

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Caribbean Regional Communications Infrastructure Project (CARCIP)

Caribbean Telecommunications Union Grant No.: H7720-6R

Assignment Title:

Development of a Legal and Regulatory Framework for Regulation of Subsea Fiber, Retail Access and IXPs

Reference No.: CTU-CARCIP-C-QCBS-2(b)

The Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU) has received a grant from the World Bank toward the cost of providing support to the **Caribbean Regional Communications Infrastructure Program (CARCIP) Project**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The consulting services (“the Services”) include but are not limited to:

- (i) The assessment of regulatory needs in the Eastern Caribbean Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (ECTEL) member states – Grenada, St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines;
 - a. In the context of current trends and international best practices, review the existing legal and regulatory framework as it relates to the regulation and management of subsea fibre, retail access and IXPs in a converged environment. Areas of focus should include but are not limited to infrastructure sharing, cost-based access rules, retail pricing including competition rules, consumer protection, information gathering, sanctions, monitoring and enforcement and development and implementation of open access and wholesale price regulations.
- (ii) Subsequent to (i) above, advise and recommend to the ECTEL changes to the existing legal and regulatory framework; and
- (iii) Provide support to ECTEL and the member states with the consultation process which include workshop facilitation and required capacity building following the adoption of the regulations.

The Caribbean Telecommunications Union 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. The shortlisting criteria will include:

- (i) Core business and years in business
- (ii) Experience in the field of assignment
- (iii) Technical and managerial organisation
- (iv) General qualifications and number of key staff

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers January 2011 ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment as per paragraph 1.9 of Consultant Guidelines.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 800 to 1600 hrs local time. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by 24th October 2014 before 1600 hrs local time.

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