

**Inter-American Development Bank – Program to Improve the Labour Force Participation and Employability in Belize – US\$7 Million - Loan Motion, 2025.**

**WHEREAS**, Belize, as a member of the Inter-American Development Bank (the “Bank”), is eligible for development assistance in the form of loans, grants, and technical assistance from the Bank on such terms and conditions as may be agreed between Belize and the Bank from time to time;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Government of Belize has approached the Bank for financial assistance to execute a Program to improve the Labour Force Participation and Employability in Belize” (hereinafter called “the Program”);

**AND WHEREAS**, the Program will consist of two components whose activities will (i) strengthen the Public Employment Service to promote access to labour markets, particularly targeting women, youth and migrants and (ii) increase the supply of relevant skills aligned with labour market needs;

**AND WHEREAS**, the proposed program will be financed through an IDB direct investment loan in the sum of US\$7,000,000.00 from the Bank’s ordinary capital resources, and a non-reimbursable investment financing of US\$1,000,000.00 financed through IDB’s Grant Facility, as well as joint financing from Taiwan ICDF in the amount of US\$7,000,000.00;

**AND WHEREAS**, it is intended that the execution of the Program shall be carried out, on behalf of the Government, by the Ministry of Finance, acting as Executing Agency;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Bank has offered loan financing of up to US\$7,000,000.00 from its Ordinary Capital Resources for the said purpose under the following terms and conditions: Loan Principal Amount: US\$7,000,000.00; Disbursement Schedule: Over a period of five (5) years from the date of signature of the Loan Contract;

**Loan Term:** Twenty-five (25) Years inclusive of sixty-six (66) months Grace Period on principal repayments;

**Repayment Period:** 39 approximately equal, semi-annual, and consecutive installments of about US\$179,487.18;

**Rate of Interest:** Interest will be charged on the daily outstanding balance of the loan, as per the SOFR-Based Interest Rate, plus the applicable lending spread for the Bank’s ordinary capital loan;

**Credit Fee:**

A Credit Fee will be charged on the undisbursed loan balance at a percentage to be established by the Bank on a periodic basis, not exceeding 0.75% per annum;

**AND WHEREAS**, under the provisions of section 7 (2) of the Finance and Audit (Reform) Act, 2005, the Government of Belize is required to obtain the prior authorization of the National Assembly, by way of a Resolution, for such a borrowing;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House, being satisfied that the Loan proceeds would significantly improve the quality of the labour force in Belize, approves and confirms that the Government may enter into a Loan Contract with the Inter-American Development Bank on the terms and conditions set out above, and further authorizes the Minister of Finance to execute and deliver the said Loan Contract and all other documents associated therewith.