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PM Briceño presents \$1.3 billion budget

The largest budget in Belize's history is saddled with a correspondingly large overall deficit of 97.6 million dollars; funding from Taiwan is to cover the gap. The House debates the 2022-2023 budget in just a few days.

by Marco Lopez

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Mar. 16, 2022

In an almost two-hour-long presentation in the House of Representatives on Tuesday, Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño outlined specific aspects of the General Revenue Appropriation Bill (the budget) for 2022-2023 and reflected on the above-average performance of the economy over the past year—highlighting a marked economic rebound, but warning of dark clouds on the horizon.

“My report today will show that our first Budget exceeded all performance markers and that the new Budget, proposed at \$1.361 billion, will be the largest spending and investment Budget in the history of our country,” Hon. Briceño noted in his presentation.

But the government must remain cautious from both a revenue and spending standpoint, said the Prime Minister. The total revenue and grants to be received by GoB is projected in the new budget to be \$1.26 billion, with a recurrent revenue of \$1.22

billion—about 7.5% more than what was projected in the 2021 budget, which saw a 19% increase in the amount of funds entering the country's coffers due to an additional \$50 million in grants and \$5.36 million in capital revenue—resulting in total revenue and grants of



Prime Minister John Briceño

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Court extends injunction against CWU

The Supreme Court has extended the interim injunction that prevents disbursement of a \$1.5 million payment from the Christian Workers Union's account to stevedores of the PBL. PBL's attorney is now arguing that the payment should have come from a Contingencies Fund after parliamentary approval for the disbursement was granted this week.



Godfrey Smith - Attorney for PBL

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Mar. 16, 2022

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Accused killers of minister's father plead guilty

The trio pleaded guilty to the crime; one taking the murder rap and two others pleading guilty to manslaughter, while the alleged mastermind is still on the run.

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Mar. 16, 2022

On Tuesday, March 15, in the Orange Walk Supreme Court, the trial of three men who were allegedly involved in the murder of Ramon Cervantes, Sr., 71, a former mayor, senator and businessman who was the father of Orange Walk North area representative, Hon. Ramon

“Monchi” Cervantes, came to an unexpected conclusion when the three alleged killers pleaded guilty to the crime.

In a court hearing presided over by Justice Herbert Lord, Noe Gonzalez Avila, a 29-year-old Guatemalan national, pleaded guilty to murder; while Mateo Pott, a 35-

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Ramon Cervantes, Jr. - son of Ramon Cervantes, Sr.

Duke and Duchess of Cambridge arrive on Saturday

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Mother seeks justice for slain daughter

50-year-old Shirley Mai, the mother of deceased 18-year-old Keona Ara, is seeking funding to finance a civil lawsuit in her quest for justice for her daughter who was brutally killed 5 years ago and whose alleged killers were recently acquitted.

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Mar. 17, 2022

Five years ago, one of the most gruesome and disturbing murders in Belize's history claimed the life of 18-year-old Keona Gabby Ara, a resident of Blackman Eddy, whose



Sherlene Mai - mother of Keona Ara

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PM Briceño: The Principality of Islandia is “schupid”

When news broke that investors bought an island in Belize to start their own country, it raised more than a few eyebrows. The issue of the Principality of Islandia, however, is as complex as it is controversial.



by *Khaila Gentle*

BELMOPAN, Tues. Mar. 15, 2022

When the news broke that a group of investors had purchased Coffee Caye, located 15 minutes off the coast of Belize City, and were proclaiming it their own sovereign state called “The Principality of Islandia”, it quickly garnered much attention—and criticism—from Belizeans near and far, with the Prime Minister sharing some of his own thoughts on the issue this past Tuesday. After being asked by local reporters, following the budget presentation, how he felt about the Principality of Islandia, Prime Minister John Briceño said that, quite frankly, it is “schupid” and, at first, refused to comment further.

According to *CNN*, a group of travelers purchased the 1.2-acre mangrove-lined island known as

Coffee Caye through crowdfunding back in December 2019 at a price of US \$180,000 plus tax after Belizean real estate agent Oscar D. Romero found the property for them. Today the caye, which has since been dubbed “The Principality of Islandia” by its

owners, has its own national flag, an anthem, a passport, and a “government,” and it has garnered a total of 89 investors. And just recently, in February, 13 of those new investors took a trip to the island for the first time, camping there overnight.

Their website, “Let’s Buy an Island”, states that the Principality of Islandia is a “micronation experiment” and that its owners plan to use the island to forward their own ideals of democracy, inclusion, and sustainability while “keeping with, and enhancing” the laws of their host nation.

Given a second chance at commenting on the issue, Prime Minister Briceño reiterated his sentiments, lambasting the new Coffee Caye owners for “false marketing”.

“Would I allow anybody to have their own country within this

country? Man, that is a schupid thing,” stated the Prime Minister.

“It has absolutely no support from the government. And certainly, I don’t think, and if it is, we’ll change it, that the Ministry, or BTB, or anybody in tourism could say ‘ok as a marketing strategy you say buy an island and have your own country,’ it’s not going to happen,” he added.

Let’s Buy an Island co-founder Marshall Mayer has stated that their claims of the Principality of Islandia being its own country and an “experiment with democracy” is nothing more than a tongue-in-cheek marketing ploy.

“We are a tongue-in-cheek micronation falling squarely within the laws of Belize,” Mayer told *Travel + Leisure* magazine.

For Stephen Rice, another one of the investors, the concept of Islandia is merely about fulfilling the dream of owning an island. But while those like Rice and Meyer see Islandia as a “fun and quirky” idea, there are some, such as the project CEO and cofounder, Gareth Johnson, who take the concept a bit more seriously, with Johnson telling *CNN* that the micronation is “as close to a nation as you can get.”

While the new “citizens” of Islandia have expressed enthusiasm regarding their new venture, many persons, including some potential investors, have voiced concerns that the small island will not be able to withstand the mounting effects of the climate crisis, including stronger hurricanes and rising sea levels.

