



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRM SELECTION)

Country: **Sint Maarten**
Project: **SINT MAARTEN FOSTERING RESILIENT LEARNING**
Grant No.: **TF-B8048**

Assignment Title: **Web Based IE Training**
Reference No.: **SX-NRPB-459028-CS-FBS**

The Government of Sint Maarten has received financing from a Trust Fund from the Government of the Netherlands, administrated by the World Bank, toward the cost of the SINT MAARTEN FOSTERING RESILIENT LEARNING PROJECT, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) is to develop a web-based inclusive education training that is aligned with the recently established Special Needs Education (SNE) Policy of Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports (MECYS). The training should be tailored in a way that considers the diverse needs of teachers and other professionals in public and government-funded Primary and Secondary schools.

This assignment consists of two parts:

1. Developing a sustainable and interactive web-based inclusive education training curriculum tailored to Sint Maarten’s educational context, including accessible training resources such as a training manual, maintenance guides that outline key performance indicators (KPI), a monitoring and evaluation framework, and potential strategies for incentivizing participation. It should also include prompted activities for trainees to apply their new skills and knowledge in their work environments. The content must be aligned with the recently established SNE Policy owned by MECYS and incorporate existing open educational resources (OERs) where appropriate, with adaptations to reflect the local context of Sint Maarten, including local legal frameworks and cultural sensitivities.
2. Piloting and evaluating the developed curriculum to test its effectiveness and gather feedback for potential revisions. During the pilot, the contracted firm should facilitate training sessions and manage feedback collection, review, and incorporation. The volume of feedback may vary, so firms should account for potential revisions based on the feedback received during the pilot phase.



The firm will be hired by the NRPB. The expected duration of the assignment is 12 months, inclusive of feedback timelines and the implementation of the pilot. The firm will be under the direct supervision of the FRLP Project Manager for this operation and must work in close collaboration with the Head of the Department of Education.

The National Recovery Program Bureau (NRPB) 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 are:

Criteria	Maximum allocated points
1. Proven experience in developing an interactive, web-based training curriculum, particularly in inclusive education or related fields.	35 points
2. Demonstrated ability to incorporate Open Educational Resources (OERs) into training modules and tailor them to specific contexts.	25 points
3. Experience with managing and incorporating pilot feedback.	20 points
4. Experience in Sint Maarten or familiarity with the local educational, cultural, and legal context.	20 points

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” September 2023 edition (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture, association or consortium that may or may not be a new legal entity between members who would be jointly and severally liable for the performance of the assignment. The Consultants should indicate whether the Expression of Interest is being submitted as a Joint Venture or otherwise. Please note that the experience and references of sub-consultants shall not be taken into account in the evaluation of the Expressions of Interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Fixed Budget Selection (FBS) method set out in the World Bank’s Procurement Regulations referenced above. Consultants must provide all information indicating that they are qualified to perform the Services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff etc.).

Interested Consultants may download the Terms of Reference by registering at the following address:



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<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=NiEIEbnYxUKO4LrO0sKj-yh7Llb-pypCvDnjKUolbTtUNVRGMEdKVkFJQ1hBRVEwSVFXUkl2UIVGTC4u>

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM local time, Monday to Friday.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below by e-mail by 5:00 PM local time on **Friday, December 13th, 2024**.

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