



JAMAICA SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND

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“INVESTING FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT”

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

for

Consultant to Conduct a Value Chain Analysis and Survey of the Pig Industry in Jamaica.

Loan No. 7769 JM - **Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI)**

1. GENERAL INTRODUCTION

The Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF) is an autonomous government company established in December 1996 as a component of the Government of Jamaica’s strategy to reduce and eradicate poverty. JSIF is designed to provide investments in community-based projects island wide and is a demand-driven financial intermediary. It works in partnership with communities, the private sector, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and donor agencies, in seeking to channel benefits to the poorest communities across the country.

Background

The Government of Jamaica has received a US\$15 million loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank) to implement the **Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) Project**. REDI supports local community drive subprojects as well as national technical assistance

The Government of Jamaica, through the Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF) and the **Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries (MOA&F)**, aims to conduct a value chain analytical study of the Pig/Pork Industry in Jamaica. This study differs from previous and existing studies on the pork industry undertaken by the Ministry in that it will go beyond merely taking a census of pig farmers (those with five or more pigs) to include recommendations to exploit the value added possibilities of pork, as well as forecasting the industry to facilitate long-term planning. The Ministry has developed short, medium, and long-term objectives for the industry and has adopted a strategically coordinated approach working with the donor community to facilitate the growth of the sector.

Scope of Work

Under this tender, the client wishes to hire the services of a qualified consultant under the supervision of the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries, to critically assess and describe the present structure of the Pork Industry and make recommendations. The Consultant should provide information that will be able:

- (a) To provide information on the industry which will assist planners and policy makers in the preparation of a structured plan to guide the orderly development of the industry;
- (b) To examine the distribution patterns of pigs throughout Jamaica;
- (c) To examine the changes in the industry since 2003;
- (d) To examine the methods of disposal of pigs, estimate the mortality rate and identify farmers’ major problems;
- (e) To make a forecast of the pig population;

- (f) Identify critical areas necessary for Industry development; and
- (g) Recommendation of a system for ensuring currency of data (ongoing data collection methodology).

5. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

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The successful Consultant should possess the following:

- At least a Bachelor's Degree in the relevant field related to the assignment: Agriculture, Agricultural Economics, Business Administration/Marketing or other related field;
- 10 years work experience in related field;
- Extensive experience conducting agricultural/economic research.;
- Excellent qualitative and quantitative research skills;

6. DURATION OF CONTRACT

Six (6) Months

A Consultant will be selected using the **Quality Based Selection** method in accordance with the procedures set out in Government of Jamaica Handbook of Public Sector Procedures (Revised October 2010), volume 3 of 4 Procedures for the Procurement of consulting Services.

Please visit the JSIF website, www.jsif.org to view the detailed Terms of Reference

Expressions of Interest (EOI), curriculum vitae must be delivered to the address below or emailed to contracting@jsif.org at or before 12:00 noon on by **Monday, July 11, 2011.**

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