

## **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

### **GOVERNMENT OF BARBADOS**

Ministry of Agriculture, Food, Fisheries  
and Water Resource Management

#### **Request for Expressions of Interest from a National Individual Consultant to provide Legal Consulting Services**

Institution: Government of Barbados

Country: Barbados

Project: National Agricultural Health and Food Control Programme

Sector: Agriculture

Abstract: Services under this consultancy will include:

- a. Review, Collate, list and summarize all current and/draft legislation pertaining to agricultural health and food control, food safety, fish/seafood as it relates to food safety, plant health and animal and veterinary public health in Barbados;
- b. Identify gaps and weaknesses of Barbados' legislation with respect to food safety, animal health and veterinary public health and plant health in preparation for first mission of the International legal consultant;
- c. Assist the International legal expert in drafting legislation and ensure that it is in line with the drafting style and format of legislation in Barbados;
- d. Facilitate and participate in meetings with international experts and all relevant stakeholders; and
- e. Collaborate with the relevant stakeholders and Office of Chief Parliamentary Counsel to ensure that draft

legislation prepared aligns and integrates with Barbados' legal drafting and legislative framework.

1. The Government of Barbados (GoB) in advancement of modernizing its National Agricultural Health and Food Control System (NAHFCS) has received support from the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO) and the 10<sup>th</sup> EDF Sanitary and Phytosanitary Project being implemented by the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA); as well as technical assistance from the Food Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) to strengthen the legislative and institutional framework for Barbados on food safety, plant health and animal (terrestrial and aquatic) and veterinary public health. This is in an effort to improve Barbados' health status and to allow the country to meet its trade obligations with respect to sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures.
2. The GoB now intends to procure consultancy services of a national legal expert and invites eligible National Individual consultants to submit Expressions of Interest.
3. Interested Individual consultants should ensure that they possess the specific qualifications and experience as set out below:

Academic Qualifications:

- (i) Bachelor of Laws Degree (LLB); and/or
- (ii) Master of Laws Degree (LLM), preferably in Legislative Drafting, International Trade Law or related field;

General Experience and Knowledge:

- (iii) At least 5 years work experience in advising on, reviewing and/or drafting laws and regulations;
- (iv) Knowledge of, and experience in, the law making process and law drafting techniques in Barbados;
- (v) Experience with Government institutions and legislative reform processes in Barbados;

- (vi) Experience in developing agriculture and food safety -related legislation, in particular legislation that is relevant to, or affected by, international agreements for Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS) or trade would be an asset;
  - (vii) Strong interpersonal and communication skills;
  - (viii) Excellent command of written and spoken English.
4. Selection shall be based on the National Individual Consultants' Qualification (NICQ) Method.
  5. Interested Consultants may place a request for the Terms of Reference at Email Address: [admin@nahfcp.gov.bb](mailto:admin@nahfcp.gov.bb) during office hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday except on Public Holidays.
  6. APPLICANTS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE LABOUR CLAUSES (PUBLIC CONTRACTS) ACT CAP.349 SHALL IN SO FAR AS IS APPLICABLE TO THE TENDERER APPLY TO ANY CONTRACT MADE IN RESPECT OF THE TENDER. FULL DETAILS OF THE CONDITIONS OF ACT, CAP.349 MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CHIEF LABOUR OFFICER, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, EAST WING, WARRENS OFFICE COMPLEX, WARRENS, ST. MICHAEL, BARBADOS.
  7. One original and a copy of the Expression of Interest prepared in English and clearly marked: **Expression of Interest for the Provision of Legal Consulting Services** - should be placed in sealed envelopes and submitted to the address listed hereunder no later than 4:30 P.M. on Friday August 12, 2016. Electronic submissions will not be accepted.

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8. The successful applicant will be required to enter into a contract drafted by or in a form approved by the Solicitor General or another Legal Officer in the Public Service approved by the Solicitor General.
9. A surety for the due performance of the contract will be required by way of one of the following methods listed below:
  - (i) A deposit with the Treasury Department of Barbados of a sum of money or approved securities to the value of not less than 10 percent of the contract price; or
  - (ii) A Bank or an accredited Insurance Company whose liability shall not be less than 10 percent of the contract price.

The cost of obtaining such a surety shall be the responsibility of the contractor, who need not specifically make arrangements for sureties unless and until his/her tender has been accepted.

10. No submission will be considered unless it complies with the conditions set out in this Notice. The Government of Barbados will not be bound to assign any reason for not choosing any applicant and will not be responsible for any cost incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of the Expression of Interest.
11. The Government of Barbados reserves the right to accept or reject any Expression of Interest received.