Robbers invade home in Cotton Tree

by *Charles Gladden*

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Mar. 17, 2022

The home of a family of three in Cotton Tree Village in the Cayo District was burglarized in the wee hours of Wednesday, March 16.

According to Indira Barrientos, she and the other two occupants of the home — her mother and daughter — were asleep when she heard a noise coming from the upstairs of their home about 2:00 a.m. that morning. She went to investigate the noise, and found herself in front of a pistol that was pointed at her face, and before she knew it, she was being held at gunpoint by two reportedly dark-complexioned men who demanded money and threatened to rape her.

She later explained to reporters, “I heard [a] noise in my home, upstairs. I got up, saw something, and I went closer to the window, then a guy pointed a gun at me. After that, I threw myself down, then I remembered about my daughter, so I hurried ran to the room. When I ran to the room, they broke the first door, so I got a phone, tried calling the police, and when I called the police [the men] came into the room where I was. At that time, they grabbed the phone from my hand [but] I hurried cut it off, so they made me lock it just to make sure the call was not made to the police. After that, they asked me for money, and one of them told me they were going to rape me, and he took me to the next room then the dogs [started to bark]. I think I got saved from that raping because of the dogs.”



The victim’s home

“Everything happened quickly. One of them was holding me from the back of my shirt; he is short and kind of thick, smelled of rum, and all covered up.” Barrientos said.

While none of the residents of the home were physically harmed during the ordeal, Barrientos said that one of the men repeatedly threatened to rape her, but she told him that she was pregnant in order to avoid the attack.

“They didn’t hurt any of us. The short guy told me that I will get raped. He insisted that I will get raped. I even told him that I was pregnant, but I am not pregnant. I just invented that. When we were downstairs, also, in the room, he also tried to rape me again, and I told him that I was pregnant, so he stopped,” she said.

Barrientos said that she prayed that her daughter did not wake up during the home invasion, as it would have made the situation more dire.

“I was in shock, and at that moment I just prayed to God that my daughter doesn’t get up and scream, because maybe it could’ve gotten worse, because she would’ve made noise. This happened so fast, and I stayed in shock,” she said.

The two robbers escaped with over \$300 dollars in cash, a laptop, 2 cell phones, a necklace with Indira’s name on it, and some packs of cigarettes.

Police are investigating.

Police van bursts into flames



BELIZE CITY, Mon. Mar. 14, 2022

This morning, a thick plume of black smoke caused by a burning vehicle could be seen by those traveling toward Belize City from the Hattieville area. A van used by police to do daily runs to the Belize Central Prison inexplicably burst into flames sometime after 8 o’clock this morning while it was being used to transport 5 prisoners to the prison. The vehicle fire produced a large amount of smoke which prevented commuters from continuing on their route. One James Bus took a u-turn back towards Hattieville and utilized the Boom cut-off road to enter the Philip Goldson Highway and make its way to Belize City.

The front portion of the police vehicle was burnt to a near crisp, but the Police Communications Director, ASP Fitzroy Yearwood, said that the fire was extinguished and the 5 passengers in the vehicle were transferred to another police van that was on the road at the time, which safely transported them to the prison.

Police were on the scene, but no fire or first response personnel were present. The van was parked at the side of the road while the flames gutted the vehicle. Reports are that the driver of the van saw flames coming out the hood and immediately allowed everyone to exit. Police are currently investigating the cause of this seemingly spontaneous fire.

GOB working on providing relief at the pump

The Government has been assessing ways to mitigate the effects of rising gas prices that are being felt countrywide, PM Briceño told local reporters. That includes capping the price of diesel at \$13.41.

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELMOPAN, Tue. Mar. 15, 2022

With fuel pump prices slowly inching towards \$15 a gallon after the most recent price increase on Saturday, March 12, took the prices of Diesel and Kerosene to \$13.41 and \$9.05 respectively, Prime Minister John Briceño has indicated that the Government plans to meet with the private sector and other stakeholders to discuss the rising prices and ways to mitigate the effects being felt by everyday citizens.

“We have fuel as it is right now—it is a crisis. The price of fuel without taxes, you know, it’s already very high. And so what we are doing with the fuel issue—we have some ideas, but I won’t want to disclose them at this time. I prefer to hear out from our social partners,” he stated.

According to the Prime Minister, the government will soon be meeting with its social partners in both the private and the productive sectors to hold discussions. Among those partners is the Central Bank of Belize, which, along with the Ministry of Finance, will be presenting data and analysis

on the changes in prices of fuel throughout history and comparing past and present trends.

Many have questioned why the Government of Belize has not done more to absorb some of the fuel costs, thus preventing everyday citizens from feeling the brunt of the effect of rising prices. Prime Minister Briceño noted, however, that the Government has already been doing so.

“In the last shipment of Diesel, I think we have already taken a cut of about \$400,000 that we did not pass on to the pump,” he commented.

A recent update from the Ministry of Finance revealed that on Friday, March 11, the Government of Belize lowered taxes on diesel by 35%, allowing its price to be capped at \$13.41. Had this not been done, said the release, the price of diesel would have already reached \$14.70.

Prime Minister Briceño previously stated that several factors have been and will continue to influence the steadily rising fuel prices—including potential hurricanes, inflation, COVID-19, and especially the current war in Ukraine. In this most recent release, the Ministry noted that while

small countries like Belize, with open and vulnerable economies, have no control over these factors, attempting to adjust nationally specific factors may have some kind of an impact. And according to the release, the Government will continue to do what it takes to provide relief at the pump.

“I can tell you that whatever we can control, and whatever it is that we can do, we are going to do our best,” said the Prime Minister to local reporters.

Apart from diesel and kerosene, the prices of premium and regular gasoline, which last saw an increase on February 17, currently stand at \$12.90 and \$12.84. These changes, however, like the most recent ones, went mostly unannounced. In fact, within the past month, about four separate increases in fuel pump prices have occurred without any announcement from the Government of Belize Press Office. When local reporters asked the Prime Minister why this was the case and demanded the return of the press releases, he



denied that the Government has been withholding information about upcoming changes in gas prices.

