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BARBADOS
WATER AND SANITATION SYSTEMS UPGRADE
Water Supply
GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE
Loan Contract No. 2255/OC-BA; Project No. BA-L1015

The Government of Barbados has received financing in the amount equivalent to US\$ 50,000,000 from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, related services and consulting services to be procured under the project Water and Sanitation Upgrade. Bidding will be governed by the IDB's eligibility rules and procedures.

The main objective of the project is to improve water resources management in Barbados and sustainable water and wastewater service provision by the Barbados Water Authority (BWA). Specifically, the project will support the Government of Barbados' efforts to modernize the institutional setting of the water and sanitation sector and improve the efficiency of the operations of the BWA.

The project encompasses the following three main components:

*Reorganization and Modernization of the BWA: Strengthening needs of the BWA and will include: (i) the preparation of a long-term business plan including a human resources strategy (institutional review), implementation of approved organizational/corporate structure changes, an operational strategy (standard operational procedures), change management/re-branding, benchmark performance standards, 24-hour service provision, implementation of long-term customer service plan and a review of the role of the BWA as regulator of water abstraction - in order to prepare the BWA for regulation by the Fair Trading Commission; (ii) integration of IT systems, (iii) installation of the Customer Information System and subsequent training, and (iv) preparation of a public awareness campaign / stakeholder management.

*Rehabilitation of Potable Water Supply: Unaccounted for Water reduction through a meter installation and replacement project, establishment of island-wide Water Management Districts; and preparation of a multi-phased mains replacement project and implementation of the first phase; (ii) upgrade of potable water facilities; (iii) installation of Management Information Systems and training, network management systems such as the Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA), and Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and Hydraulic Network Model and training; and (iv) equipment upgrades and energy efficient alternatives, including renewable energy.

*Wastewater Treatment Action Plan and Upgrades: Development of a wastewater reuse master plan; (ii) Environmental Impact Assessment of wastewater reuse for aquifer recharge; (iii) study of the viability of wastewater reuse in the context of tariff setting and subsidies; (iv) the South Coast Sewerage System improvement project, including design of emergency bypass, replacement of odor control system and installation of full SCADA; as well as (v) purchase of equipment.

Procurement processes of contracts financed by the IDB will be conducted in accordance with the <I>Policies for Procurement of Goods and Works financed by the Inter-American Development Bank</I> (GN-2349-7) of July 2006 and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the policies. Consulting services will be selected and contracted in accordance with the <I>Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank</I> (GN-2350-7) of July 2007.

Specific procurement notices for contracts to be bid under the IDB's international competitive bidding procedures will be published as they become available. For specific procurement notices for consulting services expected to cost an amount equivalent to US\$ 200,000 or more; and for works costing more than US\$ 3,000,000 a request for expressions of interest contracts will be advertised in <I>UN Development Business</I> Online and the IDB Website as well as the Barbados Nation Newspaper and the Barbados Advocate Newspaper.

Interested eligible bidders and consultants who wish to receive a copy of advertisement requesting expressions of interest for consultants contracts, or those requiring additional information, should contact the following address:

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