## MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, COMMERCE, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES/

AGRICULTURAL COMPETITIVENESS PROGRAMME BRIDGING PROJECT

FINANCING MODALITY: GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

## THE PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN OF A MANGO HOT WATER TREATMENT PLANT AT NORMAN MANLEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

The Ministry of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries (MICAF), through the Plant Quarantine Branch (PQB) in collaboration with the Agricultural Competitiveness Programme Bridging Project (ACPBP), has embarked on an initiative to influence and fast-track the return of **Jamaican mangoes** to the European Union (EU) market as well as to gain entry to the United States (US) export market. The facility will also be used to process other soft fruits intended to be exported primarily to the European and United States markets.

A critical element of this is to facilitate and initiate the setting up of a modular Hot Water Treatment Facility at the Export Complex, Norman Manley International Airport, Kingston, Jamaica. This would treat shipments intended for the EU market, though it would be constructed with the capability to meet the requirements of the US market as well.

Bidding will be conducted through Quality Cost Based Selection (QCBS) Procedure as specified in Volume 3 of the Government of Jamaica Handbook of Public Sector Procurement Procedures for the procurement of Consulting Services.

Firms must submit a valid Tax Compliance Certificate (TCC) for companies based in Jamaica. Overseas-based companies must submit a valid TCC upon contract award. Bidding documents will be made available on the Ministry of Industry, Commerce Agriculture and Fisheries' website at www.micaf.gov.jm as of Monday, December 10, 2018. Further information may be obtained from the Agricultural Competitiveness Programme at email acpbpexecsec@micaf.gov.jm

Bid Validity Period: 90 days.

This is an online tender procedure and Request for Proposals will only be accepted via the Electronic Government Procurement Portal (www.gojep.gov.jm). No offline (hard copies) will be accepted and there will be no physical tender drop box for drop-off of tender documents. For assistance in regard to registration, training, access to tender document and upload of bid proposals, please contact the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service Procurement and Asset Policy Unit Customer Service Desk at: 876-932-5220, 876-932-5253 or 876-932-5246.

Bids must be labelled <u>Mango Consultancy Services</u> and must be deposited by or before 10:00 a.m. February 1, 2019 in the Electronic Government Procurement Portal (www.gojep.gov.jm).

Bids will be opened at 10:15 a.m. on February 1, 2019.

The Agricultural Competitiveness Programme Bridging Project (ACPBP) reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or to abandon the tender process without any explanation to prospective bidders.