

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
for
THE CREATION OF A NATIONAL SERVICES EXPORTERS REGISTRY

The Trinidad and Tobago Coalition of Services Industries (TTCSI) is seeking the professional services of a consultant/firm to create a framework that will be used to establish a National Service Exporters Registry for Trinidad and Tobago. The TTCSI realized the importance of such an undertaking, as there is currently a dearth of available data on trade in services locally available.

The importance of the services sector in Trinidad and Tobago and its contribution to economic development is often overlooked since there is no suitable way to measure or evaluate the effectiveness of services trade promotion strategies, due to the severe lack of data on services exports.

Background

As Trinidad and Tobago continues on its transition to an evidence-based, knowledge driven economy, the country must redefine its rules and parameters for success in the international market. Given the downturn of the global economic tide and the need for diversification, it is necessary that we build businesses that are globally competitive and positioned to take advantage of market access opportunities.

Currently, there is limited data on the services sector and this severely impacts and impedes national services policy development and planning as well as making informed decisions in trade negotiations and other international forums. The Ministry of Trade and Industry recently embarked upon the creation of a National Services Policy, the first of its kind for Trinidad and Tobago. One of the weaknesses highlighted in the policy is the absence of a comprehensive data collection system for the services sector. In the implementation of the policy, the TTCSI along with the Central Statistical Office (CSO) has been mandated to strengthen the data collection mechanisms for the services sector.

It is in this vein, that this project has materialized. The purpose of the project is to create a database which is able to store, process and disseminate trade in services data and other services- centric data products. It will also be used as a resource for the making of informed business decisions and to enable matchmaking and B2B opportunities for firms in the services industry.

The registry will thus be seen as a data repository for statistics on the services sector with an aim to inform foreign investors, members of the general public, local firms both private and public, members of academia and students on information on trade in services data and the general landscape of the services environment.

Submission

Interested individuals/firms are required to download the Terms of Reference and submit proposals to the General Manager, TTCSI at generalmanager@ttcsi.org.

Deadline for submissions is **February 8th 2019 by 4:00 p.m.**

Please submit any queries to generalmanager@ttcsi.org by **January 25th 2019 by 4:00 p.m.**