

# GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

## **Saint Vincent and the Grenadines**

Unleashing the Blue Economy of the Caribbean Project  
Environment, Natural Resources and the Blue Economy

Credit No. 7089-VC

Project ID No. P171833

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines has received financing in the amount of US\$ 15,000,000 equivalent from the World Bank toward the cost of the Unleashing the Blue Economy of the Caribbean Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services to be procured under this project.

The project will include the following components:

### **Component 1: Strengthening Governance, Policies and Capacity Building (US\$2.7 Million Total)**

Subcomponent 1.1: Strengthening Regional Policies, Institutions, and Coordination. Implemented by the OECS Commission.

Subcomponent 1.2: Strengthening National Policies, Institutions, and Capacity Building (US\$2.7 Million: US\$1.7 Million IDA, US \$1 Million PROBLUE). This subcomponent will create the enabling environment for climate – resilient and sustainable growth in the tourism, fisheries and aquaculture, and waste management priority areas. It will support development and implementation of sectorial standards, policies, and operational guidelines to improve the business climate and create the necessary incentives for sustainable use of natural resources and resilience to climate change.

This subcomponent will include the following activities:

1. Informing of fisheries legislation and policy frameworks, and support for the modernization of priority offshore and coastal fisheries, so they provide greater value for the country and coastal communities.
2. Strengthening of the enabling environment for aquaculture production with plans and policies to diversify job and investment opportunities, as to promote fisheries diversification and food security.
3. Supporting the sustainable use of natural resources transitioning towards blue economy.

## **Component 2: Scale Up Access to Finance and Infrastructure Investment (US\$11.7 Million)**

Subcomponent 2.1 (1): Regional MSME Matching Grants Program (US\$0). This component will be implemented at the regional level by the OECS Commission.

Subcomponent 2.1 (2): Expansion of the regional climate – risk insurance for fisheries (US\$1.5 Million IDA). The Series of Projects (SOP) will continue to support SVG to scale up its efforts concerning the Caribbean Ocean and Aquaculture Sustainability Facility (COAST) fisheries insurance. COAST is an innovative hydro-meteorological and climate risk insurance product designed to promote food security, enhanced livelihood, resilient fisheries, and improved fisheries management in the Caribbean.

This subcomponent will assist SVG to purchase COAST parametric insurance for its fisheries and aquaculture sector beyond its current pilot phase and update the registry of fishers eligible for COAST insurance. This insurance covers two parametric categories, Adverse Weather and Tropical Cyclone.

Subcomponent 2.2: Direct investments in resilient coastal infrastructure (US\$10.2 Million IDA). This subcomponent will target coastal infrastructure investments that generate jobs in the short term and lay the foundation for long – term recovery by helping build a low – carbon, less polluting, and more sustainable and resilient coastal economy. This subcomponent will finance works, consulting services and training to build key infrastructure and related capacity needed to increase the value added in the fisheries and aquaculture, tourism, and waste management value chains.

## **Component 3: Contingent Emergency Response Component (CERC) (US\$0)**

The objective of this component is to support the capacity of the participating countries to rapidly respond in the event of future eligible crisis or emergency defined as “an event that has caused, or is likely to imminently cause a major adverse economic and/or social impact associated with natural or man – made crises or disasters.

## **Component 4: Project Management, M&E, Communication (US\$1.6 Million)**

The objective of this component is to ensure effective project implementation, monitoring of activities, and a final project evaluation. The component will finance goods, consulting and non – consulting services, training and operating costs of the PIU in SVG for expenditures related to series of projects (SOP) activities.

**Procurement** of contracts financed by the World Bank will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the World Bank’s *Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018) (Procurement Regulations)*, and is **open to all eligible firms and individuals as defined in the Procurement Regulations**. After project negotiations, the World Bank shall arrange the publication on its external

website of the agreed initial procurement plan and all subsequent updates once it has provided a no objection.

Specific procurement notices for contracts subject to open international competitive procurement will be announced, as they become available, in [UN Development Business](#) online, on the World Bank's external website and local newspapers: *Searchlight*, *The News and The Vincentian* and the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines' website ([www.gov.vc](http://www.gov.vc)).

Interested eligible firms and individuals who would wish to be considered for the provision of goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services for the above-mentioned project, or those requiring additional information, should contact the Borrower at the address below:

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