



OFFICE OF UTILITIES REGULATION

Regulating Utilities for the Benefit of All

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

OUR Governance Framework – Phases II and III

CONSULTING SERVICES

The Government of Jamaica has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), toward the cost of the **Office of Utilities Regulation's Governance Framework – Phases II and III Project** and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

SCOPE OF WORK

Phase I was completed on 2016 August 04. It focused on the organizational governance framework of the Office, as well as decision-making protocols between the Office and the OUR's executive management in respect of regulatory decisions affecting energy, water and the telecommunications sectors. Deliverables included a Contextual Report and a Governance Manual for the OUR, which was formally adopted on an interim basis by the Office on 2016 August 8.

Phase II will review the policy, legal and regulatory framework associated with the energy/ electricity sector, the water/wastewater sector and the ICT sectors in Jamaica, with a view to recommending such changes as may be necessary to bring the framework in line with best practices.

Phase III will assess and recommend an appropriate "scope of functions" for the OUR's activities, based on the Government's policy, legal and regulatory framework for the sectors regulated by the OUR. It will review OUR's activities as they relate in particular to energy, water and telecommunications, taking into consideration existing and planned government policy and legislation, including recommendations based on Phase II activities. Phase III will also examine the OUR's current institutional capacity and make recommendations based upon identified gaps in institutional structure, human and material resources and support systems. This stage would also involve revisiting Phase I deliverables in light of Phase III recommendations and making any further recommendations necessary.

This consultancy is limited to Phase II and Phase III, but must take into consideration the Phase I deliverables.

ELIGIBILITY

The OUR now invites eligible Consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. The short list may comprise entirely national consultants. Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: *Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2350-9* and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the policies.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. For the purpose of establishing the short list, the nationality of a firm is that of the country in which it is legally incorporated or constituted and in the case of Joint Venture, the nationality of the firm appointed to represent it. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the *Consultants' Qualification (CQS) method set out in the Consultation Policies*.

Further information/clarification can be obtained at the address below during office hours 8:30am – 4:30pm. Expressions of Interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person or by e-mail) by **2018 October 24** at 11:00 a.m. local time.

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THE OFFICE OF UTILITIES REGULATION

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