



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Consultants to Conduct Clearing of Backlogs of Annual Statutory Financial Statements in Municipal Corporations

COUNTRY : JAMAICA
PROJECT NAME : STRATEGIC PUBLIC SECTOR TRANSFORMATION PROJECT
IBRD LOAN NO. : 8406JM
COMPONENT : ADAPTIVE PUBLIC SECTOR APPROACHES TO PROMOTE FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY
SELECTION METHOD : INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION

The Government of Jamaica (GOJ) has received loan financing from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) towards the cost of the Strategic Public Sector Transformation Project (SPSTP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the consulting services. The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to strengthen public resource management and support selected public sector institutions in facilitating a more enabling environment for private sector growth.

The government therefore intends to allocate part of the funding under the IBRD loan for the purpose of clearing the backlog of accounts in order to facilitate the implementation of accrual accounting in the local authorities and to satisfy the requirements of the Local Government (Financing and Financial Management) Act, 2016.

The Ministry of Finance and the Public Service now invites eligible individuals to indicate their interest in providing the consultancy service. Interested individuals should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the service. The short listing criteria are:

- First degree in Accounting or other related discipline; **OR** minimum of an ACCA level II from a recognised tertiary institution;
- At least 5-7 years of prior work experience in dealing with the preparation of final accounts;

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016, Revised November 2017 and August 2018 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultants Selection Method set out in the Procurement Regulations. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours Mondays to Thursdays, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Fridays 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Expressions of interest (including Curriculum Vitae) must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **Tuesday, September 29, 2020**. The detailed Terms of Reference for the Consultancy Service is available on the website of the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service at www.mof.gov.jm (documents > document centre > spstp > terms of reference).

Consultants will be required to possess a valid Tax Compliance Letter (TCL) prior to contract award. Interested consultants may submit Expressions of Interest/ CV to:

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