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REVISED REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

SAINT LUCIA
OECS SKILLS AND INNOVATION PROJECT
Credit No. IDA-74830
Project ID No. P179210

Assignment Title: Consultancy for Assessment of Post-Secondary Institutions – Physical Infrastructure
Reference No. OECSSK/010/2025-CS/CQS/01

The World Bank's Board has approved US$36 million to Grenada, Saint Lucia and the OECS Commission from the International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank Group to finance the OECS Skills and Innovation Project (SKIP) Each participating country will receive funding in the amount of US$15 million credit while the OECS Commission will receive an IDA grant in the amount of US$6 million.

The OECS Skills and Innovation Project will provide for investments in post-secondary education to promote transversal and advanced technical skills among youth while strengthening regional cooperation in post-secondary education. Over the next six years, the project will benefit 40,000 youth (18 to 34 years of age) who are currently enrolled or will enroll in post-secondary institutions in the OECS region, and who will benefit from regional interventions to foster collaboration in the post-secondary education space. In addition, youth will benefit from the project's provision of new tools to assess priority skills and support teachers, as well as 120 entrepreneurs and firms that would participate in collaborative innovation projects. The project will also foster collaborative innovation within Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Member states.

The primary objective of this consultancy is to conduct an infrastructural assessment of select buildings of the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College and National Skills Development Centre. This is inclusive of curricular and co-curricular laboratories and/or workshops as well as equipment required to support quality and innovative programme delivery.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following websites: www.govt.lc/consultancies or www.finance.gov.lc or https://in-tendhost.co.uk/goslprocurement or can be obtained at the address given below.

The Department of Education, Innovation and Vocational Training, the Project Executing Agency, now invites interested and eligible Consulting Firms to provide an Expression of Interest demonstrating the following qualifications and experience required to perform the Services: Interested Firms should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services; (description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, clients' references etc.).

1. Minimum of seven (7) years' experience in design and construction of buildings, civil engineering facilities management, infrastructure planning, mechanical engineering, architecture, or a related field ideally within the education sector (higher education).

2. Proven record of at least two (2) completed assignments, ideally within the education sector (higher education), that demonstrate the quality of works; duration of the project; scope of works; ability to conduct infrastructural assessments in accordance with Government of Saint Lucia (GOSL) building codes, OECS Building Code 2016 (7th Edition), or other acceptable international standards or codes of practice.

The firm shall have a team leader and at least the following members with the qualifications: Information relating to the key expertise can be found in the Terms of Reference (TOR).

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

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 September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

The Consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the Consultant's Qualification Selection (CQS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office 9:00 a.m-4:30 p.m. (*0900 to 1630 hours)*.

Expressions of Interest must be submitted electronically only via the Government of Saint Lucia Electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) System – https://in-tendhost.co.uk/goslprocurement no later than 9:30 a.m. local time on February 17, 2025.

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