BARBADOS WATER AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

CONSULTING SERVICES - DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BARBADOS WATER AUTHORITY'S MONITORING, REPORTING AND VERIFICATION (MRV) SYSTEM

Institution: Inter-American Development Bank

Country: Barbados

Project: Barbados Climate Resilient South Coast Water Reclamation Project

Abstract: To engage the services of a consulting firm to design, develop and implement the Barbados Water Authority's Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) system (Output 4.4), to track water quality, water quantity, soil quality and climate-related parameters, and to capture, consolidate, report and independently verify the complementary Green Climate Fund (GCF) level indicators and Water Resilience Commitments defined in the Project's Monitoring and Evaluation Plan.

Loan No.: BA-L1063

Contract/Bid No.: BWA-IDBCS005

Deadline: November 25, 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. Under Component 4 of the Program (Institutional Strengthening), the Barbados Water Authority (BWA) requires the design, development and implementation of a Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) system (Output 4.4). The services include but are not limited to:

    i. To design an MRV system responsive to the BWA's institutional needs and to the GCF and Debt-for-Climate monitoring, reporting and verification requirements set out in the Project's Monitoring and Evaluation Plan;

    ii. To configure the system to capture, consolidate and report against the complementary GCF-level indicators and Water Resilience Commitments, using the definitions, data sources and means of verification set out in the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan;

    iii. To operationalise the verification arrangements, including a documented separation of data-collection from data-validation roles and a tiered verification method proportionate to each indicator's means of verification, and to ensure interoperability with the BWA's project planning, management and monitoring platform (Output 4.5) so that verified data can be consolidated into a single source of truth;

    iv. To develop, test and deploy the system, provide for compatibility with the national MRV framework where applicable, and build the capacity of BWA staff to use and maintain it.

The assignment will be carried out on the basis of the Project's approved results framework, including the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan, Indicator Registry and Results Matrix. The Consulting Firm will be required to outline a workplan and proposed methodology for the assignment in its technical proposal. Recognised monitoring, reporting and verification methodologies should be applied as appropriate, and 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 the design and implementation of monitoring, reporting and/or results-verification information systems, with at least **[ten (10)]** years' experience in this area, ideally for internationally financed (IDB, GCF or comparable) programs. Experience with public-sector, utility or statutory-authority clients, and with climate-finance monitoring and verification, ideally in the Caribbean region, is an asset;

    iii. The Consulting Firm should have successful execution of at least **[three (3)]** similar assignments involving the design or implementation of monitoring, reporting or verification information systems, with preference given to assignments in the water, climate resilience, or development-finance sectors. 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 will be undertaken through the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) 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 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. Submissions should also be uploaded to the above-mentioned procurement portal no later than **November 25, 2026 - 11:30 p.m., Atlantic Standard Time**. The electronic submission should include the name and address of the applicant, and the subject heading shall clearly indicate "Request for Expressions of Interest - Consulting Services - Design, Development and Implementation of the Barbados Water Authority's Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) System."

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 International Labour Organization (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 - Consulting Services - Design, Development and Implementation of the Barbados Water Authority's Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) System."

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.