



**GEORGETOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (GCCI)
AND
THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (CDB)**

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

**SMALL, MEDIUM SIZE AGRO-PROCESSORS TO PARTICIPATE IN
CDB FUNDED PROJECT**

“IMPROVING QUALITY STANDARDS OF AGRO-PROCESSORS THROUGH TRAINING”

The Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), the Executing Agency, through the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI), wishes to identify consultants to assist the GCCI in implementing the project *Enhancing the Capacity of Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises in Guyana*.

The project aims to enhance the managerial, technical, and operational capacity of micro, small and medium-sized (MSMEs) in Guyana, thereby contributing to their increased productivity, profitability, and competitiveness. The GCCI invites Micro, Small and Medium Sized Agro-Processors to participate in the Caribbean Development Bank Funded project *“Improving Competitiveness of Agro-processors in the Cooperative Republic of Guyana through Training in Quality Standards”*.

THE PROJECT WILL PROVIDE TRAINING IN THE BELOW LISTED AREAS:

(1) Hazard Access Critical Control Point (HACCP)

This Training Programme provides an understanding of the HACCP System in controlling food safety hazards within the food industry. The HACCP system allows a food establishment to implement systems to effectively monitor and control food safety hazards from the beginning to the end of its operations. This training will empower participants and equip them with the tools required to enhance the standards and competitiveness of their businesses.

(2) Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)

Training in Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) Implemented & Monitored. The GCCI will work with the GNBS, GMC, and GA-FDD will collaborate to monitor the implementation of GMP at the facilities of participating MSMEs. It is planned, that MSMEs will implement GMP and will have a higher quality of products, labels, packaging and quality standards.

(3) Packaging and Labelling.

This workshop will assist participants to understand the importance of the key components and requirements of labelling & packaging, in addition to designing and producing high-quality labels. A consultant will be assigned to work with each Agro-processing organization to design their

labels. The GCCI will assist each organization to print a batch of sample labels for their organization.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Guidelines for the selection and participation on the project are based on the following criteria:

1. MSMEs should be in operating for at least two (2) year in Agro-Processing



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2. Have a registered business with a business name issued by the Deeds and Commercial Registry in Guyana
3. MSMEs in business for 2 or more years without a business registration, must be able to show proof of years of operation, and commit to have their business registered with the Deeds and Commercial Registry or longer than 1 month after selection to participate in the project
4. MSMEs agree to work with implementation partners and to make their places of operation/manufacturing available for pre-assessment by Guyana National Bureau of Standards (GNBS) and the Government Analysis, Food and Drugs Department (GA-FDD) and to participate in a post-audit of their facility by the GNBS & GA-FDD
5. MSMEs representatives must be available to attend training to be conducted by consultants, partners (GNBS & GA-FDD) for the full duration of the training
6. MSMEs agree to make their places of operation/manufacturing available for pre-inspection and post-training monitoring by GA-FDD, or consultant/consulting firm working on the project and GCCCI officials
7. Participants must be between the ages of 20-35
8. MSMEs must agree to implementing recommendations made by the GNBS the GA-FDD the GCCCI and consultants working on the project.

Expressions of Interest must be submitted in English and electronically by email to evelyneusi1@gmail.com no later than 14:00 hours on Friday October 20, 2019 in PDF format.

The email subject line should state **“Expression of Interest for MSME participation in the Agro-Processing Project”** and the email body must state the name and contact information of the applicant.

The Expression of Interest will be deemed to have been received at the time that it is received by GCCCI. The burden of proving receipt of the e-mail will be on the applicant and will not be met solely by a read receipt or sent items report generated by the sender’s computer.

Further information may be obtained from the address below between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Caribbean Time) Monday to Friday:

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