Saint Vincent and the Grenadines VOLCANIC ERUPTION EMERGENCY PROJECT (VEEP)

Request For Expressions of Interest Consulting Services – Individual Consultant

Assignment Title: Environmental Specialist Reference No.: SVG-VEEP-CS-IC-11

The Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (GoSVG) has received financing from the International Development Association (The World Bank) and the European Commission towards the Volcanic Eruption Emergency Project (VEEP). The Project Development Objective of the VEEP is to support Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to (i) provide short-term income support, (ii) improve the capacity of the government to prepare for and respond to emergencies, and (iii) build back better critical services in the aftermath of the La Soufriere volcano eruption. The VEEP comprises three components that seek to achieve the development objectives. To execute the Project, the GoSVG is establishing an implementation unit which will require the services of an Environmental Specialist.

The position of the Environmental Specialist (ES) is a contracted full-time staff position. Work will be performed on site at the office of the Public Sector Investment Programme Management Unit (PSIPMU) of the Economic Planning Division, Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Information Technology located in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. The ES is expected to coordinate with the Environmental and Social Safeguards focal points in the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning, and Information Technology (MoFEPIT), and with the Social Safeguards Specialist contracted for this project to support the project management in ensuring that environmental issues and environmental management activities are mainstreamed into the various components of the project so that it is compliant with the country's regulations. S/He will be responsible for supporting the Project Coordinator in ensuring that the Project's ultimate environmental impacts are achieved and that any adverse impacts are effectively avoided and/or mitigated in a timely manner.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following link:

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The Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Information Technology now invites eligible Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Required qualifications and experience include, inter alia, the following:

- a. A bachelor's degree or higher in relevant discipline (e.g., Environmental Engineering, Environmental Studies, Environmental Management, Natural Resources Management, or other related discipline).
- b. At least five (5) years of experience on preparation and supervision of implementation of Environmental Impact Assessment of infrastructure Projects.

c. Experience with programmes or project portfolios of multilateral or bilateral institutions (e.g. The World Bank, Caribbean Development Bank and the European Union).

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III. Governance, paragraphs 3.14 - 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016, revised November 2017, July 2018, and November 2020 setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant (IC) Selection method set out in the Procurement Regulations. Further information can be obtained at the address below during the hours 9:00 a.m. to 15:30 p.m. hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **Tuesday, March 1, 2022. The desired commencement date is April 1, 2022.**

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