

Component 1: Horizontal E-government Interventions (US\$2,655,000)

The main objectives of this component are to strengthen and harmonize national and regional e-government policies, processes, operational ICT platforms and frameworks; to promote more efficient regionally-based ICT development and strengthen capacity; and to provide an enabling environment to achieve Public Administration objectives in a globally competitive context, so as to better serve citizens, businesses and consumers in the OECS region.

Component 2: Vertical E-government Interventions (US\$3,697,500)

The objective of this component is to harmonize and improve key e-government systems by focusing on specific interventions in core areas of public finance (including Public Financial Management, tax, customs and procurement). This area was identified as a national and regional priority by all stakeholders, due to regional commonalities that can be used as a pragmatic basis to begin to harmonize regional e-government systems to modernize Public Administration in the OECS.

Component 3: Project Management(US\$ 487,500)

This component will support the establishment of the Regional E-government Unit (REGU), under the direction of an overall Project Manager. The REGU will also include specialized staff located in the agencies identified in each country as focal points for the project, thus assisting in project implementation at the local level. To help manage the fiduciary aspects of the project, there will be a Procurement Specialist, and a Project Accountant. Contingency – US\$ 360,000