“The truth of the matter is that we are not controlling the publication because you get it the minute it hits the pumps. The minute it hits the pump and the change, so it’s not that we’re hiding the publication,” he said.

After being told that the press releases are public information which many depend on and which ensure transparency, the PM seemed to reconsider his stance, stating “It is something I can bring up with the Ministry of Finance.”

He also noted that, with the rising gas prices, an increase in bus fares is highly likely.

Minister Ferguson: too many buses on the road

The divisive entry of the new bus line Floralia into the playing field has raised the bar for the standard of public transport, and Minister Rodwell Ferguson is not in opposition to that raising of the bar, as he soon hopes to give the entire industry a much-needed overhaul.



**Hon. Rodwell Ferguson -
Minister of Transport**

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELMOPAN, Wed. Mar. 16, 2022

At the request of governmental authorities, up and coming bus line Floralia has delayed the commencement of its new Independence runs by one week—an announcement which comes just three days after Belize Bus Association (BBA) secretary Ewart Metzgen briefly lamented the difficulties faced by operators in the industry, especially with the entrance of a new bus line, and less than a week after it was revealed that the Association had filed an application to the Supreme Court for road permits granted to Floralia to be rescinded and declared illegal.

“In a spirit of cooperation and to allow for a smooth transition between

Operators, Floralia’s Independence Run will now commence Monday, March 21,” wrote the new bus company, which just recently began operations in December of 2021.

The Supreme Court application, filed by Barrow & Williams LLP, asserts that Floralia’s permit to transport passengers from Belize City to Punta Gorda (as well as Belize City to Dangriga) conflicts with the already existing runs being made by other bus lines. In speaking with local reporters, Minister of Transport Hon. Rodwell Williams stated, however, that whichever bus operator was doing the Independence runs over the last few months was doing so illegally, since the person who held the permit for it, Calbert Williams, passed away late last year and the permit for the run expired on December 31, 2021. Minister Ferguson refrained from commenting any further, since the court has not yet made a decision on the matter.

In recent months, many commuters have stated that while the quality of most buses on the road has been lacking, Floralia’s emergence has raised the bar for public transport standards. Hon. Rodwell Ferguson has stated that he welcomes that elevation, noting that in taking over the Ministry his main priority has always been upgrading and completely transforming Belize’s transport industry, something which he says he immediately communicated to all bus

operators and which he hopes to accomplish by December 2022. This new upgrade would be timely, as rising fuel prices have sparked discussions around whether there will soon be an increase in bus fares, and, according to the Minister, most commuters would not be willing to pay more money for substandard services.

“If you look at the threads on Facebook, the commuters are saying that they want better buses on the highway, and we don’t mind paying the price if we get better transportation services across this country. So I believe that the commuter might erupt, and say ‘you di increase the price for me and then the buses are still old and inadequate’. So we hope that we can balance the act as we go along and figure out how quickly we can resolve it,” he said.

Previously, bus operators who belong to the Belize Bus Association were threatening to take industrial action after their requests for relief to counter the impact of steadily rising gas prices and other overhead expenses were reportedly ignored. After a successful meeting with the Government, the BBA called off their strike, and it was agreed that fuel prices and the potential increase in bus fares would be discussed in Cabinet this Monday. According to Minister Ferguson, during that meeting, he also spoke with the bus operators about the plan to upgrade the transport industry.

A part of that upgrade, he said, might involve reducing the number of buses on the roads as, currently, there are far too many.

“Right now we’re doing an assessment—a whole transformation plan going on in the Ministry of Transportation... When we discussed with the bus operators a couple of days ago, I told them together we have to fix the industry and to be frank, too many buses are on the highway, and nobody’s making any money. So we have to figure out what is the best way forward to streamline this industry that we can see an improvement and likewise operators making money. So if somebody will have to go at the end of the day some will have to go. But that will be between ourselves and the bus operators,” he stated.

While he didn’t go into much detail, Hon. Ferguson also said that he has been negotiating with banks for all bus operators to be able to get loans to improve their services and bring in new buses in an effort to level the playing field and elevate the standards of the industry. Currently, many operators are unable to do so due to many of their road permits being short-term, thus preventing them from being approved for loans. Hon. Rodwell Ferguson also added that he supports anyone who wishes to improve transport services, stating, “If you invest and you bring in and you want to upgrade, then I’m with you.”

Revised Cannabis Bill tabled at National Assembly



**Hon. Kareem Musa -
Minister of Home Affairs &
New Growth Industries**

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELMOPAN, Thurs. Mar. 17, 2022

After being sent back to Cabinet for approval last week, the revised Cannabis and Industrial Hemp Control and Licensing Bill was tabled at the sitting of the House of Representatives this past Tuesday. Over the past 8 months, the set of regulations, which is an attempt by GoB to establish proper legislation to govern the

cultivation, processing, distribution, and delivery of cannabis and industrial hemp products, has gone from being an amendment to the Misuse of Drugs Act to its current status as a specialized, standalone Act.

During the House sitting, the Minister of Home Affairs and New Growth Industries, Hon. Kareem Musa, stated that presenting the cannabis regulations in the form of a standalone act highlights the importance of directing specific focus and attention to the industry. He also noted that the revised bill underscores inclusiveness and responsiveness — having been the result of consultations, working groups, virtual town halls, and dialogue with stakeholders.

“Those interactions, Madame Speaker, have made this bill. It is a bill not shy of feedback from both proponents and opponents. Everyone together has played a part in making this bill better,” said Minister Musa.

One of the improvements made to the newly revised bill is a change in the minimum legal age for cannabis

use, which has been upped from 18 to 21 years, after government took into consideration calls to more forcefully protect young persons in the country. According to the Minister, regulations related to transparency and confidence will also be strengthened in an effort to “bring cannabis out of the shadows.”

