

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

Ministry of Finance Belmopan, Belize

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Suppliers to Government of Belize

Dear sir/Madam,

REGIONAL SECTORAL CONSULTATION ON PUBLIC PROCUREMENT RULES, PROCEDURES, BONDS, GUARANTEES, SECURITIES, AND FRAMEWORK AGREEMENTS TO ADMINISTER PUBLIC PROCUREMENT IN THE COMMUNITY VIDEO-CONFERENCE (ZOOM) 22 AND 29 JUNE 2021

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat proposes to convene Regional Consultations with the Private Sector to discuss proposals for developing rules, procedures and other relevant instruments for administering public procurement in the Community and to operationalize the Community Public Procurement Protocol. The Community Public Procurement Protocol was approved by the Conference at the Thirtieth Intersessional Meeting in February 2019. To date, five Member States, namely: Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Dominica and St Vincent and the Grenadines have signed the Protocol and the Declaration of Intent to Provisionally Apply the Protocol. Barbados and Belize have ratified the Protocol with instruments of ratification transmitted to the Secretariat in accordance with Article 37 of the Protocol.

In keeping with the thrust to engage the private sector and civil society organizations through the consultative process, the CARICOM Secretariat proposes to convene consultations with the financial services sector (banks, insurance companies and credit unions) and suppliers, bidders and contractors to discuss **proposals for bonds**, securities and guarantees; and rules, procedures and guidelines for an integrated and unified public procurement market in the CSME.

The first consultation with suppliers, bidders and contractors to present proposals on bonds, securities and guarantees and the other instruments will be held on **Tuesday 22 June 2021** at 10:00 am Eastern Caribbean Time; and the second consultation on the proposals for bonds, securities and guarantees with the financial services sector (banks, insurance and credit unions) will be held on **Tuesday 29 June 2021** at 10:00 am.

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Eastern Caribbean Time. Both consultations will be held via online platforms and the times for the other Member States are as follows:

Belize - 08:00 am
 Haiti and Jamaica - 09:00 am
 Suriname - 11:00 am

The Zoom or GoToMeeting link will be sent in a subsequent correspondence. The private sector companies and umbrella organisations are invited to confirm their availability to participate and provide the Ministry of Finance with the name(s) of their representatives by Friday 18 June 2021 to Artemio.Osorio@mof.gov.bz. The names will subsequently be forwarded to the CARICOM Secretariat and the link will be provided as soon as it becomes available. The Ministry of Finance thanks everyone for their support and looks forward to your most favourable response. We also invite the private sector to visit procurement opportunities available to suppliers by visiting our website at https://mof.gov.bz or at https://blz-cppnb.caricom.org.

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Sincerely,

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