulations applicable in the country of implementation of the contract.

Environmental and social performance. We commit to (i) submitting *[insert periodicity as indicated in the tender documents]* environmental and social monitoring reports to *[insert name of the Contracting Authority]*; and (ii) complying with the measures assigned to us as set forth in the environmental permits *[insert name of the relevant document if applicable]*²² and any corrective or preventative actions set forth in the annual environmental and social monitoring report. To this end, we will develop and implement an Environmental and Social Management

System commensurate to the size and complexity of the Contract and provide *[insert name of the Contracting Authority]* with the details of the (i) plans and procedures, (ii) roles and responsibilities and (iii) relevant monitoring and review reports.

We hereby declare that our tender price as offered for this contract includes all costs related to our environmental and social performance obligations as part of this contract. We commit to (i) reassessing, in consultation with *[insert name of the Contracting Authority]*, any changes to the project design that may potentially cause negative environmental or social impacts; (ii) providing *[insert name of the Contracting Authority]* with a written notice and in a timely manner of any unanticipated environmental or social risks or impacts that arise during the execution of the contract and the implementation of the project previously not taken into account; and (iii) in consultation with *[insert name of the Contracting Authority]*, adjusting environmental and social monitoring and mitigation measures as necessary to assure compliance with our environmental and social obligations.

Environmental and social staff. We shall facilitate the contracting authority's ongoing monitoring and supervision of our compliance with the environmental and social obligations described above. For this purpose, we shall appoint and maintain in office until the completion of the contract an Environmental and Social Management Team (scaled to the size and complexity of the Contract) that shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Contracting Authority and to whom the Contracting Authority shall have full and immediate access, having the duty and the necessary powers to ensure compliance with this Environmental and Social Covenant. We accord the Contracting Authority and the EIB and auditors appointed by either of them, the right of inspection of all our accounts, records, electronic data and documents related to the environmental and social aspects of the current contract, as well as all those of our subcontractors.

Name _____ In the capacity of _____

Signed _____

Duly authorised to sign the contract for and on behalf of _____

Date _____

¹ ¹⁹ <http://www.ilo.org/global/standards/introduction-to-international-labour-standards/conventions-and-recommendations/lang--en/index.htm>

²⁰ http://www.ilo.org/safework/info/standards-and-instruments/WCMS_107727/lang--en/index.htm

²¹ For instance: ESIA (Environmental and Social Impact Assessment) and ESMP (Environmental and Social Management Plans).

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