

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

SAINT LUCIA OECS DATA FOR DECISION MAKING PROJECT IDA-71120

ASSIGNMENT TITLE: ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SPECIALIST

Reference No.: SLU-DATA-CS-ICS-PAME-01-22

The OECS Data for Decision Making (DDM) Project is a regional project that seeks to improve the capacity of participating Eastern Caribbean countries to produce and publicly disseminate statistical data for country and regional level analytics. The project seeks to achieve its objective by strengthening both national and regional level capacities and fostering regional coordination. At the national level, Component 1 and Component 2 of the project will strengthen national statistical systems through (i) statistical modernization and capacity building, and (ii) data production, analysis, and dissemination, with a focus on the population and housing census, living conditions surveys, labor market surveys, and agricultural census.

In Saint Lucia, the Department of Economic Development and Youth Economy (DED), within the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Youth (MoFED) will be the lead agency for the implementation of the Project. A Project Implementation Unit (PIU) for the Saint Lucia portion of the Project will be established in the DED in the MoFED under the Central Statistical Office (CSO), which is a Division within the DED in the MoFED. The PIU will be performing the day-to-day implementation of the Project, including Finance, procurement, Environmental and Social Safeguards, Citizen Engagement, and Monitoring and Evaluation. It is in this regard that the Project is hiring a **part-time** Environmental and Social (E&S) Specialist to ensure compliance with Environmental and Social Safeguards. During the duration of the Project, the E&S specialist will:

1. Provide expert advice to the Project Coordinator and other PIU staff with regard to strategies and approaches to effectively and efficiently comply with relevant World Bank Environmental and Social Standards and national requirements and assist in the development of required documentation related to environmental and social aspects of project operations.
2. Seek and develop opportunities to improve and integrate sound environmental and social management and policies in the operation of the implementing agencies, including improving environmental and social benefits and providing value-added service, and the capacities of relevant local clients and other stakeholders.

3. Coordinate and share information with World Bank staff and consultants; and provide reporting on project activities and environmental/social concerns as they arise, to serve as documentation of compliance and to support periodic reporting to the implementing agencies.
4. Assist in environmental management and pollution control to minimize environmental impacts such as related to waste; occupational and community health and safety; e-waste etc
5. Promote and implement social inclusion approach to include the participation of the most vulnerable including the poor, single female head of household, women, youth at risks, disabled, LGBT, among others. Ensure the implementation of Citizen Engagement approach in stakeholder engagement processes, as well as gender approach -gender equity, and non- discrimination.
6. Conduct consultations with the relevant project beneficiaries on a regular basis to ensure that issues are addressed in a timely manner and that project beneficiaries are kept abreast of developments.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following <https://stats.gov.lc/about-us/tor-environmental-social-specialist/>

The Department of Economic Development now invites eligible individual consultants (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Individual Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services; (Curriculum Vitae with supporting certified copies of qualifications, description of similar assignments, etc).

Interested Consultants should have the following requisite minimum qualifications and professional experiences listed below for undertaking the assignment.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR SELECTION OF AN INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT ARE:

Mandatory

- Bachelor’s degree in Social Science, Sociology, Cultural Anthropology, International Development or related field;
- At least 3 years’ experience of working with E&S aspects of World Bank and/or other donor organization financed projects;
- Knowledge of Social Safeguards policies/ Environmental and Social Standards (ESS) and social development requirements, and/or similar policies with other organizations;

- Knowledge of related laws and policies of Saint Lucia or countries of the Eastern Caribbean region;
- Experience working in Grenada/ Saint Lucia/ Saint Vincent and Grenadine, or in Eastern Caribbean countries;
- High proficiency in spoken and written English;
- High proficiency in MS Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, MS Project etc,) and excellent web navigation skills.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 3.16 of the World Bank's *Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (Procurement Regulations) fourth edition, November 2020*, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultants (IC) method set out in the *World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (Procurement Regulations) fourth edition, November 2020*

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (0800 to 1600 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 **Thursday November 24, 2023**.

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