

THE GOVERNMENT OF ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

**TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING DEVELOPMENT
PROJECT CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO ENHANCE ACCESS TO TRAINING FOR
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The **Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines (GOSVG)** has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to **US\$12.317 million** towards the cost of Technical and Vocational Educational Training (TVET) Development Project and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under a contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of the GOSVG and upon approval by the CDB; it will be subjected in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawal from the financing account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to knowledge of the CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than the GOSVG shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The Ministry of Education, National Reconciliation and Ecclesiastical Affairs, the Executing Agency, now wishes to procure consultancy services **to Enhance Access to Training for Persons With Disabilities - Technical and Vocational Educational Training Development Project.**

The objective of the consultancy is to assist the Ministry of Education (MOE) in improving access to TVET by PWDs at the TI's for a more inclusive TVET system designed to support the workforce development needs of all learners. The duration of this consultancy is expected to be for fifty (50) days which spans over a seven (7) month period.

The Ministry of Education, National Reconciliation and Ecclesiastical Affairs, the Executing Agency, now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing consultancy services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

Eligible consultants should be able to participate if:

- (a) the persons are citizens or *bona fide* resident or residents of an eligible country; and
- (b) in all cases, the consultant has no arrangement and undertakes not to make any arrangements, whereby any substantial part of the net profits or other tangible benefits of the contract will accrue or be paid to a person not a citizen or *bona fide* resident of an eligible country.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB.

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to technical competence, qualifications and experience on similar assignments. All information must be submitted in English. Further information may be obtained from the first address below between **0830 and 1600** hours /8:30 am to 4:00 pm hours Monday to Friday.

Four (4) hard copies of the Expressions of Interest must be received at the first address below no later than **1400 hours on December 7, 2017** and **one (1)** hard copy must be sent simultaneously to CDB at the second address below. The sealed envelope containing each submission should include the name and address of the applicant and shall be clearly marked **“Expression of Interest – Consultancy Services to Enhance Access to Training for Persons With Disabilities - Technical and Vocational Educational Training Development Project”**

Following the assessment of submissions, the most technically capable and appropriately experienced applicant will be invited to negotiate a contract to provide the consultancy services. *GOSVG* reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not selecting any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest.

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