“It is our duty to bring the assurance of a tested and safer product while embracing the opportunity to educate Belizeans on the potential risks and benefits. What is before us, Madame Speaker, is an earnest attempt to

legislatively, deliberately, thoughtfully repair and contain the damage caused by failed policies or rather a complete lack of policy altogether along with the racist enforcement schemes that exist. We continue to push towards a framework that is built on equity, responsibility, restitution, and peace,” he said.

The bill, which has the support of the Cabinet, will be referred to the National Security and Immigration Committee for examination and consideration, after which it will have a second reading on March 24, 2022.

Duke and Duchess of Cambridge arrive on Saturday

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BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Mar. 17, 2022

This Saturday, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, Prince William and Kate Middleton, will arrive in Belize for a royal visit in

commemoration of The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. The royal couple will spend three days in the Jewel as a part of their tour of the Caribbean.

PM Briceño presents \$1.3 billion budget

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\$1.192 billion for that period.

Notably, however, although the 2021-2022 budget was presented as one of austerity, the government’s spending surpassed the \$1.217 billion that had been budgeted for expenditure by \$14 million.

Prime Minister Briceño acknowledged this excess spending during his budget presentation, and remarked, “Now the excess spending in the instance of Goods and Services is the item of greatest concern to me: \$50m or some 29 percent higher than the Budget. While we concede that the cut for FY 2021/22 was significant, compared to previous years, there must be an acceptance that spending 20 cents of every dollar collected by Government on Goods & Services is intolerably high.”

He added, “The Ministry of Finance will redouble efforts to suppress this expenditure line item but to do so requires an all-of-government approach. I appeal to Ministries and Financial Officers to exercise maximum restraint.”

In the upcoming financial year, overall spending is expected to increase by \$144 million or 12%, to \$1.36 billion. This will include the 10% of public workers’ and teachers’ salaries that had been deducted from what they received over the past year as a cost-saving measure but will be paid once more to those workers following the reinstatement of their full salaries.

“The decision to restore, in dollar terms, translates into an additional \$40 million in the Personal Emoluments and \$15 million in the Subsidies and Transfer line, for a total of \$55 million,” the Prime Minister said. He also noted that this year \$101 million will be allocated for pension

payments.

“Taken all together, wages and pensions, including the wage-related subsidies categorized as Subsidies and Transfers, will total some \$704 million. Let me repeat, for necessary emphasis that stunning figure: Wages, wage-related subsidies, and pensions will cost Government \$704 million in the coming Budget year. 62 cents of every dollar Government collects in recurrent revenues will therefore be spent on wages and pensions,” said Hon. Briceño.

The overall deficit of \$97.6 million will be bridged through grant funding from Taiwan, which is categorized as Capital 3 funding (loans from external sources), and the issuing of treasury bills, explained Hon. Briceño. In response to questions about the high overall deficit in this budget, he said, “The point is, we are bridging the deficit, and the way we are bridging the deficit is, one, by grants, which our good friends from Taiwan are helping us with some grants, and secondly from the Cap 3 funding when the US comes in, and then we will also be issuing some treasury notes and bills. Between those three factors, we will be able to close the deficit.”

According to the International Monetary Fund, Belize’s economy is estimated to expand by 6.5% this year — but despite the upswing of 2021, which saw global world input increase by 5.9% and a 12.5% economic expansion in Belize, the world (including Belize) is headed for tougher times, cautioned Hon. Briceño.

In outlining what economic prospects lie ahead for 2022, the Prime Minister stated, “The global growth momentum observed in 2021 is expected to recede in 2022. According to the IMF, global growth is expected to weaken by 1.5 percentage points to 4.4 percent in 2022.”

Despite GoB’s anticipation of a global economic downturn, however, no new major tax or revenue-collection measures were included in the new budget—notwithstanding the fact that the four major categories of taxes together constitute the primary portion of what GoB collects in recurrent revenue, with taxes on goods and services estimated at \$654,966,339 for this coming fiscal year (over half a billion dollars for the Belizean taxpayer).

The government is, however, providing funding to bolster the new Tax Recovery Unit.

“Cabinet committed to establishing a Tax Recovery Unit. This Unit began operations in October of last year. With help from CARTAC, the Unit reviewed the 18,830 accounts that carried nominal arrears of some \$645 million and relating to the Belize Tax Service Department (that is, the GST, Business Tax, and the PAYE levies). Of this \$645 million: only 6 percent or \$38 million were assessed within the last two years; less than 20 percent or \$111 million are less than 5 years in arrears; approximately \$419 million or 67 percent are noncollectable by law due to the statute of limitations, or because they related to the now obsolete Sales Tax,” stated the PM during his presentation of the budget.

While the International Monetary Fund’s (IMF) fiscal affairs department has deemed taxes that have been outstanding for more than three years to be uncollectable, however, the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Moses “Shyne” Barrow, stated during his remarks in the House that a bill should be brought to the House to extend the statute of limitation on recovery of uncollected taxes.

“There are creative ways to make it where we can get the money, get people to pay what they owe the Belizean

taxpayers ... we have come to this honorable House and presented legislation to remedy problems that did not exist, so with a problem such as this I believe the entire country would rally behind the government to bring legislation where we can get people to pay what they owe. The statute of limitation should not be used for absconders of tax dollars that are owed to the Belizean people,” said Hon. Barrow.

Increased collection of taxes could be of assistance to the country as it services its debt portfolio and inches toward reducing its 108% debt-to-GDP ratio. Last year, \$86.4 million of public debt was retired, separate from the write-off related to the Blue Bond payout of the Superbond.

“According to the IMF’s most recent assessment, issued on 24th February 2022, Belize’s public debt fell from 133 percent of GDP at the close of 2020 to 108 percent at the close of 2021, down by a massive 25 percent of GDP,” the PM stated in his budget presentation.

During an interview following the House meeting, the PM Briceño told reporters that his administration is aiming to reduce the debt to GDP ratio to as low as 80% during their time in office.

