



Technical Assistance – Implementation of Multi-Hazard Impact-based Forecasting and Early Warning System for the Belize River Watershed Project

## **EXTENSION OF DEADLINE**

### **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – FIRMS**

#### **CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A HIGH AVAILABILITY SERVER CLUSTER FOR THE NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE OF BELIZE**

The Government of Belize (GOBZ) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards the cost of the *Technical Assistance – Implementation of Multi-Hazard Impact-Based Forecast and Early Warning System for the Belize River Watershed Project* and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds to eligible payments under this contract. Payment by CDB will be made only at the request of the GOBZ and upon approval by CDB, and will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement. The Grant Agreement prohibits a withdrawal from the Grant Account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than GOBZ shall derive any rights from the Grant Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Grant.

The Ministry of Finance, Investment, **Economic Transformation**, Civil Aviation, and E-Governance is the Executing Agency of this Project and now wishes to procure consultancy services *to establish high availability server cluster for the National Meteorological Service of Belize.*

The objective of the consultancy is to deploy and ensure that relevant applications and tools will be optimally operating to meet the needs of the NMS and the country, i.e., automate software deployment, scaling, and management, providing high available services with redundancy, load balancing and little to no down time. This will allow critical services to be continuously operational and, in the event of application failure, to minimise downtime for redeploying applications.

Further details can be found in the attached draft Terms of Reference. The duration of the assignment is expected to be for a period of eight (8) months, commencing in February 2026 and will require 250 person days. The Ministry of Finance, Investment, **Economic Transformation**, Civil Aviation, and E-Governance now invites interested eligible consulting firms to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the provision of these consultancy services.

Consultants shall be eligible to participate if:

- (a) in the case of a body corporate, it is legally incorporated or otherwise organised in an eligible country, has its principal place of business in an eligible country and is more than 50 per cent beneficially owned by citizen(s) and/or bona fide resident(s) of eligible country(ies) or by a body(ies) corporate meeting these requirements;
- (b) in the case of unincorporated firms, the persons are citizens or bona fide residents of an eligible country; and
- (c) in all cases, the consultant has no arrangement and undertakes not to make any arrangements, whereby any substantial part of the net profits or other tangible benefits of the contract will accrue or be paid to a person not a citizen or bona fide resident of an eligible country.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB and non-member countries that are eligible for procurement under the European Union (EU)-funded programme, in accordance with the [EU Eligibility Rules](#). Consultants are advised to review the detailed eligibility criteria detailed in Section 4 and conflict of interest provisions in Section 5 of the [Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB \(January 2021\)](#), as published on CDB's website.

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to technical competence, qualifications and experience, local and regional experience on similar assignments, financial capability, and existing commitments. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

Interested consultant teams are required to submit their Expression of Interest using the "EOI Consulting Firms template", which can be made available upon request by contacting the Ministry of Finance, Investment, **Economic Transformation**, Civil Aviation, and E-Governance below or downloaded from the Specific Procurement Notice on CDB's website.

All information must be submitted in English. Further information may be obtained from the first address below between 9:00 and 5:00 hours, Monday to Friday.

One electronic copy must be sent simultaneously to the Ministry of Finance, Investment, **Economic Transformation**, Civil Aviation, and E-Government and the CDB at the second email address below no later than **15:00 hours on the 29<sup>th</sup> of December 2025**, local time Belize. The submission should include the name and of the applicant and shall be clearly marked "**Expression of Interest – Consultancy Services to establish high availability Kubernetes or Proxmox server cluster for the National Meteorological Service of Belize – MHIBFEWS/REOI/01/25.**"

Following the assessment of submissions, a short-list of not less than three and not more than six applicants will be provided with full terms of reference and invited to submit technical and financial proposals to undertake the assignment. The GOBZ reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not selecting any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest.

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