



## Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines

### Kingstown Port Modernisation Works

#### Invitation for Prequalification of Design-Build Contractors

The Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines (GOSVG) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) and the United Kingdom Caribbean Infrastructure Partnership Fund (UKCIF) towards the cost of the construction of the *Kingstown Port Modernisation Works* and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds to eligible payments under a contract for the construction of the Port Modernisation Works. Payment by CDB will be made only at the request of GOSVG and upon approval by CDB, and will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Loan and Grant Agreement. The Loan and Grant Agreements prohibit a withdrawal from the Accounts 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 GOSVG shall derive any rights from the Loan or Grant Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Loan or Grant.

The Ministry of National Security, Air and Sea Port Development (MNS) is the Implementing Agency for the Project. MNS has retained Sellhorn Ingenieurgesellschaft mbH – HPC Hamburg Port Consulting GmbH (the Consultant) to assist with the coordination and execution of various activities associated with the Project, including the procurement process for the Port Development Works. MNS intends to pre-qualify **Design-Build Contracting Services** for the Works. It is expected that Invitations to Bid will be issued in March 2020, with a contract to be awarded by July 2020 and project execution to be completed December 2022.

The proposed site for the Port Modernisation Works is located in the Kingstown precinct, west of the existing cargo port, and against existing reclaimed foreshore lands occupied by a concentration of established warehousing and commercial properties. Seaward reclamation is required to provide approximately 5 ha of new port area. The Works are to include all marine and civil works, utilities, buildings and warehouse requirements to ensure an operational facility.

The Works will include:

- a) Offshore sewer line and outfall diffuser
- b) Main cargo terminal: approx. 5 ha to be reclaimed, 380 m of quay wall, an administrative building, warehouses and a maintenance facility
- c) Supporting road works and parking behind the terminal and road upgrades to facilitate traffic flow in Kingstown

Firms whether applying individually or in the form of a Joint Venture, shall:

- (a) be legally incorporated or otherwise organised in, and have their principal place of business in an Eligible Country;

- (b) be more than fifty (50) percent beneficially-owned by a citizen or citizens and/or a bona fide resident or residents of an Eligible Country, or by a body corporate or bodies meeting these requirements, as far as the ownership can be reasonably determined; and
- (c) shall have no arrangement and undertake not to make any arrangement whereby the majority of the financial benefits of the contract, i.e. more than fifty (50) percent of the value of the contract, will accrue or be paid to sub-contractors or sub-consultants that are not from an Eligible Country.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB.

The requirements for pre-qualification will include:

- (a) an average combined annual construction turnover (defined as certified payments received for works in progress or completed) within the last five (5) years of at least eighty million United States Dollars (USD80mn);
- (b) demonstrable cash flow (including access to credit) of fifteen million United States Dollars (USD15mn); and
- (c) experience as prime contractor in the construction of at least three (3) assignments of a similar nature (Port/Marine projects), scope and complexity comparable to the proposed project activity within the last ten (10) years (to comply with this requirement, works quoted should be at least 80 percent complete)

Documents may be obtained by prospective bidders by sending request to the e-mail address: [svgportmodernization@gmail.com](mailto:svgportmodernization@gmail.com). The email subject must be clearly marked: “*Request for Prequalification Documents for Kingstown Port Modernisation Works*”, along with the name, address (including e-mail contact) and contact information of the bidder for which Prequalification Documents are being requested.

Prospective bidders will be required to submit pre-qualification information establishing their eligibility to bid and qualification to perform the contract. Pre qualification submissions must be in English and must be received no later than 14:00 AST on Friday February 28, 2020.

Prequalification information will be by electronic submission to the email address:

[svgportconstructionproject@gmail.com](mailto:svgportconstructionproject@gmail.com) and, on the same e-mail, copy to [procurement@caribank.org](mailto:procurement@caribank.org).

The “Subject” field of the email message must read: “*Application to Prequalify for the Kingstown Port Modernisation Works*, Ref. No: PMPW2020.

The pre-qualification document must be addressed to:

**Chairman**

Central Supplies Tenders Board  
Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning  
2nd Floor Administrative Building  
Bay Street, Kingstown  
St Vincent and the Grenadines

The submission will be deemed to have been received at the time that it is received by GOSVG. The burden of proving receipt of the e-mail will be on the applicant and will not be met solely by a read receipt or sent items report generated by the bidder's computer.

GOSVG reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the prequalification process. GOSVG will not be bound to assign any reason for not pre-qualifying any applicant and will not defray costs incurred by applicants in the preparation and submission of the pre-qualification documents.

Prospective bidders will be advised in due course of the results of their application. Only firms and JVs prequalified under this procedure will be invited to bid.