

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Unleashing the Blue Economy of the Caribbean (UBEC)

CREDIT no. 7089-VC

Finance Officer

SVGUBEC-C-IC-3

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the **SVG Unleashing the Blue Economy of the Caribbean (UBEC)**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services for the position of Finance Officer.

The Government of SVG (GoSVG) is establishing a Project Implementation Unit (PIU) at the Ministry of Tourism, Civil Aviation, Sustainable Development and Culture (MoT) responsible for implementing the UBEC project national-level activities and coordinating with relevant ministries.

The PIU will be a fully integrated part of the MoT structure, relying on UBEC resources to deliver UBEC Project activities, including project planning, financial management, procurement, monitoring and evaluation, environmental and social safeguards, and reporting in accordance with both Government and World Bank requirements. The Government of SVG is seeking consultancy services for the position of PIU Finance Officer to be part of the PIU.

The consulting services (“the Services”) will include ensuring effective and efficient procurement under the UBEC in strict compliance with the Financing Agreement and other documents regulating procurement under the UBEC. This position will work in close collaboration with Ministry staff, and under the general control and direction of the Project Manager. This is a fulltime consultancy with an overall duration of five (5) fiscal years. The initial contract duration would be two (2) years, then renewable based on performance.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: <https://www.gov.vc/index.php/request-for-expressions-of-interest> or can be obtained at the address given below.

The **Economic Planning Division, within the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Information Technology**, now invites eligible Individual Consultants (“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:

Essential and desirable criteria

Finance Specialist

- Extensive skills and at least five (5) years' experience as a project finance specialist, or in financial and budget management, or in a similar role.
- Ability to prepare detailed financial reports.
- Extensive experience with accounting and financial management software packages.

General

- Strong integrity, ethics, personal organizational skills, and ability to manage own workload.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills with the ability to make presentations to a broad range of audiences.
- Good writing skills with the ability to prepare accurate reports; fluency (oral and written) in English is essential.

Qualifications

- University degree in accounting, finance, or similar qualification.

Desirable

- Experience with donor-funded projects, especially projects involving international financial institutions such as the World Bank.
- Oral and written English language skills.
- Relevant post graduate accounting or professional qualifications (e.g. CPA).

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, August 2018 and November 2020*] ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Individual Consultant Selection** method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours **0900 to 1300 hours**.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **January 6, 2023**.

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