CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

RTI International is launching a call for expressions of interest for international and Caribbean-based experts to provide short term technical assistance to the USAID Caribbean Energy Sector Reform Project. Selected applicants will form a roster of pre-qualified consultants and firms to be solicited for future technical activities.

BACKGROUND

The Caribbean Energy Sector Reform Project is a four-and-a-half-year initiative (2022 – 2026) that promotes self-reliance in 14 Caribbean countries by bolstering the performance of energy systems. The Caribbean Energy Sector Reform Project helps nations achieve greater independence, more productive and diverse economies, and an improved ability to recover from natural and market shocks in a region with increasing rates of extreme weather.

Target countries:
- Dominican Republic
- Suriname
- Eastern and Southern Caribbean
- Haiti
- Guyana
- Jamaica

Examples of the Caribbean Energy Sector Reform Project’s activities include:

- Identifying, proposing and drafting amendments to national energy policies, laws, market rules, grid codes, regulations and technical standards for sustainable energy and electric mobility.
- Conducting diagnostics of the current climate-resilient practices of Caribbean utilities pertaining to generation, transmission, and distribution.
- Integrated resource planning for electricity, including multi-criteria optimization for resilience.
- Optimization of grid asset management through digitalization
- Developing and implementing cybersecurity policies for utilities.
- Supporting regional organizations in strengthening regulatory capacity and the harmonization of legal and regulatory frameworks.
- Developing awareness and communication strategies for energy efficiency, sustainable energy, and electric mobility.
- Improving commercial financing for sustainable energy projects (building project financing pipelines, enhancing lender capacity to assess projects, developing innovative financial instruments).

CATEGORIES OF EXPERTS

RTI International seeks expressions of interest from firms and consultants with expertise applicable to the work detailed above. Specifically, submissions are sought from consultants with expertise in the following areas:
Category 1: Technical experts
- Mechanical engineers
- GIS specialists, especially those with expertise in vulnerability assessments
- Electrical engineers
- IT engineers, computer engineers and network engineers
- Architects
- Energy efficiency experts / energy managers

Category 2: Legal and policy experts
- Legislative drafting
- Economists
- Gender analyses

Category 3: Business and finance experts
- Risk analysis
- Financial analyses
- Project finance, especially energy and infrastructure
- Change management
- Organizational management and design

Category 4: Communications and Data Specialists
- Strategic communications
- Survey design and administration

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION
Interested parties are requested to submit a letter of interest indicating their categories of expertise. Letters should be accompanied by curricula vitae indicating qualifications and relevant experience, including at least two references for similar work previously conducted. Both letter and CV should be combined into a single document in Word or PDF submission.

Submissions should be sent via email to ESR_procurement@rti.org with the subject header: “ESR EOI, Category {insert category number and title}, {insert applicant name}” no later than December 16, 2022.