

## **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST** **CONSULTING SERVICES**

**Selection #:** RG-T3576 - P005

**Selection Method:** Simplified Competitive Selection

**Country:** Barbados

**Sector:** Competitiveness, Technology and Innovation Division

**Funding – TC #: ATN/CO-17918-RG**

**Project #:** RG-T3576

**TC name:** Knowledge Management and Dissemination – Compete Caribbean Partnership Facility (CCPF)

**Description of Services:** Conducting the Final Evaluation of the Compete Caribbean Partnership Facility

*Link to TC document:* <https://www.iadb.org/en/project/RG-T3576>

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) is the executing agency for the Compete Caribbean Partnership Facility (CCPF)<sup>1</sup>. CCPF is a private sector development facility with an estimated value of US\$27.6 million. This includes a contribution from the United Kingdom's Foreign and Commonwealth Development Office (FCDO) of £10 million, the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) of US\$2 million and Global Affairs Canada (GAC) of CAD\$16 million. In addition, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) has contributed in excess of US\$5 million.

The objectives of CCPF are to (i) to support firms to grow, innovate and enter new sectors and markets; and (ii) to promote an environment that enables innovation and growth. The program is structured into two pillars. Pillar I: Productivity and Innovation in Firms; and Pillar II: Business and Innovation Climate.

Projects financed by Pillar 1 fall under one of the following three instruments:

1. Direct Support to Clusters and Value Chains
2. Stimulating entrepreneurship and innovation in the private sector
3. Support for productivity through technology adoption

Projects financed by Pillar 2 fall under one of the following three instruments:

1. Supporting institutions in charge of public-private dialogue and private sector development for evidence-based policymaking
2. Supporting the drafting and implementation of policies or regulations that can significantly improve the business climate, particularly the Doing Business indicators
3. Data and knowledge generation for policy or regulatory reforms related to private sector development

The Facility finances projects in the following 13 Caribbean countries: Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago. It is executed by the IDB from a Facility Coordination Unit

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.competecaribbean.org>

(FCU) based in the IDB's Country Office in Barbados. A Program Advisory Group (PAG) composed by representatives of all four donor partners provides strategic directions and priorities.

For this operation, the IDB intends to contract consulting services described in this Request for Expressions of Interest.

Expressions of interest must be delivered using the IDB Portal for Bank Executed Operations ( <http://beo-procurement.iadb.org/home> ) by: **August 11<sup>th</sup> 2023**, 5:00 P.M. (Washington D.C. Time).

To access the IDB Portal, the firms must generate a registration account, including **all** the data requested by the Portal. In the event that any of the information requested is not included, the firm will not be able to participate in this or any other Bank-executed selection process for operational work. If the firm has been previously registered, please validate that you have **all** the firm's information updated and complete before submitting an expression of interest.

The consulting services ("the Services") entail the provision of an independent Final Evaluation of the CCPF that can guide the CCPF's donors and management in assessing: a) the relevance of interventions for key stakeholders; b) how well intended outcomes and outputs were met; c) efficiency of implementation, including cost effectiveness where possible; d) impact of the interventions in line with the CCPF results matrix; d) likelihood of sustaining activities beyond the programme's end; e) effectiveness of the administrative arrangements for the implementation of projects funded under the facility; f) unanticipated results ( if any;) and g) client satisfaction. The final evaluation aims to assess the efficacy of an intervention and the extent to which objectives of said intervention were met. It provides an opportunity to assess the execution of a program and generate lessons learned that could potentially improve upon program design and implementation in the future. Additionally, it provides an opportunity to ascertain the adaptability and sustained relevance of interventions such as the CCPF, operating in a dynamic environment.

The final evaluation also provides an opportunity to assess the monitoring and evaluation (M&E) protocols developed for the program, how they have been implemented to date, challenges (if any) in following these protocols and how they could have been improved.

It is expected that the results of the evaluation will be used by the program donors to update the results of their respective results frameworks as they report to their HQs on the final results of the program, as well as to inform their regional strategies for the Caribbean. This final evaluation will also be used to guide counterpart and partnering implementation agencies, especially in the execution of complementary activities.

Eligible consulting firms will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: [Policy for the Selection and Contracting of Consulting firms for Bank-executed Operational Work](#) - GN-2765-4. All eligible consulting firms, as defined in the Policy may express an interest. If the Consulting Firm is presented in a Consortium, it will designate one of them as a representative, and the latter will be responsible for the communications, the registration in the portal and for submitting the corresponding documents.

The IDB now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the services described above in the [draft summary](#) of the intended Terms of Reference for the assignment. Interested consulting firms must provide information establishing that they are qualified to perform the Services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Eligible consulting firms may associate in a form of a Joint Venture or a sub-consultancy

agreement to enhance their qualifications. Such association or Joint Venture shall appoint one of the firms as the representative. The EOI must not be longer than 30 pages.

Interested eligible consulting firms may obtain further information during office hours, 09:00 AM to 05:00 PM, (Washington D.C. Time) by sending an email to: Sylvia Dohnert de Lascurain ([sylviad@iadb.org](mailto:sylviad@iadb.org)), with a copy to Greg Broomes ([gregb@iadb.org](mailto:gregb@iadb.org))

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