

**SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES REGIONAL DISASTER VULNERABILITY  
REDUCTION PROJECT**

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TF010207

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST  
Consultant to Develop a National Search and Rescue Plan for Saint Vincent and the  
Grenadines**

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) has received financing from the World Bank and the Climate Investment Fund toward the cost of the Regional Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Project (RDVRP). SVG now intends to apply part of the proceeds of the RDVRP towards the *Development of a National Search and Rescue Plan for Saint Vincent and the Grenadines*.

As part of the assignment, the consultant shall be required to: (i) review the existing legal and operational frameworks for Search and Rescue operations (SAR) in SVG; (ii) identify gaps; (iii) develop a national SAR plan with an organisational structure that will provide the best operational efficiencies within current to medium term resource constraints; and (iv) develop standard operating procedures for land, sea and air SAR in SVG. The expected duration of the assignment is eight (8) months.

The Central Planning Division now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar successfully completed assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). The following information **must** be provided: (i) country of registration; (ii) type of association – whether joint venture or if sub-consultants will be employed; (iii) details on company organization and staffing including availability of appropriate skills among key staff and other resources; (iv) information (description, cost, duration, extent of consultant’s input) on similar projects completed within the last five years.

Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications. The associations should clearly indicate the form of the association (joint-venture or sub-consultancy; member in charge; other member/s and or sub-consultants). Joint ventures should submit letters of intent indicating their intent to form a joint venture if awarded the contract and must provide the above mentioned information for each member of the joint venture.

Firms should have experience in similar assignments with at least two successfully completed assignments during the past five (5) years. Specifically, the consultant must have designed SAR plans for similar climatic and geographical conditions that have become operational.

A consultant will be selected using the Least Cost Selection (LCS) method in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank’s Guidelines – Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, (the “Consultant Guidelines”), January 2011. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the Consultant Guidelines, setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

This notice may also be viewed on [www.gov.vc](http://www.gov.vc) under the *Web Classified – Request for Expressions of Interest* link and under the procurement section of the RDVRP page. Interested consultants may obtain further information including the detailed terms of reference at the address below during office hours (i.e. 8:00am to 4:00pm EST). Expressions of interest must be delivered in written form to the address below (in person, or by mail or e-mail) no later than **4:00pm EST, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014**.

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