

Country: TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
Project: PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM INITIATION PROGRAM
Sector: Miscellaneous
Abstract: GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE
Loan No. 1523/OC-TT

The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (GORTT) and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) have recently executed a loan contract in the amount of US\$ 5 million equivalent to finance the implementation of a program aimed at supporting the initial development and implementation of a long-term strategy to reform the public sector. This program is to be executed over the 30-month period April 2004 to October 2005. The program supports the national goal of achieving developed country status by year 2020. In order to accomplish this objective, the project aims at developing a strategic plan to adopt a progressive series of measures to improve the composition of public expenditure and optimize the size, management, structure, organization, functioning, human resources, legal framework and accountability, and service delivery mechanisms of the Public Sector.

Total cost of the program is US\$ 6.25 million, of which the sum of US\$ 1.25 million will be in the form of counterpart funds. The executing agency for the program will be the Ministry of Public Administration and Information. The resources from the loan will finance a number of international and national consultancies utilizing the IDB's procurement and hiring policies.

The program's specific objectives are to: (i) assist the GORTT to clearly identify the issues for the transformation of the Public Sector; (ii) define a suitable, socially and politically sensitive strategy for the transformation of the Public Sector; (iii) facilitate the attainment of the consensus necessary to implement such strategy; and (iv) develop some basic management instruments and capacity to help the GORTT to plan and steer the reform process better.

Specific procurement notices will be published for the acquisition of professional consulting services by the Ministry of Public Administration and Information, which would be responsible for the execution of the overall program. International public bidding is mandatory for the acquisition of goods and related services that exceed US\$ 350,000 and US\$ 200,000 in the case of consulting firms. All procurement under the set limits for goods and consulting firms will be carried out according to national legislation. The contracting of international individual consultants will be carried out according to the IDB's international competitive bidding procedures, whereas the contracting of local consultants will be carried out under the national competitive bidding process.

Further information on the equipment and services to be procured under the Public Sector Reform Initiation Program may be obtained from:

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