

GOVERNMENT OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA (GOAB)

**STRENGTHENING PRIVATE SECTOR CAPACITY TO UTILISE THE CARIFORUM-
EUROPEAN UNION (EU) ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT (EPA) TO INCREASE
COMPETITIVENESS AND MAXIMISE OPPORTUNITIES FOR GLOBAL EXPORT**

GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda (GOAB) has received grant financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount not exceeding ninety thousand six hundred and eighty-three Euros (EUR90,683) allocated from the 11th EDF CARIFORUM-EU EPA and CSME Standby Facility and an amount not exceeding the equivalent of ninety-eight thousand, six hundred and twenty-four United States dollars (USD98,624) from CDB's SFR allocated from the CTCS Network. These funds serve to finance costs of the project titled '*Strengthening Private Sector Capacity to Utilise The CARIFORUM-European Union (EU) Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) to Increase Competitiveness and Maximise Opportunities for Global Export*'. The GOAB intends to apply a portion of the aforementioned sources of financing to eligible payments under contracts procured through this project. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of GOAB 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 GOAB shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The following consultancy assignments will be procured under the project:

- (a) Consultancy Services to develop Export Competitiveness Strategy for Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSMES) in Antigua and Barbuda;
- (b) Consultancy Services for the Design and Launch of a Virtual Trade Event for MSMEs;

It is expected that this will be procured during the period December 2022–March 2024.

Consultants from member countries of CDB will be eligible to participate in these procurement opportunities. Also, the eligibility for procurement shall be extended to countries eligible for procurement under EU-funded projects, which are not CDB Member Countries.

The GOAB is the Implementing Agency for the project. Further general details of the project itself, can be obtained by contacting the address below.

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