



## **VACANCY NOTICE – CONSULTANT ON HARMONIZATION OF PROTOCOLS FOR MOVEMENT OF ANIMAL GERMPLASM ACROSS THE REGION**

The Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI), an autonomous institute funded by member countries of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) invites applications for the position of consultant on harmonization of protocols for movement of animal germplasm across the region. The candidate will be responsible for harmonizing small ruminant trade protocols within CARIFORUM countries as part of the EU ACP funded Agricultural Policy Programme (APP).

### **OBJECTIVE**

The main objectives of this consultancy are:

1. To develop harmonized protocols for movement of animal germplasm across the Region. Animal commodities for which protocols need to be developed include live small ruminants, semen, embryos.
2. Obtain endorsement of protocols at the annual CARICOM CVO Meeting for consideration as Regional standards recognized by member countries.

### **JOB SUMMARY**

The APP's objective is the improvement of the regional food and nutrition security. It aims to achieve this by contributing to reduction of poverty and the sustainable economic growth of small producers/entrepreneurs of CARIFORUM member states. One of the approaches to achieving this goal is the facilitation of trade among CARIFORUM countries for the acquisition of the best genetic material for agricultural production. The consultant on harmonization of protocols for movement of animal germplasm across the region would be required to modernize existing rules and regulations concerning trade in small ruminants and their products (semen, embryos) for easier movement while at the same time maintaining the lowest level of risk with respect to the transfer of animal diseases.

### **SCOPE OF SERVICE**

Tasks Will Include:

- Review existing protocols for the production of healthy live small ruminants breeding stock and clean, disease-free semen and embryos as well as the International Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS) pertaining to the movement of animal material.
- Obtaining a copy of the Chief Veterinary Officers approved harmonized protocol for the movement of livestock and livestock products across the region.
- Review and ascertain applicability of existing protocol to the movement of small ruminant breeding stock across the region.
- Drafting a possible protocol (or protocols) and mechanisms for the production and safe movement of disease-free small ruminant material in the Region.

### **REPORTING AND DELIVERABLES**

- Protocol(s) for the production and safe movement of healthy live small ruminants breeding stock and clean, disease-free semen and embryos in the Region.
- Submission of Protocol(s) proposal to the annual CARICOM CVO Meeting for its endorsement.

## **KNOWLEDGE SKILLS AND ABILITIES**

The successful candidate must possess extensive knowledge in Animal Health, Animal Quarantine, International SPS Measures, drafting of protocols for movement of animal material locally, regionally or internationally. He should be familiar with the activities of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE). He must also possess skills in the reviewing of scientific literature. The candidate must be computer literate.

## **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS, TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE**

The successful candidate will have the following qualifications:

- Graduate qualifications/expertise in Livestock Science, Veterinary Medicine, or related fields.
- 2 years' experience working in the areas of Animal Health, Animal Quarantine, International SPS Measures, drafting of protocols for movement of animal material locally, regionally or internationally or related experience.
- Experience in reviewing scientific literature.
- Knowledge of the activities of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE).
- Good oral and written communication skills in order to relate to agricultural traders, regulatory agencies and other stakeholders in the field of livestock trade.
- Computer literacy is required.

**Applicants should reach the Institute no later than Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 and should be addressed as follows:**

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**Unsuitable applications will not be acknowledged.**