



JAMAICA SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND

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“Investing for Community Development”



Basic Needs Trust Fund Tenth Cycle (BNTF 10)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

CAPACITY BUILDING FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION COMPONENT 1: STANDARDS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOLS

The Government of Jamaica (GOJ) has received funding from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in the amount of US\$8,250,000 towards the cost of the Basic Needs Trust Fund Tenth Cycle (BNTF 10). The Jamaica Social Investment Fund as the Executing Agency intends to apply part of the proceeds of this Grant to cover payments under contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of GOJ and upon approval by CDB and will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Financing 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 GOJ shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The Jamaica Social Investment Fund, the Executing Agency, now wishes to procure Consultancy Services for Capacity Building for Special Education – Component 1: Standards for Special Education Schools.

Objectives of the Consultancy

The purpose of the consultancy will be to develop a set of Standards for Special Education Schools and Programmes on behalf of the Ministry of Education, Special Education Unit. The consultant should also provide guidelines to show how the education system will implement these standards.

The duration of the assignment is six (6) months.

Eligible countries are member countries of the CDB.

The attention of interested Consultant Firms is drawn to the Procurement Policy for Projects Financed by CDB (2019) and the Procurement Procedures for Project Financed by CDB (January, 2021).

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to organisational capability, general experience, specific experience, human resource availability and experience in the regions. All information must be submitted in English.

A Consultancy Firm will be selected using the **Quality and Cost Based Selection** method in accordance with the procedures set out in the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) Procurement Procedures for Project Financed CDB (2021).

Eligible Consultancy Firms are invited to submit Expressions of Interest for Consultancy Services for Capacity Building for Special Education – Component 1: Standards for Special Education Schools.

The Expression of Interest Form and the Terms of Reference will be available for download as of **Wednesday, October 25, 2023**, on the Government of Jamaica Electronic Procurement website www.gojep.gov.jm

Expression of Interest must be submitted online via www.gojep.gov.jm on or before **Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.** Late Bids will be automatically rejected by the system.

To participate in the opportunity, the service provider must first be registered on the Government's Electronic Procurement System@ www.gojep.gov.jm

For assistance with registration on the GOJEP portal, please contact the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service, Help Desk at (876) 932-5220 or via email at oppcustomercare@mof.gov.jm.

For additional information, please send email to: mofprocure@mof.gov.jm

The Jamaica Social Investment Fund 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.

Request for clarification must be in writing to GOJEP. Requests for clarification should be received no later than: **five (5) working days prior to submission deadline.**