

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES

Country: *Belize*

Project: *Water and Sanitation Program for Rural Areas*

Loan/Credit/Grant No.: *BL-L1045 (5753/OC-BL)*

Institution: *Belize Social Investment Fund*

Abstract: *National consultancy to Design and Implement Training Programs for Village Water Boards with Gender and Diversity Approach in the selected beneficiary local*

Contract/Bid No.: *BL-L1045-P00009*

Deadline: *June 12, 2026*

The Government of Belize (GOBZ) has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), towards the cost of the Water and Sanitation Program for Rural Areas and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) for *National consultancy to Design and Implement Training Programs for Village Water Boards with Gender and Diversity Approach in the selected beneficiary local*. The objective is to strengthen the institutional capacity of VWBs through comprehensive training, enhancing their technical, financial, and management capabilities, and fostering inclusive participation, particularly of women and underrepresented groups in the water sector.

### **Scope of Services**

#### 1.1. Needs assessment and Training

- Conduct an initial assessment to identify current knowledge gaps and training needs in O&M, financial management, and water source protection, with emphasis on climate change mitigation and adaptation.
- Engage with key stakeholders to compile relevant existing resources, enabling the development of materials that build upon established work.
- Develop a gender-sensitive and culturally tailored training curriculum that addresses identified needs and aligns with local contexts.

#### 1.2. Training Implementation

- Conduct training sessions covering effective O&M practices, financial planning, and sustainable water resource management, integrating climate change considerations and strategies to address drought, flooding, and forest fires.

#### 1.3. Monitoring and Evaluation

- Develop a framework to measure training outcomes and participant progress.
- Conduct pre- and post-training assessments to evaluate the effectiveness of the training and provide feedback for continuous improvement.

The BSIF now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate 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.

*From the expressions of interest received, the Executing Agency will prepare a short list comprising not fewer than five (5) and not more than eight (8) eligible firms.*

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2350-15 and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the policies.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture to enhance their qualifications. For the purpose of establishing the short list, the nationality of a firm is that of the country in which it is legally incorporated or constituted and in the case of Joint Venture, the nationality of the firm appointed to represent it.

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to consulting firms’ technical competence, qualifications and experience in relation to providing services in design and implementing water resource management or similar water sector training programs, as well as local and regional experience, and existing commitments. Technical competence of Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the ***QCBS method*** set out in the Consultant Policies. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours of ***8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday (Local Belize Time), except on Public Holidays.***

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by ***June 12, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.*** The submission should include the name and address of the applicant and shall be clearly marked ***“Expression of Interest – Consultancy to Design and Implement Training Programs for Village Water Boards with Gender and Diversity Approach”***

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