

PROCUREMENT PLAN

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

I. GENERAL

Project Information

Country: Antigua and Barbuda

Grantee: Government of Antigua and Barbuda (GOAB)

Project Name: Strengthening Private Sector capacity to utilise the CARIFORUM-European Union (EU) Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) to increase competitiveness and maximise opportunities for global export

Implementing Agency: Office of the National Authorising Officer for European Development Fund and EPA Implementation (ONAO)

Bank's Approval Date of the Procurement Plan: October 2022.

Period Covered by This Procurement Plan: December 2022–March 2024.

II. CONSULTING SERVICES

1. **Prior Review Threshold:** Procurement decision subject to prior review by the Bank:

| | Selection Method | Prior Review Threshold | Comments |
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| 1 | Consultants Qualifications Section (CQS) | All | |

2. **Reference to (if any) Project Operational/Procurement manual:** Procurement Policy for Projects Financed by CDB (November 2019), and Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January 2021).

3. **Any Other Special Procurement Arrangements:** For Goods and Consulting Services procured with funds from EU Standby Facility eligibility for procurement shall be extended to countries eligible for procurement under EU-funded projects, which are not CDB Member Countries.

4. **Indicative Procurement Packages with methods:**

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
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| Ref. No. | Description of Assignment | Estimated Cost (USD) | Selection Method | Review by Bank | Expected Proposal Submission Date | Expected Start Date | Comments |
| 1 | Consultancy to develop Export Competitiveness Strategy for Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSMES) in Antigua and Barbuda | | CQS | Prior | December 2022 | January 2023 | |
| 2 | Consultancy Services for Design and Launch of a Virtual Trade Event for MSMEs | | CQS | Prior | December 2022 | January 2023 | |

III. IMPLEMENTATION AGENCY CAPACITY BUILDING WITH TIME SCHEDULE

Project Launch Workshop: Schedule to be coordinated with GOAB.

| No. | Expected Outcome/Activity Description | Estimated Duration | Start Date | Comments |
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| 1. | Project briefing meeting on procurement and financial management | 1 day | June 2022 | Completed |
| 2. | Project launch | 1 day | June 2022 | Completed |
| 3. | Training on CDB procurement e-learning modules | Self-pace | June 2022 | Completed |