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Mrs. Therese Turner-Jones  
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Country Department, Caribbean Group  
Inter-American Development Bank  
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Dear Mrs. Turner Jones,

**Re: Request for Grant Funding of US\$ 0.5 Million to support Institutional strengthening of the National Water Commission (NWC)**

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The National Water Commission (NWC) is a statutory body of the Government of Jamaica (GOJ) charged with the responsibility of providing potable water services and sewerage management operations island-wide. The institution was established by the National Water Commission Act (1980) and currently provides water services to approximately two (2) million customers.

As part of the mandate for continued institutional strengthening in its service delivery, the NWC has identified areas for development in its Corporate Governance Framework, Business Planning and Operations and Maintenance Protocols. Improvements in these target areas are generally expected to increase efficiency and profitability in aspects of the business.

The NWC, through the Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ), is requesting support from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for a Technical Cooperation (TC) in the sum of **US\$ 0.5 Million** to improve aspects of its core business functions. The objectives of the Project are; (i) formulation of improvement plans for Corporate Governance practices, (ii) defining steps toward the diversification of the ownership structure of NWC, and (iii) developing training and capacity building programmes for institutional strengthening. Further details of the project components inclusive of the planned activities and the proposed budget are outlined in the Project Concept Summary enclosed.

The Ministry of Finance and the Public Service (MOFPS) hereby requests the support of the Bank in improving the quality and sustainability of the NWC's services to its customers.

Yours Sincerely,

Darlene Morrison  
for Financial Secretary

**Encl. Project Concept Summary**