

GOVERNMENT OF SURINAME

**ENHANCEMENT OF TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING AT
THE LOWER SECONDARY LEVEL (ETVET) PROJECT**

**CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF DISTRICT SPECIFIC COMMUNITY
CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMMES TO ENHANCE THE SKILLS OF RESIDENTS**

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – FIRM

The Government of Suriname (GOS) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to US\$ 21.94 Mn towards the cost of the Enhancement of the Technical and Vocational Education and Training at the Lower Secondary Level in Suriname (ETVET) Project and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under a contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of GOS and upon approval by CDB and will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawal from the financing 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 GOS shall derive any rights from the Loan Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Loan.

The Executing Agency of the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture (MOESC) now wishes to procure consultancy services for the **Development of District Specific Community Continuing Education Programmes to Enhance the Skills of Residents**.

The objective of this consultancy is to develop programmes that provide appropriate literacy, numeracy, technical and vocational skills to students and out-of-school men and women residing in remote communities at the levels required by them to enhance their occupational and social functions in their communities. The duration of the assignment is expected to be **120 person days over a period of six months**.

The consultancy firm should have:

1. A minimum of five (5) years of proven experience in educational planning, curriculum development, and program implementation, particularly in community-based education and skills development.
2. Demonstrated expertise in designing community continuing education programs for out-of-school youth and adult learners with a focus on literacy, numeracy, technical, vocational, and life skills training. At least five (5) comparable projects completed within the past five years.
3. Proven ability to design and execute M&E frameworks that effectively measure the impact of educational programs. At least five (5) comparable projects completed within the past five years.
4. At least five years of work experience in the Caribbean or in countries with similar socio-economic and cultural contexts is preferred as well as the demonstrated ability to assess and address challenges unique to remote communities, with tangible examples of how these challenges were successfully navigated in past projects.
5. At least five years of experience in capacity building for local institutions, educators, and government agencies in TVET and adult education.
6. At least five years of experience in managing education or training projects with multiple stakeholders, ensuring alignment with project goals, timelines, and budgets.

7. A qualified team consisting of at least one or more education specialists, curriculum developers, and M&E experts.

The Executing Agency now invites interested eligible consultancy firms to submit Expressions of Interest indicating qualifications and experience required to provide these consultancy services.

Consultancy firms shall be eligible to participate if:

- (a) The firm is based in an eligible country; and
- (b) In all cases, the firm 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.

The attention of interested Consultancy firms is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of CDB's Guidelines for the Selection and Engagement of Consultants (2011), setting forth CDB's policy on conflict of interest.

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to qualifications and experience on similar assignments. All information must be submitted in **English**. Further information may be obtained from the **first address** below between 09:00 and 15:00 hours (GMT-3) Monday to Friday.

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

Interested consultant teams are required to submit their Expression of Interest using the "EOI Consulting Firms template" which can be downloaded from the Specific Procurement Notice on CDB's website.

Expressions of Interest must be submitted in English electronically to procurement.tvetstes.project@gmail.com in pdf format no later than 15:00 hours (GMT-3), Suriname time on Wednesday, May 21, 2025. The EOI must be sent simultaneously to CDB at the **second address** below.

A Consultancy firm will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the CDB's Guidelines and Procurement Regulations for the Selection and Engagement of Consultants (2019). Following the assessment of submissions, the most technically capable and appropriately experienced consultancy firm will be requested to submit a combined technical and financial proposal. GOS 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 engaging the services of 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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