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Ms. Rocío Medina Bolívar
Country Representative - Belize
Inter-American Development Bank
1024 Newtown Barracks
Belize City, Belize

Dear Ms. Medina Bolívar,

**Ref: Government of Belize Request for participating in ONE Caribbean Technical
Cooperations**

Please receive our warm greetings, we are writing to formally request to be a beneficiary of the following three (3) technical cooperations (TCs) (non-reimbursable funding) to be resourced under the Inter-American Development Bank's (IDB) ONE Caribbean Framework.

1. **RG-T4452** - Strengthening Cybersecurity Policy and Incident Response in the Caribbean
2. **RG-T4623** - Resiliency of power infrastructure and response preparedness for energy service restoration.
3. **RG-T4645** - Support for virtual community: data sharing and pool procurement among water utilities in the Caribbean

- **(RG-T4452)** will design and implement a regional cybersecurity early warning and response mechanism. We are excited to participate in the specific diagnostic activities and regional policy dialogues to address cybersecurity issues in the region.
- **RG-T4623** aims to (i) to ensure that resiliency is considered in the design of all new power infrastructure, (ii) to strengthen the regional emergency response strategies and actions enabling electric utilities to restore service in the aftermath of natural disaster, and (iii) to promote the development and adoption of harmonized energy standards. infrastructure and response preparedness for energy service restoration.
- **RG-T4645** will advance activities for Caribbean water utilities to participate in the pooled procurement process. We note that the specific beneficiary will be the Belize Water Services Limited (BWSL), who will be trained and encouraged to use the H2BID platform to facilitate synergies with the Caribbean Water Utilities Insurance Company (CWUIC) response program in expediting mutual aid to in post disaster activities.

Given the nature and scope of these technical cooperations, we request that the IDB be the executing agency.

We thank you in advance for your attention to this request and highly appreciate the firm commitment the Bank has shown in supporting Belize's efforts in terms of regional integration.

Yours sincerely,

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