Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Strengthening Health System Resilience Project

GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

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The Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (GoSVG) has applied for financing in the amount of US\$51 million equivalent from the World Bank toward the cost of the Strengthening Health System Resilience Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services to be procured under this project. This project will be jointly financed by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries Fund for International Development.

The project will include the following components:

Component 1. Development and launch of a new acute care hospital

The component will finance the construction of a new Arnos Vale Acute Care Hospital (AVACH) and equipment, Health Care Waste Management (HCWM), and transfer of services from the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital to AVACH.

Component 2. Strengthening Health System Resilience

This component will support adoption by the GoSVG of select policies, strategies, tools and related capacity building to strengthen the health system resilience to ensure sustainable and efficient operation of the new hospital responsive to patient needs.

Component 3. Project Management, Coordination and Evaluation

This component will finance the support to the Project Coordination Team (PCT) with the project implementation and management, including procurement, financial management, monitoring and evaluation, reporting, safeguards and technical oversight, and policy coordination.

Component 4. Contingency Emergency Response

This component aims to provide support upon occurrence of an eligible emergency.

Goods, works, and consulting services to be procured through open international competitive procurement are expected to include:

- (a) Works:
 - (i) AVACH construction
- (b) Goods:
 - (i) procurement of medical diagnostic imaging equipment
 - (ii) medical equipment, instruments and supplies
 - (iii) laboratory equipment and supplies

- (iv) beds, stretchers, trolleys and furniture
- (v) supply and installation of Hospital Management Information System
- (vi) facility-specific HCWM equipment
- (vii) ambulances
- (c) Consulting Services:
 - (i) Construction Management Consultant to provide support with procurement and supervision of the AVACH construction; procurement and management of contract for supply and installation of medical, HCWM and other equipment and goods, development of a Maintenance Strategy and Plan for medical equipment and its transfer from the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital to AVACH
 - (ii) Health Sector Consultant to advise the GoSVG on strategic choices, policy formulation and approaches to improve the governance and management of the health sector and technical support to the PCT with implementation of the project activities under Component 2
 - (iii) finalisation and implementation of Hospital Strategic Plan and development and implementation of a Hospital Transition Plan
 - (iv) strengthening the legislative and regulatory framework and capacity
 - (v) strengthening sector policy and governance
 - (vi) strengthening quality of care improvement and referral system
 - (vii) development of Contingency Plans
 - (viii) development of Infection Prevention and Control Action Plan

Procurement of contracts financed by the World Bank will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (November 2020) (Procurement Regulations), and is open to all eligible firms and individuals as defined in the Procurement Regulations. After project negotiations, the World Bank shall arrange the publication on its external website of the agreed initial procurement plan and all subsequent updates once it has provided a no objection.

Specific procurement notices for contracts subject to open international competitive procurement will be announced, as they become available, in <u>UN Development Business</u> online, on the World Bank's external website, local newspapers: Searchlight, The Vincentian and The News and the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines' website (<u>www.gov.vc</u>).

Initial Selection of contractors and suppliers will be required for the AVACH construction and the procurement of medical diagnostic imaging equipment.

Interested eligible firms and individuals who would wish to be considered for the provision of goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services for the abovementioned project, or those requiring additional information, should contact the Borrower at the address below: Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Information Technology Mr. Recardo Frederick Director of Economic Planning 1st Floor, Administrative Centre, Bay Street Kingstown St. Vincent and the Grenadines Tel: 784-457-1746 & 784-457-2182

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