“In the first year, we manage to reduce it by 25%. That does not mean we are out of the woods; we are still in dangerous territory. So our objective and goal is for us to reduce debt to GDP to 80% by 2025 and by 2030 we hope that the next government ... will be able to reduce it to 70%,” he said.

Key sectors driving the economic rebound recorded in 2021 remain our traditional mainstays: agriculture and tourism. This budget, the PM says, has been proposed “to allow time for the economic recovery to solidify and for wage relief to offset rising inflation.”



Increasing bus fares isn't the best option

News that bus operators across the country were seriously considering strike action because they weren't making enough off their runs to cover costs came as no surprise to commuters. While no study has been done to find out how much the pandemic negatively affected the earnings of bus operators, most believe it has been considerable. A falloff in the number of commuters is only one of two hits bus operators have taken. They've also been hit hard by the rising cost of fuel at the pumps.

Recently, the price of crude oil spiked significantly after the world's most heavily nuclear-armed country, Russia, viciously invaded its neighbor, Ukraine. Today, the price of diesel, the fuel of industry, is well above \$13 per gallon, and bus operators, who in fact were being crushed at the pumps even before the change of government in November 2020, can't handle the pain anymore, hence their decision to cry out for relief.

The president of the Belize Bus Association, Mr. Thomas Shaw, said that in meetings with the Ministry of Transport (MoT) their discussions revolved around the government subsidizing fuel costs for bus operators, or giving them the go-ahead to increase the fare for commuters. Reports are that the MoT is leaning in the direction of higher bus fares.

Government's take from fuel taxes has never been so good, and with our country still heavily indebted after two years in the grip of the pandemic, GOB is probably tempted to milk the pumps a while longer. The taxes collected off fuel are

incredibly important for GOB, but there's just so much you can get from people who are struggling financially. If GOB supports having commuters reach deeper into their pockets to travel on public buses, it might be miscalculating the level of pain out here. It is both bus operators and commuters that are strained past the breaking point.

As PM Briceno pointed out in his budget speech on Tuesday, things were bad in Belize before his government took office. While all the numbers point to an economy on the rebound, we are not yet back to where we were prior to the pandemic. There was much suffering in our land pre-pandemic, and since then our deprivation has increased. An estimated 60% of Belizeans are living in poverty at this time, and that means that six out of ten Belizeans are counting pennies, not dollars. These are very hard times.

It is very rough out here, and it could get a lot worse quickly if this war in the Baltics isn't over soon. The fallout from raising bus fares would be varied and plentiful, and the thousands who will feel their pockets pinched even further are mostly students, small

entrepreneurs, and government workers. Bus owners will be happy, but it mightn't be for long. Raising bus fares means there'll be more hitchhiking on the highways, more people camping at their work sites instead of going home, more people dropping out of the work force, increased cost of the produce of our small entrepreneurs. In these times of high gas prices, the bus fares should encourage folks to park their cars.

Presently, the MoT is on a mission to get bus operators to improve their fleets. Efficient, comfortable and affordable transportation of Belizeans to their work sites all across this country is critical to our development, but that goal won't be realized if the industry isn't profitable. GOB has a number of options to satisfy bus operators; increasing bus fares shouldn't be one of them.

With raising bus fares off the table, one option is for GOB to subsidize the bus operators. This is the quickest solution; it could be done with the stroke of a pen. The GOB would give up some tax, and it would have to have strict controls so that bus operators don't abuse the assistance.

The other option is to set up a small refinery. Highly regarded engineer/economist, Mr. Bill Lindo on his blog published on March 12, 2022 said that we could easily bring down the cost of diesel in Belize. Mr. Lindo says at this time we are still pumping 450 barrels of crude oil from the earth daily, so all we need to do is "stop exportation and set up a small refinery to take out the diesel and export the residue as it's not economical to refine gasoline and other products."

In 2011 the GOB busted a man who was producing diesel and kerosene from crude oil taken from two small "wells" on a property in Belmopan. The *Amandala*, in the story, "Secret oil refinery busted in Belmopan", said that a 56-year-old Cuban mechanic, Roberto Igarza Velasquez, who was in Belize illegally, had "been charged by Belmopan police for embarking on a project without applying to the Environmental Department, and also, for carelessly causing a disaster." A source told the *Amandala* that there was always "heavy vehicular traffic" at the site, and that police sources said "kerosene and diesel were found in industrial quantities."

The UDP, which formed governments in 2008, 2012, and 2015, made us many promises, and in the party's 2012 manifesto we were told that if the party had a victory at the polls the country would get an oil refinery. Then PM, Dean Barrow promised that the party would get on with this project as quickly as possible, and that we would be producing both diesel and gasoline from the crude oil produced by BNE. The UDP government of 2012 to 2015 didn't deliver on that promise. It easily could have if it had confined itself to producing diesel.

Belize has enough small oil wells, so it doesn't need BNE oil. There are many limitations being a small nation with only 400,000 people, but there are advantages too, one of which is that to satisfy our needs for diesel we don't need a big refinery. A refinery just to supply diesel to bus operators shouldn't cost a fortune.

Our elected representatives —our government, of, by, for the people —are at this time discussing/negotiating with bus operators to find the best way forward for this critical industry. Behind closed doors we don't know all that they are discussing. One option that shouldn't be on the table is raising bus fares.

If GOB can't sustain subsidizing the price of diesel to bring it down to where bus operators are making sufficient profits to cover their costs, including maintaining their buses so that commuters are transported safely and comfortably, maybe they have to talk to Mr. Lindo. Or do it like the Americans, who have sent an emissary to Venezuela. We should send to Cuba, for a man named Mr. Velasquez.



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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

INDIVIDUAL CONSULTING SERVICES

Institution: Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing

Country: Belize

Project: Additional Financing for George Price Highway Rehabilitation Project

Sector: Infrastructure, Environment and Natural Disasters

Abstract: Individual Consulting Services – Social Specialist

Loan/Credit/Grant No.: 4616/OC-BL

Deadline: **March 25th, 2022**

The Government of Belize has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), towards the cost of the Additional Financial under the George Price Highway Rehabilitation Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include the contracting of a Social Specialist for one year who will be responsible for the design, implementation, and oversight of a social program for the technical cooperation and loan programs managed by the Program Management Unit.

The Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing now invites eligible Individual Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: [Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank](#) (GN-2350-15, January 2020) – Section V, 5.2 Selection of Individual Consultants based on Comparison of Qualifications of National Individual Consultants.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours:

Program Management Unit
#1 Power Lane, Belmopan, Cayo
Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.
Tel: 501-822-0100/1942
Email: pmupcmow@gmail.com or gphrp.3344@midh.gov.bz

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **10:00 am (local Belize time) on March 25th, 2022.**

Attn: **Mr. Rolando Chan**
Program Coordinator
#1 Power Lane, Belmopan
Cayo District, Belize
501-822-0100/1942

Tel: 501-822-0100/1942

E-mail: pmupcmow@gmail.com or gphrp.3344@midh.gov.bz

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE OF ALFONSO VALLEJOS,
deceased

Late of Patchakan Village, Corozal District, Belize

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 36 of the Administration of Estates Act Chapter 197 of the Laws of Belize that all persons having claims as creditors against the above-named deceased or his estate, are required to lodge any such claim(s) with LOIDA IRACEMA POTT of Santa Clara Village, Corozal District, Belize the Administratrix of the above-mentioned Estate, within three (3) months from the first publication of this notice after which date the Administratrix shall proceed to distribute the assets of the estate among the beneficiaries entitled thereto having regard only to such claims of which the Administratrix will then have had notice.

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Music world mourns the loss of “Guayo”

His musical prowess made its mark in the world of Garifuna music with his guitar solo in “Watina” and continued to do so for 15 years. Now, the musical community is mourning the loss of talented Honduran guitarist Ramon “Guayo” Cedeño.

by *Khaila Gentle*

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Wed. Mar. 16, 2022

The passing of renowned Honduran guitarist and producer Ramon Eduardo “Guayo” Cedeño, has left the Latin American and Garifuna music world, reeling. Guayo, as he was most affectionately known, was 48 years old and died from respiratory complications in a hospital in Tegucigalpa on Friday, March 11—just two days after the birth of his second child, Matias.

Over the years, Cedeño has worked with a number of Garifuna artists and has contributed vastly to the local music scene, having worked extensively with Stonetree Records, and playing the guitar on several acclaimed albums, including *Watina*, *Umalali*, *Laru Beya*, and *Landini*. In fact, since working with Stonetree for the first time in 2006, when

he collaborated in the production of Andy Palacio’s *Watina*, Guayo and his guitar have been featured in every single Garifuna song made by the record label.

“Our music will never be the same without Guayo, but I thank him from the bottom of my heart for the many gifts he has left us,” wrote Stonetree’s founder, Ivan Duran. Duran has described being in the studio with the skilled guitarist as “an otherworldly musical experience”.

Born on January 7, 1974, in the coastal city of La Ceiba, the Honduran native spent his early years watching his father play in the band Los Robbins. He would also eventually go on to encounter Garifuna music, which, according to Cedeño’s website, is what ultimately led him to record and tour the world years later with some of the world’s greatest Garifuna stars: Andy Palacio, The Garifuna Collective, Umalali, and Aurelio

Martinez. A recording can be found on YouTube of Cedeño performing a guitar solo at the 2013 Africa Festival in Germany as a part of the Aurelio Martinez World Tour. There, he gives an impassioned and enthusiastic performance, while Martinez, often referred to as his brother in music, dances in the background.

“Guayo Cedeño my heart is broken, nothing else remains for me to tell you, thank you for so much my little brother,” wrote Nilo Espinal, lead vocalist of Diablos Negros, of which Cedeño was also a part, on Facebook.

Guayo leaves behind his wife, musician Gaby Flores; daughter Amelia, his newborn son, and a

host of fans from Honduras, Belize, and across the globe. His first and only album, *Coco Bar*, was produced in 2015 and pays tribute not only to his father but to 1960s Honduran music. Currently, the Cedeño family is hosting a GoFundMe campaign to support his wife and children.



Honduran guitarist Guayo Cedeño beside Aurelio Martinez

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER LENDING OPERATIONS

JOB SUMMARY

The **Assistant General Manager, Lending Operations** is a key member of the Corporation’s Executive Management Team and provides strategic and tactical direction in order to achieve the Corporation’s objectives for development impact and financial sustainability through its suite of loan services, quality portfolio, market share, productivity and quality service. The AGM, Lending Operations provides oversight to the Credit Delivery, Portfolio Management and Marketing functions of the Corporation.

QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE

1. M.Sc. in Finance, Economics or other quantitative field or Management
2. 8-10 years of progressive executive level management experience, preferably in a financial institution.
3. Proven leadership skills with special concentration on strategic planning, change management, and communication.
4. Advanced loan underwriting/credit appraisal knowledge, and assessment of related risks.
5. Understanding DFC’s role as a development bank and its mandate to shape Belize’s economic and social landscape.
6. High ethical standards and uncompromising sense of integrity.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

1. To provide strategic direction, business plans, and oversight to ensure relevance and quality of loan and related services, optimum market share, for continued financial sustainability and developmental impact.
2. Introduces and recommends loan policy changes to Executive Management and the Board as necessary. Responsible for interpreting and enforcing Loan Policies and Procedures.
3. To contribute to the sustainability of DFC by ensuring strategies are implemented for optimal portfolio growth and portfolio quality.
4. To oversee the effective evaluation and assessment of loan proposals and to make recommendations for approvals to the appropriate levels of delegated authority. Also approve loans within delegated authority.
5. To engage in funding negotiations with local, regional and international financial agencies.
6. Proactively identify and guide the implementation of innovative technological solutions and opportunities to enhance the loan servicing process to increase customer satisfaction, create process efficiencies and cost containment.
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VACANCY
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Aumentar las tarifas de los autobuses no es la mejor opción

La noticia de que los operadores de autobuses de todo el país estaban considerando seriamente una huelga porque no estaban ganando lo suficiente para cubrir sus costos no fue una sorpresa para los viajeros. Si bien no se ha realizado ningún estudio para averiguar cuánto afectó negativamente la pandemia las ganancias de los operadores de autobuses, la mayoría cree que ha sido considerable. Una caída en el número de pasajeros es solo uno de los dos golpes que han recibido los operadores de autobuses. También se han visto muy afectados por el aumento del costo del combustible en las bombas.

