

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION

SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES
REGIONAL DISASTER VULNERABILITY REDUCTION PROJECT
IDA Credits Nos. 4986-VC & 5450-VC, SCF-PPCR Loan No. TF011132, SCF-PPCR Grants Nos.
TF010206 & TF016733, EDF Grant No. TF0A3698

Assignment Title: Project Audits
Reference No.: SVGRDVRP-C-LCS-8

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Regional Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include the performance of a **special purpose framework financial audit**, as defined by the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), the objective of which is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Project’s financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, thereby enabling the auditor to express an opinion on whether the financial statements are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with an applicable financial reporting framework and to report on the financial statements, and communicate as required by the ISAs¹, in accordance with the auditor’s findings. The implementation period of the audit is anticipated to be March 2018 to June 2021.

The Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning, Sustainable Development and Information Technology now invites eligible consulting 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 shortlisting criteria are (i) the Consultant must have experience in auditing World Bank or other donor-financed projects in the past five years; and (ii) the Consultant must have at least five (5) years’ experience performing audits according to ISA issued by the IFAC².

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, January 2011* (“Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest. In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment: paragraph 1.9 of Consultant Guidelines.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a subconsultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Least Cost Selection (LCS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

¹ International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 200

² International Federation of Accountants

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours i.e. 0900 to 1530 hours.

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 January 12, 2018 to the address below.

**Address for Inspecting and Requesting Bidding
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The Terms of Reference for this consultancy may be viewed at:

<http://www.gov.vc/index.php/44-web-classified/130-invitation-to-bid>