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Dear Mr. Estevadeordal:

As representatives of member states of the Inter-American Network on Government Procurement (INGP), a network that unites the Directors and high level authorities on public procurement of the IDB's 26 member countries, we would like to express our country interest in the regional project: "Public Procurement Innovation Laboratory of Latin America and the Caribbean", under the Regional Public Goods Program (RPG).

The project will finance the development of a knowledge and innovation laboratory on public procurement for countries in the region. The RPG proposed is a priority given that countries in the region face similar challenges on public procurement; moreover, a regional approach is more effective in terms of cost-benefit and scalability. The Laboratory will be a key platform to generate, develop and systematize innovating public procurement initiatives that reflect the tackle the needs and realities of the region.

In addition, the RPG will allow knowledge transfer and will serve as a space for cooperation among countries. The exchange will facilitate and accelerate learning from other government experiences that have undertaken innovative public procurement processes. Specifically, the program will benefit countries in the following areas: (i) access to national experiences and good practices in modernization and transferring of knowledge and technology, as well as promotion of south-south cooperation; (ii) access to experts, research, tools and international competitive public procurement resources; (iii) participation in the development of action plans to approach the modernization of public procurement at a more regional level; and (iv) synergies generation and scalability that allow leveraging resources and political interest at a regional level.

For this purpose, we will contribute to the RPG by providing our respective counterpart contribution as indicated in the attached proposal. The contributions are in the form of time of our human resources from our institutions during the term of the project.

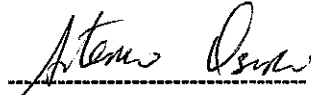
Finally, I would like to acknowledge your great contribution to the region through the RPG Program and its important impact in our network.

Cordially,



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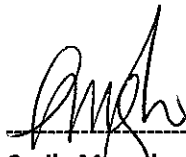
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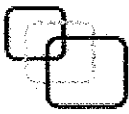
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Mr. Antoni Estevadeordal
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Dear Mr. Estevadeordal,

As a member of the Inter-American Government Procurement Network (INGP), I would like to express our interest in participating in the execution of the regional project "Regional Public Procurement Marketplace in the Caribbean" as indicated in the proposal for financing under the Regional Public Goods Initiative.

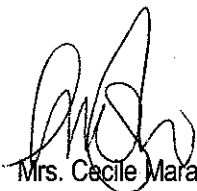
The project will contribute to the effectiveness and value for money of public procurement by supporting the creation of a regional marketplace in the Caribbean as a regional public good, available to all the countries of the region. Additionally, it will provide the coordination and technical assistance necessary for adopting best practices in local context, maintaining compatibility and promoting favorable conditions for regional commerce.

The proposed RPG is a priority for our countries as it will:

- Strengthen a common marketplace for government procurement and enhance the potential contribution to regional trade in goods and services.
- Standardize procedures and documents that would simplify procurement, facilitate commerce and cut the cost of doing business.
- Develop a common e-catalogue in public procurement that will significantly benefit both buyers and suppliers due to the positive effects of consolidated supply.
- Create a space for the exchange of knowledge and cooperation between countries, allowing us to learn from the experiences of other governments which have carried out similar reform processes.

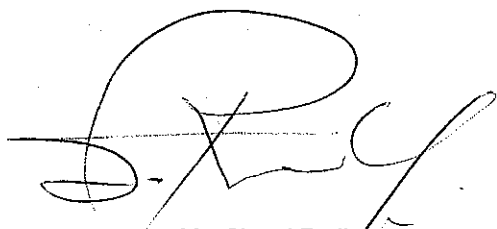
For the above-mentioned reasons and once the objective of the project are achieved, we will commit to continue promoting and supporting the development of the regional marketplace.

Sincerely,

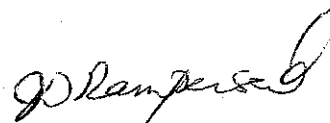


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