

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

ASSIGNMENT TITLE: SEAFOOD PRODUCTION SPECIALIST

The Government of Saint Lucia has received financing from the Government of Taiwan towards the implementation of the Fisheries Development Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds to hire a Seafood Production Specialist.

The Department of Fisheries within the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Production, Fisheries, Co-operative and Rural Development now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested individual consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services: (Curriculum Vitae, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, clients 'references etc).

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the Government of Saint Lucia Procedures for selection of individual consultants.

SERVICES REQUIRED

The purpose of this consultancy is to provide the technical support required to develop and produce value-added seafood products for the Saint Lucia Fish Marketing Cooperation (SLFMC). The objectives of the assignment are to:

1. Conduct a pre-assessment of the products produced at the processing facility, the equipment and quality assurance mechanisms.
2. Make recommendations for the development, production and improvement of a line of value-added seafood products.
3. Provide technical support required for the planning of the processing plant to manufacture and improve value-added seafood products.
4. Train workers in processing plant to manufacture the value-added seafood products to meet national and export requirements. Write-up of a user guide.

SPECIFIC DUTIES AND OUTPUTS

The Consultant is being contracted to:

1. Develop a detailed work plan that describes the activities that are to be performed and completed during the time period of the contract.
2. Prepare a pre-assessment report of the products produced at the processing facility, the equipment and quality assurance mechanisms based on an approved framework.
3. Report on recommendations for the value –added seafood products to be improved and/or developed to include space requirements, product availability, recommended retail price, shelf-life and packaging considerations, the detailed specifications for required equipment to produce the value-added products and the equipment layout requirements.
4. Train staff of the SLFMC in the manufacture of the value added seafood products.
5. Elaborate a User’s Guide in the preparation of the value added seafood products.

DURATION

The Consultancy is expected to be awarded for a period of one (1) month.

QUALIFICATIONS

The minimum required qualifications and experience are:

Academic

A minimum of a Bachelor’s degree in Food Science and Technology or related discipline. A Master’s Degree would be an asset.

Experience

Demonstrated experience of a minimum of 7 years in the field of seafood product development, conducting audits for food processing companies, development of training material and delivery of training materials in the area of seafood handling, product development, packaging, developing price structure and quality assurance. Experience in marketing food products would be an asset.

Demonstrated experience of a minimum of 5 years of project planning and project implementation.

Demonstrated experience in qualitative research skills.

Interested eligible candidates are invited to submit a proposal to complete the services required inclusive of a detailed cost. Proposals must provide information indicating that the candidate is qualified to perform the services and should include their CV (Curriculum Vitae), including employment records, evidence of certification, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills, previous remunerations, etc.

Interested persons may contact the Department of Fisheries for more information at Tel # 468-4135/43

Deadline for submission of applications is **November 13, 2015** and should be sent hard copy and via email to:

Attn: Chief Fisheries Officer

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