



## GOVERNMENT OF SAINT LUCIA

### CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A NORTH TO SOUTH LINK ROAD – ST. LUCIA

#### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Government of Saint Lucia (GOSL) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) to conduct a Feasibility Study of a North to South Link Road 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 GOSL and upon approval by CDB, and will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawals 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 the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United States Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than GOSL shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The Ministry of Infrastructure, Port Services and Transport (MOI), the Executing Agency, now wishes to procure consultancy services to conduct a Feasibility Study of a North to South Link Road. The objective of the consultancy is to assist the GOSL in determining the technical and economic viability of constructing new road to improve access between the north and south of the island. The duration of the assignment is expected to be for a period of nine (9) months.

MOI now invites interested and eligible consulting firms to submit Expressions of Interest for the provision of these consulting services.

Consultants shall be eligible to participate if:

- a) In the case of a body corporate, it is legally incorporated or otherwise organized in an eligible country, has its principal place of business in an eligible country and is more than 50 per cent beneficially owned by citizen(s) and/or *bona fide* resident(s) of eligible country(ies) or by a body(ies) corporate meeting these requirements;
- b) In the case of unincorporated firms, the persons are citizens or *bona fide* resident or residents of an eligible country; and
- c) In all cases, the Consultants 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, local and regional experience on similar assignments, financial capability and existing commitments. All information must be submitted in English. Further information may be obtained from the first address below between 08:00 and 16:30 hours Monday to Friday.

The original and two (2) hard copies of the Expression of Interest must be received at the second address below, no later than 12: 00 hours, **June 3rd, 2013** and one hard copy must be sent simultaneously to CDB at the third 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 for Feasibility Study of a North to South Link Road**”

Following the assessment of submissions, a shortlist of not less than three and not more than six applicants will be provided with full terms of reference, and will be invited to submit technical and financial proposals to undertake the assignment. GOSL reserves the right to accept or reject late applicants or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not short-listing 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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