Recientemente, el precio del petróleo crudo se disparó significativamente después de que el país con mayor armamento nuclear del mundo, Rusia, invadiera brutalmente a su vecino, Ucrania. Hoy, el precio del diesel, el combustible de la industria, está muy por encima de los \$13 por galón, y los operadores de autobuses, que de hecho estaban siendo aplastados en las bombas incluso antes del cambio de gobierno en noviembre de 2020, ya no pueden soportar el dolor, por lo tanto su decisión de clamar por alivio.

El presidente de la Asociación de Autobuses de Belize, el Sr. Thomas Shaw, dijo que en reuniones con el Ministerio de Transporte (MdT) sus discusiones giraron en torno a que el gobierno subsidie los costos de combustible para los operadores de autobuses, o les dé el visto bueno para aumentar la tarifa para viajeros. Los informes indican que el Ministerio de Transporte se está inclinando en la dirección de tarifas de autobús más altas.

La recaudación del gobierno de los impuestos al combustible nunca ha sido tan buena, y con nuestro país aún muy endeudado después de dos años bajo el control de la pandemia, el Gobierno de Belize probablemente se siente tentado a sacarle provecho a las bombas por un tiempo más. Los impuestos recaudados del combustible son increíblemente importantes para el Gobierno de Belize, pero solo hay tanto que se puede obtener de personas que tienen dificultades financieras. Si el Gobierno de Belize apoya que los viajeros saquen más de sus bolsillos para viajar en autobuses públicos, podría estar calculando mal el nivel de dolor aquí afuera. Tanto los operadores de autobuses como los viajeros están distendidos más allá del punto de ruptura.

Como señaló el primer ministro Briceño en su discurso sobre el presupuesto el martes, las cosas estaban mal en Belize antes de que su gobierno asumiera el cargo. Si bien todos los números apuntan a una economía en recuperación, aún no hemos vuelto a donde estábamos antes de la pandemia. Hubo mucho sufrimiento en nuestra tierra antes de la pandemia, y desde entonces nuestras carencias han aumentado. Se estima que el 60 % de los beliceños viven en la pobreza en este momento, y eso significa que seis de cada diez beliceños cuentan centavos, no dólares. Estos son tiempos muy difíciles.

Es muy difícil aquí, y podría empeorar mucho más rápido si esta guerra en el Báltico no termina pronto. Las consecuencias del aumento de las tarifas de los autobuses serían variadas y abundantes, y los miles de personas que sentirán que sus bolsillos se aprietan aún más son en su mayoría estudiantes, pequeños empresarios y trabajadores del gobierno. Los propietarios de autobuses estarán felices, pero puede que no sea por mucho tiempo. Aumentar las tarifas de los autobuses significa que habrá más gente pidiendo un aventón en las carreteras, más personas acampando en sus lugares de trabajo en lugar de irse a casa, más personas abandonando la fuerza laboral, mayor costo de los productos de nuestros pequeños empresarios. En estos tiempos de alta precios de la gasolina, las tarifas de los autobuses deberían animar a la gente a aparcar sus coches.

Actualmente, el Ministerio de Transporte tiene la misión de

hacer que los operadores de autobuses mejoren sus flotas. El transporte eficiente, cómodo y asequible para los beliceños a sus lugares de trabajo en todo el país es fundamental para nuestro desarrollo, pero ese objetivo no se logrará si la industria no es rentable. El Gobierno de Belize tiene una serie de opciones para satisfacer a los operadores de autobuses; aumentar las tarifas de los autobuses no debería ser uno de ellos.

Con el aumento de las tarifas de los autobuses fuera de la mesa, una opción es que el Gobierno subsidie a los operadores de autobuses. Esta es la solución más rápida; se podría hacer de un plumazo. El Gobierno renunciaría a algún impuesto, y tendría que tener controles estrictos para que los operadores de buses no abusen de la asistencia.

La otra opción es montar una pequeña refinería. El ingeniero/economista de gran prestigio, el Sr. Bill Lindo, en su blog publicado el 12 de marzo de 2022, dijo que podríamos reducir fácilmente el costo del diésel en Belize. El Sr. Lindo dice que en este momento todavía estamos extrayendo 450 barriles de petróleo crudo de la tierra diariamente, por lo que todo lo que tenemos que hacer es "detener la exportación y establecer una pequeña refinería para sacar el diésel y exportar los residuos, ya que no es económico refinar gasolina y otros productos".

En 2011, el Gobierno de Belize arrestó a un hombre que estaba produciendo diesel y queroseno de petróleo crudo extraído de dos pequeños "pozos" en una propiedad en Belmopán. *Amandala*, en el reportaje "Refinería secreta de petróleo encontrada en Belmopán", dijo que un mecánico cubano de 56 años, Roberto Igarza Velásquez, que estaba ilegalmente en Belize, había "sido acusado por la policía de Belmopán por emprender un proyecto sin aplicar al Departamento de Medio Ambiente, y también, por causar un desastre por descuido". Una fuente dijo a *Amandala* que siempre había "pesado tráfico vehicular" en el sitio, y que fuentes policiales dijeron que "se encontró queroseno y diésel en cantidades industriales".

El UDP, que formó gobiernos en 2008, 2012 y 2015, nos hizo muchas promesas, y en el manifiesto del partido de 2012 nos dijeron que si el partido ganaba en las urnas, el país tendría una refinería de petróleo. Luego, el primer ministro, Dean Barrow, prometió que el partido continuaría con este proyecto lo más rápido posible y que estaríamos produciendo tanto diesel como gasolina del crudo producido por BNE. El gobierno UDP de 2012 a 2015 no cumplió esa promesa. Podría haberlo hecho fácilmente si se hubiera limitado a producir diesel.

