TERMS OF REFERENCE

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST (BDS)

Background

The Business Development Specialist (BDS) is a full-time senior technical position within CCRIF SPC1 with responsibility for developing and implementing plans, processes and strategies for acquiring new business and scaling-up. The BDS will reports to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Under the strategic direction of the CEO, the BDS will be expected to work assiduously to ensure customer retention and expansion as well as revenue diversification and growth in CCRIF’s target markets by building and maintaining high level contacts with current and prospective customers and other business partners. Accordingly, the BDS is expected to identify new business opportunities and provide input into product development and research & development. The BDS will contribute to the development of CCRIF’s marketing and communications strategy. The BDS will play a key role in capacity building initiatives to support member governments and key stakeholders and partners to better understand CCRIF and its parametric insurance models.

About CCRIF SPC

CCRIF SPC is a segregated portfolio company, owned, operated and registered in the Caribbean. It limits the financial impact of catastrophic hurricanes, earthquakes and excess rainfall events to Caribbean and – since 2015 – Central American governments by quickly providing short-term liquidity when a parametric insurance policy is triggered. It is the world’s first regional fund utilising parametric insurance, giving member governments the unique opportunity to purchase earthquake, hurricane and excess rainfall catastrophe coverage with lowest-possible pricing. CCRIF was developed under the technical leadership of the World Bank and with a grant from the Government of Japan. It was capitalized through contributions to a Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF) by the Government of Canada, the European Union, the World Bank, the governments of the UK and France, the Caribbean Development Bank and the governments of Ireland and Bermuda, as well as through membership fees paid by participating governments. In 2014, an MDTF was established by the World Bank to support the development of CCRIF SPC’s new products for current and potential members, and facilitate the entry for Central American countries and additional Caribbean countries. The MDTF currently channels funds from various donors, including: Canada, through Global Affairs Canada; the United States, through the Department of the Treasury; the European Union, through the European Commission, and Germany, through the

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1 CCRIF Segregated Portfolio Company (CCRIF SPC or CCRIF), formerly established as the Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility.
Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development and KfW. In 2017, the Caribbean Development Bank, with resources provided by Mexico, approved a grant to CCRIF SPC to provide enhanced insurance coverage to the Bank’s Borrowing Member Countries and in 2018, The Government of Ireland also provided support to CCRIF in 2017.

**Primary Functions and Responsibilities**

Specifically, the BDS will work closely with the CEO to:

- Support the development of CCRIF’s business development strategy. Identifies and executes new market opportunities to commercialize initiatives, generate revenue, and build sustainable business lines
- Optimize current business opportunities, growth areas, trends and the customer base by developing country engagement strategies and building business-to-business relationships
- Support the CEO in strategic engagement and discussions with member governments in support of policy renewals and towards ensuring members appreciate the importance of increasing coverage levels and fully understand the linkages between fiscal prudence and sustainability and risk transfer
- Develop quotes and proposals for clients and supports the annual policy renewal road show in collaboration with the Chief Risk Management Officer
- Support governments to establish plans for the scaling up of coverage over time
- Expand the revenue base by increasing coverage levels of existing and new products.
- Diversify the revenue and product base and provides input on product innovation, research and development as well as marketing and communications
- Plan and oversee new business initiatives as required by the CEO
- Develop goals for business growth and ensures they are met
- Develop and implement strategies to manage relevant business continuity risks
- Manage partnerships through effective client management by researching organizations and analysing partners to identify opportunities
- Support the CEO in raising additional funds

**Profile – Qualification and Experience**

The BDS is expected to be a professionally mature individual, with a strong service orientation and the ability to function with considerable independent initiative, managerial skill, and sound judgment.

**Education**

- A Master’s degree in Business Administration, Industrial Management, Finance, Economics, or any other related business field.
- Solid functional knowledge, including but not limited to the insurance industry, business development strategies and issues related to disaster risk management, project management, marketing etc. would be an asset.
Experience

- Minimum of 15 years’ experience working in a senior position with substantial business development and/or finance experience within a dynamic business environment
- Experience working with regional and international organization that work in the areas of environment, development, disaster management and climate change
- Experience working with a multinational corporation in the area of business development and/or finance
- Demonstrated experience in developing and successfully implementing stakeholder engagement plans
- Proven and successful experience in prospecting and lead generation, leading to revenue generation and increased productivity/product diversification.
- Proven ability to identify and maintain valuable long-term relationships
- Ability to successfully work with teams across the business and capable of CRM and pipeline management
- Exceptional communication skills and leadership skills
- Strong research and analytical skills to promote informed strategy-formulation and decision-making

Functional Competencies

- Good interpersonal, diplomatic and networking skills, highly articulate team player
- Strong people management skills
- Ability to schedule work and deliver to tight deadlines and use personal initiative
- Proven ability to work and multi-task under pressure, respond quickly to changing situations in a complex working environment, and prepare responses/narrative quickly and clearly
- Excellent writing and presentation skills
- Strong analytical skills in order to identify programmatic and conceptual issues and challenges and recommend and develop viable and sustainable solutions
- Skills to communicate complex ideas effectively
- Broader development communications experience and skills desirable
- Proven record of high performance and substantial achievements in past positions
- Flexibility to work irregular schedules in order to accommodate coordination with global partners and team members across varying time zones

Language Competencies

- Excellent oral and written communications skills in English

Timing

- The contract period will be for a period of one year, with possibility of extension
- The assignment will start upon execution of the contract
- This is a full-time position

Applications should be submitted to: jobs@ccrif.org   Deadline: March 17, 2021