



Government of Barbados Announces Pre-Qualified Bidders for Landmark Lamberts & Castle Wind Project

Bridgetown, Barbados, April 30 – The Government of Barbados today announced the pre-qualification of bidders for the Lamberts & Castle Wind Project, the country’s largest-ever wind energy initiative and a major milestone in Barbados’ transition to renewable energy.

Following a competitive process, six submissions were received from qualified international and regional entities. The pre-qualified bidders are:

WPD Wind Investment SL
BMR Energy – Wigton Energy
VOLTALIA & HDF

The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) launched in November 2025 was highlighted by a keynote address delivered by Prime Minister, The Hon. Mia Mottley on how renewable energy remains central to the government’s long-term strategy.

The evaluation was based on technical, environmental and social qualifications, financial capability, legal criteria, and compliance with submission requirements. Eligible bidders will be provided with the Request for Proposals (RFP) in this two-step competitive procurement.

“This project is a major boost to Barbados’ renewable energy future,” said **the Hon. Kerrie Symmonds, Minister of Energy, Business Development and Commerce**. “By developing the Lamberts & Castle Wind Project through an inclusive and transparent process, we are strengthening our energy security, democratizing the energy sector so that all Barbadians can be financially included in the investment and delivering long-term benefits for the people of Barbados.”

With planned capacity of 30 to 50 megawatts, the Government aims to identify a qualified private sponsor to finance, construct, operate, and maintain the country’s first utility scale wind farm, with advisory support from the International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group.

“IFC is pleased to be working with the Government of Barbados to help reduce reliance on imported fuels, strengthen energy stability, and lower costs for consumers,” said **Elizabeth Martínez de Marcano, IFC Division Director for the Andean Countries and the Caribbean**. “Reliable and affordable energy is essential to power economic growth, deliver critical services, and create jobs.”



The Lamberts & Castle Wind Project is expected to supply electricity to 12,000 and 17,000 homes, contributing to Barbados' target of achieving 95 percent renewable energy by 2035.

IFC brings an extensive track record in Public Private Partnerships (PPPs). Since 2004, the institution has advised on and closed more than 215 PPP projects in 60 countries, mobilizing over US\$81 billion in private investment. In the Caribbean, IFC has supported landmark projects including the 25-year concession of the Norman Manley International Airport and the ongoing North Coast Highway Project, both in Jamaica.