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**BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE INVENTORY AND PUBLIC AWARENESS IN
THE CARIBBEAN (BIIPAC) PROJECT
(RG-T2212)**

Brief Project Summary

COMPONENT 1 - Broadband Diagnostic And Infrastructure Maps

The main objective of this consultancy is to develop a broadband diagnosis per country and a series of broadband infrastructure maps for all Caribbean countries. This consultancy began on Jan 23, 2014 and will end on Jan 31, 2015. The consultant contracted to work on this component is a Mr. Javier Marin. Information needed for the completion of this Component has been received from all countries however the information received from Guyana dates back to 2002. It was unfortunately not possible to receive more updated information from Guyana within the time frame of this Component's work.

COMPONENT 2 - Review Of Legal And Regulatory Frameworks And Current Sector Trends.

The main objective of this consultancy is to identify major obstacles in the regulatory and institutional frameworks and provide legal, operational and organizational recommendations to address them. This consultancy began on Nov 24, 2014 and will end by approximately Apr 30, 2015. The consultants contracted to work on this component are a Mr. C. Courtney Jackson (for Suriname, Guyana, Belize and Haiti) and Professor Hopeton Dunn (for Jamaica, the Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago and Barbados). The consultants have begun the process of making contact with the BIIPAC Technical and Committee representatives for each beneficiary country and are presently assimilating information needed to complete the deliverables of this component.

COMPONENT 3- ICT Awareness And Capacity Building Programs.

The objective of this component is to create awareness and build capacity of a diverse group of audiences, including individuals, business persons and public officials, on how ICTs in general, and broadband services and applications in particular, may contribute to economic growth and social inclusion in the Region. This consultancy began on Nov 24, 2014 and will end by approximately Apr 30, 2015. The consultants contracted to work on this component are a Mr. Carlton Samuels (for Suriname, Guyana, Belize and Haiti) and Mr. Atiba Phillips (for Jamaica, the Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago and Barbados). The consultants have begun the process of making contact with the BIIPAC Technical and Committee representatives for each beneficiary country and are presently assimilating information needed to complete the deliverables of this component.

COMPONENT 4 - Public Policy Recommendations For The Design Of National Broadband Strategies.

The objective of this component is to provide public policy recommendations and practical guidelines for governments in the region to accelerate the penetration rate and usage of broadband services among the different stakeholders.

Component 4 is scheduled for completion after Component 1 ends. The procurement process for the consultants who will be contracted to conduct Component 4 is currently underway. CVs have already been received from interested consultants.

Upcoming events:

There will be a BIIPAC Workshop, as required within the Terms of Reference for the project, covering Components 1 to 3 in Paramaribo, Suriname from January 27-29, 2015. The agenda for this three-day workshop, wherein each day is dedicated to a different workshop **has been attached**. This BIIPAC Workshop will be staged immediately after the 31st CANTO AGM, which will be staged from January 25-27, 2015