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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES)

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Abstract: Individual Consulting Service for the post of Long Term International Consultant to support the Project Execution Unit (PEU). The objective of this consultancy is to contribute to the efficiency and efficacy of EQIP execution, by providing constant hands-on technical support on program management and implementation to the PEU and MOEYS's technical units. Loan/Credit/Grant No.: 3186/0C-BL

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The Government of Belize (GOB) has received financing from the *Inter- American Development Bank (IDB)*, and intends to apply part of the proceeds under the project Education Quality Improvement Program (EQIP), for an Individual Consultant in the capacity of Long Term International Consultant to the Project Execution Unit (PEU) within the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MoEYS).

The Consultancy will include but will not be limited to the following activities:

- > Assessing the progress made up to date in terms of program outputs.
 - > Gathering and analyzing information, and drafting semi-annual and annual reports for the MOEYS and IDB relative to program finances; and progress regarding AOP and result framework indicators, among others; in accordance with agreed procedures.
 - > Updating the Annual Operations Plan and Procurement Plan in coordination with relevant MOEYS technical units and PEU.
 - > Assisting the PEU in addressing challenges facing the program.
 - > Drafting the necessary Terms of Reference for the execution of the loan and supporting the procurement process.
 - > Monitoring and assessing the operational performance and outputs to include collection and analysis of data, and site visits to ensure quality and consistency with program objectives.
 - > Participate in supervision-related activities and reporting to the IDB and other GOB's entities
 - > Participate in meetings as required.
- > Conduct periodic missions to Belize to meet with the PEU and MOEYS officials to support the implementation and assess the progress of EQIP in reaching its goals.

The consultant shall: i) have a graduate degree in public policy, business administration or similar; ii) have at least 10 years of experience in the design and implementation of social development projects in Latin America and the Caribbean; iii) have practical knowledge of IDB procedures and project implementation requirements; and iv) be fluent in oral and written English. Knowledge of the education sector in Belize is a plus.

Consultant will be contracted for at least the first year of EQIP execution and if deemed necessary the contract will be extended in periods of 12 months to a maximum of 36 months.

The *Ministry of Education, Youths and Sports* now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the requested services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (curriculum vitae which include a description of relevant work experience, academic qualifications etc.).

Consultants will be selected using the Selection based on Comparison of Qualifications - International Individual Consultants procurement method in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Inter-American Development Bank's Policy on the Selection and Contracting of Consultants Formed by the Inter-

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.

Interested consultants may obtain further information including the complete Terms of Reference at the address below during office hours: Monday to Friday, 9:00a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Expressions of interest must be delivered via direct mail, e-mail, or in person to the address indicated below by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 26, 2015. Submissions must clearly indicate the position of interest.

Education Quality Improvement Program (EQIP)

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