

BARBADOS WATER AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES – THE DEVELOPMENT OF BASELINE ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS FOR THE GRAEME HALL SWAMP (GHS)

Institution: Inter-American Development Bank

Country: BARBADOS

Project: Barbados Climate Resilient South Coast Water Reclamation Project

Abstract: To engage the services of consulting firm(s) to develop baseline activities for an Ecological Assessment, to perform a Water Quality Assessment, to execute a Hydrological Assessment, to conduct a Socio-Economic Assessment, to carry out a Stakeholder Analysis and to provide a Buffer Zone Analysis.

Loan No: BA-L1063

Contract/Bid No.: 3.1.1.1

Deadline: 11:30 p.m., Atlantic Standard Time, Wednesday, June 10, 2026

1. The Government of Barbados (GOB) has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the Green Climate Fund (GCF), towards the cost of the Barbados Climate Resilient South Coast Water Reclamation Project and in accordance with the provisions of the Loan contracts 5908/OC-BA, Project BA-L1063 intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services to be procured under this program.
2. The services include but are not limited to
 - i. To develop an Ecological Assessment, identify and document flora and fauna species present in the GHS, assess habitat quality and environmental services, and determine threats to biological diversity including those potentially linked to the project or possible cumulative impacts.
 - ii. To perform a Water Quality Assessment that measures the water quality, including physical, chemical, and biological parameters, and assesses the health of aquatic ecosystem.
 - iii. To execute a Hydrological Assessment to evaluate the hydrological conditions of the swamp, including water levels, flow rates, and seasonal variations.
 - iv. To conduct a Socio-Economic Assessment, to understand the socio-economic impacts of the swamp on surrounding communities, including land access and use patterns, economic activities, and the role of the swamp in local livelihoods are determine.
 - v. To carry out a Stakeholder Analysis, that identifies key stakeholders, including local communities, businesses, government agencies, and non-governmental organizations, and assess their roles in the swamp's conservation and management. It should also include a women and youth analysis.

- vi. To elaborate a Buffer Zone Analysis, a desktop analysis that includes the interaction with adjacent coastal areas, such as the beaches associated with the ecosystem services of the Graeme Hall Swamp (GHS).

The findings from this assessment will establish a comprehensive understanding of the swamp's current state, identify key environmental challenges and areas that require immediate attention, serve as a benchmark for future monitoring and assessment; and inform stakeholders, including local communities, policymakers, and conservationists, about the health of the swamp.

The Consulting firm will be required to outline a workplan and proposed methodology that will apply for the assignment in its technical proposal. The service also includes a Workshop to capture stakeholder priorities, knowledge, and concerns about the swamp. Modern and scientific techniques, as well as empirical data (field work) and secondary data collection should be used as appropriate. Recommendations should be supported with sound justifications.

3. The Barbados Water Authority (BWA), as the execution agency for the project, now invites eligible **Consulting Firms (“Consultants”)** to submit their Expressions of Interest with respect to providing the referenced consultancy services. The terms of reference is attached to this Specific Procurement Notice (SPN).
4. Interested firms shall provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. Firms must provide the following documentation/information to establish or to illustrate their competence in the performance of the services required:
 - i. General background of the consulting firm;
 - ii. Evidence of the Firm's experience in providing consultancy services in the field of environmental assessment, with at least 10 (ten) years' experience in leading the development and implementation in this area. They should have international recognition in this field and at the forefront of current and anticipated trends and should be able to demonstrate relevant recent experience, ideally in the region.
 - iii. The Consulting Firm should have successful execution of at least three (3) similar Environmental Baseline Assessment, with preference given to assignments in wetlands. The Consulting firm should be able to demonstrate that experience with the submission of references with their Expression of Interest.

In assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to eligibility, technical competence, qualifications and experience on similar assignments of the firm. All information must be submitted in English.

5. Selection of the Consultant for each assignment will be undertaken through the Consultant Qualification Selection (CQS) method in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2350-15 <http://idbdocs.iadb.org/wsdocs/getdocument.aspx?docnum=EZSHARE-1132444900-23306> **and is open to all eligible Consulting Firms as defined in the policies.**
6. Interested firms may request further information or details on the Terms of Reference and other relevant documentation for the consultancy from the Government's Procurement Portal at <https://gov-bb.bonfirehub.com> **“Request for Expressions of Interest - Consultancy Services**

– **“The Development of Baseline Assessment Activities on Environmental Conditions for the Graeme Hall Swamp (GHS).** Submissions should also be uploaded to the above-mentioned procurement portal no later than **11:30 pm, Atlantic Standard Time, Wednesday, July 01, 2026.** The electronic submission should include the name and address of the applicant, and the subject heading shall clearly indicate **“Request for Expressions of Interest - Consultancy Services – “The Development of Baseline Assessment Activities on Environmental Conditions for the Graeme Hall Swamp (GHS).**

7. All queries from interested bidders must be submitted electronically to <https://gov-bb.bonfirehub.com/> through the Vendor Discussions section under the respective Project (procurement).
8. Interested bidders should register in the Government's e-procurement portal at <https://gov-bb.bonfirehub.com/login/>. Detailed instructions for registration are available at <https://procure.gov.bb>.
9. Any firm incorporated outside of Barbados which is awarded a contract, will be required to be registered in Barbados as an External company under the ‘Companies Act of Barbados’ CAP. 308, found at <https://www.investbarbados.org> prior to the commencement of the contract. Information on the requirements as an external company can be obtained from the Corporate Affairs and Intellectual Property Office (CAIPO), Ground Floor, Baobab Towers, Warrens, St. Michael, Barbados, Telephone No: (246) 535-2401, E-mail Address: general@caipo.gob.bb OR request@caipo.gob.bb. Interested firms that are required to be registered must note that the registration process is lengthy and should therefore commence as soon as possible.
10. Applicants should be aware that the Labour Clauses (Public Contracts) Act Cap.349 shall, in so far as is applicable to the tenderer, apply to any contract made in respect of the tender. Full details of the conditions of this Act, Cap.349 may be obtained from the Government Procurement Department, Bay Street, Bridgetown, St. Michael or via the ILO database of labour legislation website http://blue.lim.ilo.org/cariblex/browse_country_barbados.shtml. Consulting Firms should submit the certificate required by paragraph 3 of the schedule to the Act with their tender.
11. The electronic submission should include the name and address of the applicant, and the subject heading shall clearly indicate **“Expression of Interest – Consultancy Services – “Development of Baseline Assessment Activities on Environmental Conditions for the Graeme Hall Swamp (GHS).**
12. A list of not less than five (5) and not more than eight (8) applicants will be shortlisted for this consultancy. The Barbados Water Authority reserves the right to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of the Expressions of Interest.
13. Applications that do not comply with the conditions set out in this Notice will not be considered.
14. Late submissions will not be accepted.