



VACANCY NOTICE – BASELINE SURVEY CONSULTANT

The Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI), an autonomous institute funded by member countries of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) invites applications for the position of Baseline Survey Consultant. The candidate will be responsible for a regional survey of CARIFORUM countries on the agricultural industry as part of the EU ACP funded Agricultural Policy Programme (APP).

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the baseline surveys is data collection and analysis to develop a ‘snapshot’ of the level of utilization of traditional, innovative and new technologies by agricultural producers and processors with an emphasis on youth and women, including the use of improved genetic material for greater productivity and ‘climate smart’ production.

JOB SUMMARY

The APP’s objective is the improvement of the regional food and nutrition security. It aims to achieve this by contributing to reduction of poverty and the sustainable economic growth of small producers/entrepreneurs of CARIFORUM member states. One of the approaches to achieving this goal is by improving the transfer and adoption of applied agricultural production, processing research results and technologies and where appropriate, generating new technologies for target commodities. The Baseline Survey Consultant would be required to execute surveys throughout the 15 CARIFORUM states to gather baseline data on the present state of agricultural development.

SCOPE OF SERVICE

- 1) Liaise with the Technical Coordinator for APP-Component 2 to determine number and choice of enumerators for each of the 15 CARIFORUM countries
- 2) Train enumerators on techniques for completion of the survey instrument
- 3) Supervise the activities of the enumerators to ensure all data collected are true and accurate
- 4) Complete approximately 1,500 survey forms divided among the 15 CARIFORUM states as agreed with the Technical Coordinator for APP-Component 2
- 5) Arrange for transport for all enumerators
- 6) Arrange for all printing and documentation pertaining to the surveys.
- 7) Collation of results
- 8) Analysis of results.
- 9) Submission of report to Technical Coordinator for APP-Component 2 in a timeframe agreed to with the Technical Coordinator for APP Component 2.

REPORTING AND DELIVERABLES

The successful candidate would produce a Survey Report with analysis of results in a time and manner agreed upon with the Technical Coordinator for APP Component 2.

KNOWLEDGE SKILLS AND ABILITIES

The successful candidate must possess extensive knowledge in the conduct of agricultural surveys. The candidate must have extensive knowledge on the structure of the agricultural industry in the various countries of the Caribbean Region and the ability to liaise with local and regional agricultural institutions and government agencies involved with the agricultural industry. The candidate must be computer literate and possess at least basic knowledge in biometrics.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS, TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

The successful candidate will have the following qualifications:

- Graduate qualifications/expertise in Agricultural Science, Agronomy Natural Resource Management, Biometry or related field.
- 5 years' experience in conducting agricultural surveys locally and preferably, regionally.
- Extensive knowledge of and working experience with regional agricultural institutions and government agencies and ministries involved with the agricultural industry
- Computer literate
- Good interpersonal skills

Applicants should reach the Institute no later than Friday 28th November 2014 and should be addressed as follows:

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Unsuitable applications will not be acknowledged.