



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (FIRMS)

JAMAICA: FOUNDATIONS FOR COMPETITIVENESS AND GROWTH PROJECT

Loan No.:8408-JM

Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): FCG/CON/043

DEVELOPMENT OF A NATIONAL INVESTMENT POLICY FOR JAMAICA

The Government of Jamaica has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Foundations for Competitiveness and Growth Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The overall objective of the project is to promote broad-based private sector-led growth, improve the investment climate, strengthen infrastructure and logistics, and enhance entrepreneurship and competitive industries.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include to establish a comprehensive policy framework that will guide the development, administration and monitoring of the investment community; so as to ensure cohesion among all related initiatives, programmes, incentive regimes and stakeholder contribution.

Results to be achieved by the Consultant are as follows:

1. A review of Jamaica’s current investment environment, including but not limited to assessing relevant policies, legislative framework, regional and international frameworks, existing investment-related strategies, the role of agencies impacting investment in Jamaica
2. Recommendations to address each target sector of focus for Jamaica
3. A Policy Framework and Green Paper
4. An Action Plan for the implementation of the Policy
5. An investment monitoring mechanism

The duration of the assignment is 9 months.

The detailed Terms of Reference can be accessed at the following websites:

<http://pioj.gov.jm/VacanciesTenders/TenderNotices/tabid/116/Default.aspx>

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<http://www.jamaicatradeandinvest.org/about/tender-invitations>

The Planning Institute of Jamaica now invites **eligible firms** (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The short-listing criteria are:

- i. Experience working with governments in the development of policy frameworks including through public-private dialogue [15 points]
- ii. At least 7 years' experience with investment laws, investment regimes, investment promotion and investment policy frameworks [45 points]
- iii. Experience working with private sector development (e.g. addressing market and government failures, business environment, investment climate, access to finance, or other) [20 points]
- iv. Experience with the investment frameworks of developing economies, particularly within Small Island Developing States (SIDS) [20 points]

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers dated January 2011, revised July 2014 ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultant's Qualification Selection method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by **April 24, 2017**. The procurement reference number should be clearly identified on the outer packaging or in the subject heading as appropriate.

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