



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
CONSULTING SERVICES

Institution: *Ministry of Works & Utilities*
Country: *The Bahamas*
Project: *Climate-Resilient Coastal Management & Infrastructure Program*
Sector: *Environment and Natural Disaster*
Abstract: *Baseline Studies and Design of Infrastructure in East Grand Bahama*
Loan/Credit/Grant No.: *4363/OC-BH*
Contract/Bid No.: *TBD*
Deadline: *November 30th, 2021*

The *Government of The Bahamas* has received financing from *the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)*, toward the cost of the *Climate-Resilience Coastal Management & Infrastructure Program* and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The primary objective of the consultancy is to undertake a strategic review of coastal hazards, shoreline stabilization and disaster risk management at causeways in West Gap Creek, Ridge Creek, McLean's Town/August Creek & Snapper Island areas in East Grand Bahama, The Bahamas. Therefore, this consultancy will undertake various baseline studies, including environmental and social, to achieve this objective. Further, this consultancy will undertake the design of strategic coastal protection and flood mitigation infrastructure in the above-mentioned communities.

The *Ministry of Works & Utilities* now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information to demonstrate that they are capable of the meeting the selection criteria listed below:

1. **General Background and Organization:** *corporate and functional structures, areas of expertise, number of years in business, core competencies*
2. **General Experience:** *General experience in the fields of Coastal Studies, Coastal Hazard Assessments, Natural Infrastructure design and Risk-resilient Coastal Protection in the region or country*
3. **Specific Experience:** *Evidence of experience in specific areas; Shoreline coastal studies and Data collection, Probabilistic Natural Hazard Assessment and preparation of Hazard Maps, Vulnerability Assessment and preparation of Vulnerability Maps, Hydrodynamic modelling analysis, Nature-based and Grey Infrastructure coastal protection design, Flood mitigation infrastructure, Environmental & Social Baseline Studies, Infrastructural Cost Benefit analysis and Stakeholder Community engagement.*
4. **Other criteria (Adequacy for the Assignment):** *Demonstrated capacity to handle the assignment in terms of resources, fluent in English, experience with IDB projects, knowledge of IDB policies.*

We ask that you limit your Expression of Interest to a maximum of fifty (50) pages.

The Borrower shall give first consideration to those firms expressing interest that possess the relevant qualifications. Short lists shall comprise firms with a wide geographic spread not fewer than five (5) and not more than eight (8) eligible firms.

Consultants will be selected 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 bidders as defined in the policies.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. For the purpose of establishing the short list, the nationality of a firm is that of the country in which it is legally incorporated or constituted and in the case of Joint Venture, the nationality of the firm appointed to represent it.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the *Quality and Cost Based Selection* method set out in the Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours *0900 to 1600 hours*.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by *November 30th, 2021*.

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