REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES

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Executing Agency: BARBADOS WATER AUTHORITY

Country: Barbados
Project: Barbados Climate Resilient South Coast Water Reclamation Project

Operation or Grant Number: BA-L1063
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Title of the Request for Proposals: Development And Implementation Of Aquarating Action Plan
Procurement Process Number: BA-L1063-P00007
Sector: Water And Sanitation
Summary: Development and Implementation of Aquarating action plan

Submission Deadline: 26 November 2026 at 23:30

Barbados has requested financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the Barbados Climate Resilient South Coast Water Reclamation Project and intends to apply part of the funds to contracts for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include:

The services include but not limited to:

- Applying the AquaRating methodology to assess BWA's current performance across relevant dimensions, including governance, service quality, operational efficiency, asset management, financial sustainability, environmental performance, customer service, and social/gender responsiveness;

- Identifying performance gaps, root causes and priority areas across AquaRating dimensions and indicators;

- Preparing a prioritized, realistic AquaRating Action Plan with clear measures, timelines, responsibilities, resource needs and key performance indicators;

- Providing technical assistance through capacity building to help BWA initiate implementation of selected priority measures in the Action Plan, including measures relevant to SCWRRF and O&M;

- Strengthening BWA's internal capacity to implement and use AquaRating, or equivalent tools, as a continuous improvement and performance monitoring mechanism;

- Ensuring the Action Plan integrates cross-cutting considerations, including social and gender inclusion, environmental and climate resilience, and occupational and community health and safety interfaces where relevant.

The scope of services consists of: (i) analysis of AquaRating results and performance gaps; (ii) development of the AquaRating Action Plan; (iii) implementation support and capacity building; and (iv) monitoring, reporting and handover. The Consulting Firm will be required to outline a workplan and proposed methodology for the assignment in its technical proposal. Modern and scientific techniques, empirical data (field work) and secondary data collection shall be used as appropriate, and recommendations are to be supported with sound justifications.

The BARBADOS WATER AUTHORITY invites eligible Consulting Firms to express their interest in providing the requested Services. The shortlist must include a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of eight (8) eligible firms.

The selection of consultants will be conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants Financed by the Inter-American Development Bank (applicable edition according to the loan contratct). Participation is open to firms from eligible countries, as specified in these Policies.

Consulting firms may associate with other firms in the form of a Joint Venture or may engage subconsultants to enhance their qualifications. For the purpose of establishing the shortlist, the nationality of a firm shall be determined by the country in which it is legally incorporated. In the case of a Joint Venture, the nationality of the firm appointed as the representative shall apply.

Consultants will be selected using one of the Selection Methods outlined in the Consulting Policies.

Interested consultants may obtain further information by sending an inquiry via email or visiting the address provided at the end of this notice, during 08:30 to 16:30

Expressions of Interest must be submitted in writing to the address indicated below, no later than 26 November 2026 at 23:30. Electronic submission **will** be permitted.

Interested consultants must provide information demonstrating that they possess the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

Interested consultants must possess the following experience and relevant qualifications:

- Evidence that the firm is a practitioner in the water and sanitation sector with at least ten (10) years' demonstrated international and regional experience in utility performance improvement and AquaRating implementation, utility governance, institutional strengthening and capacity building;
- Evidence of solid experience in wastewater utility operations, including O&M of treatment and reuse facilities;

- Evidence of experience in at least two (2) assignments in AquaRating implementation (assessment, verification, action planning or recertification) or comparable utility performance frameworks;
- Relevant experience in the Caribbean or Small Island Developing States (SIDS), familiarity with procedures of international financial institutions such as the IDB, GCF or World Bank, and experience integrating gender and social inclusion into institutional strengthening processes, where applicable.

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