REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Consulting Services – Firm Selection

Country – Republic of Mauritius
Name of Project – Rodrigues Airport Project, New Runway and Associated Facilities Project (P180266)
Loan No.: IBRD-95910
Assignment Title: Consultancy for the development of a detailed action plan to support the Certification of Rodrigues as a Green Destination
Reference No: MU-AML-532793-CS-CQS

1. BACKGROUND

The Ministry of Finance has received financing from the World Bank and a grant from the European Union toward the cost of the Construction of a New Runway and Other facilities for Plaine Corail Airport, Rodrigues and intends to apply part of the proceeds towards recruitment of a firm for Consultancy for the development of a detailed action plan to support the Certification of Rodrigues as a Green Destination

2. OBJECTIVE OF THE ASSIGNMENT

To provide the Commission for Tourism and its partners with a transparent, evidence-based, and actionable roadmap to secure and maintain certification under GSTC-accredited standards, thereby strengthening Rodrigues' competitiveness and credibility as a sustainable island destination.

3. BRIEF SCOPE OF THE ASSIGNMENT

- Review existing documentation and datasets relevant to tourism, sustainability, and policy frameworks
- Prepare a detailed stakeholder map distinguishing core, supporting, and external stakeholders, with their interests, influence, and expected roles in the certification process, as well as data sources.
- Conduct an island-wide assessment of environmental, socio-economic, cultural, and institutional sustainability indicators
- Develop a detailed PIP outlining sequencing, milestones, responsible parties, and verification indicators, including dependencies, critical path considerations appropriate to a strategic action plan (not construction or procurement scheduling), and risk mitigation for time-sensitive actions (e.g., audit windows, reporting cycles).
- Propose practical measures and incentive mechanisms (financial, technical, or policy-based) to encourage enterprises to adopt green practices

The duration of the assignment is six calendar months from the date of contract signature.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained at the following links: Rodrigues Airport Project - Airports of Mauritius (AML) and Airport of Rodrigues Ltd.

Airports of Mauritius Co. Ltd now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to express their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

4. CORE BUSINESS AND YEARS IN BUSINESS:

The firm shall be registered/ incorporated as a consulting firm with core business in the field of the assignment.

Qualification and Experience of the firm:

General Institutional Experience

- At least 10 years of experience in tourism planning, sustainable destination management, environmental policy, or related fields;
- Proven ability to manage multi-disciplinary assignments of similar scale and complexity, preferably funded by international development partners (e.g. WB, EU);
- Track record in destination-level sustainability frameworks or action plans for governments or regional bodies;
- Experience in island/SIDS/remote tourism destinations is a strong asset

Technical and managerial capability of the firm

- At least three (3) completed assignments in the last ten (10) years related to GSTC, Green Destinations, or similar sustainability certification schemes (audit support, baseline, gap analysis, or certification readiness);
- Demonstrated experience working with government ministries, tourism/environment authorities, and local government
- Proven use of mixed methods approaches (quantitative + qualitative + document review + participatory workshops);

Note: Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" (Fifth Edition – September 2023), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract.

A consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the Consultant Qualifications-based Selection (CQS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 0900 to 1600 hours (Mauritian Time; UTC+4)

Expressions of interest must be delivered on or before **5th June, 2026**, at 15.00 hrs. local time (Mauritian Time; UTC+4) to the address below by e-mail. Electronic submissions should mention the subject message: "**Consultancy for the development of a detailed action plan to support the Certification of Rodrigues as a Green Destination, Reference No: MU-AML-532793-CS-CQS"**

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