Belize tiene suficientes pozos de petróleo pequeños, por lo que no necesita petróleo de BNE. Hay muchas limitaciones al ser una nación pequeña con solo 400,000 habitantes, pero también hay ventajas, una de las cuales es que para satisfacer nuestras necesidades de diesel no se necesita una gran refinería. Una refinería solo para suministrar diesel a los operadores de autobuses no debería costar una fortuna.

Nuestros representantes electos—nuestro gobierno, de, por, para el pueblo— están en este momento discutiendo/negociando con los operadores de autobuses para encontrar el mejor camino a seguir para esta industria crítica. Detrás de puertas cerradas no sabemos todo lo que están discutiendo. Una opción que no debería estar sobre la mesa es aumentar las tarifas de los autobuses.

Si el Gobierno no puede seguir subsidiando el precio del diésel para reducirlo hasta el punto en que los operadores de autobuses obtengan suficientes ganancias para cubrir sus costos, incluido el mantenimiento de sus autobuses para que los pasajeros se transporten de manera segura y cómoda, tal vez tengan que hablar con el Sr. Lindo. O háganlo como los americanos, que han enviado un emisario a Venezuela. Deberíamos enviar a Cuba, por un hombre llamado Sr. Velásquez.



PRESS RELEASE

March 17, 2022 For Immediate Release

Update on Status of San Pedro Water System

Belize Water Services apologises to customers in San Pedro for the ongoing low water pressure and outages in the entire San Pedro water distribution system.

Unfortunately, on Friday February 25, 2022, there was a major mechanical malfunction at the Water Treatment Plant, whereby one of three drive trains became non-operational due to a damaged gearbox. This 1,000lb gearbox had to be expedited to the US for repairs. We are pleased to report that the repaired gearbox has arrived back in the country and has been rushed out to San Pedro for installation. However, due to the depleted storage, the company will need to continue with reduced water pressure and planned late night interruptions for several days in order to maintain minimum storage levels to allow supply during peak hours.

BWS assures the public that this situation will be resolved well before the upcoming Easter Holidays, when the demand increases even more.

At this point, BWS kindly requests residents and businesses on the islands, especially the hotels, to conserve water during this period. A little conservation by each will be of great assistance to all.

BWS reiterates our apologies for any inconvenience these reduced pressures and planned interruptions are causing to residents and visitors in San Pedro. We extend our appreciation to consumers in San Pedro for their patience and understanding exhibited during this period.

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 BELIZE CITY**

Estate of **KENNETH R. NOYCE**, deceased.
STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Pursuant to Section 36 of the Administration of Estates Act, Chapter 197 of the Laws of Belize, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands upon or against the Estate of **KENNETH R. NOYCE**, late of #7115 Reed Lane, West Des Moines, Iowa 50266, United States of America are required to send particulars in writing of their claims or demands to **PRUDENTIAL TRUST CORPORATION LIMITED**, the Administrator of the said estate, c/o Courtenay Coye LLP, Attorneys-at-Law, 15 "A" Street, Belize City, Belize and to send such particulars no later than the 9th day of June 2022, **AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN** that at the expiration of the last mentioned date, the Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said **KENNETH R. NOYCE**, deceased, amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims or demands of which particulars have been delivered and the Administrators will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons of whose claims or demands it shall not then have had notice.

DATED the 9th day of March 2022.

COURTENAY COYE LLP
 Per: Iliana N. Swift
 Attorneys-at-Law

NOTICE OF SURVEY

In accordance with the Land Surveyors Act, Chapter 187 of the Laws of Belize, section 15 (1) and (3), I, Robert Ezeilo, Licensed Land Surveyor, duly assisted by Wilfredo Bautista, Land Consultant do hereby give you notice of my intention to within seven (7) days after the date this notice, to enter upon and survey the property lines situate among the Parcels 654, 655, 657, 658, 670, 671, 673 and 674, Block 7, San Pedro Registration Section situate in San Pedro Town, Ambergris Caye, Belize District.

For further information please contact:
 Wilfredo Bautista, Land Consultant,
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STATISTICAL OFFICER
 Belize Crime Observatory

Project: The Evidence Based Information Management for Citizen Security in Central America and the Dominican Republic (INFOSEGURA) Project

A **Statistical Officer** with strong background Statistics, Data Management and/or related fields, is needed to:

- 1) Enhance the collection, collation and management of multivariate crime statistics relevant to Belize, including regional and international statistics for comparative purposes;
- 2) Support interagency partners (principally the Belize Central Prison, the Belize Police Department and the National Forensic Science Service) to improve the capture, collation, management and reporting of crime statistics;
- 3) Contribute reliable and quality statistics and/or indicators to the National Statistical System and the Statistical Institute of Belize;
- 4) Strengthen the knowledge of the BCO and partner agencies on best practices for data and information management, to enhance statistical outputs, both for internal and external users;
- 5) Enhance institutional and interagency capacity for qualitative and quantitative analysis through bridging gaps in knowledge and skills on data and information management, analysis and reporting of crime statistics;

RESPONSIBILITIES/ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

- Monthly compilation of crime statistics, including collation of data from interagency partners;
- Generation of monthly reports and statistical knowledge products (including open data products) for the Belize Crime Observatory;
- Dissemination of up-to-date crime statistics via the BCO's online portals;
- Generation of in-depth, multivariate, quarterly analysis imprisonment report;

For more information, e-mail bco@nsc.gov.bz

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DEADLINE: 15 April 2022



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) invites applicants for the functions of National Consultant for the Surveillance of NCDs and risk factors

Dutystation: Belize City

Qualifications: *Essential:* A Bachelor's degree in one of the health, social or management sciences from a recognized university
Desirable: Postgraduate studies in public health or related field with emphasis on Epidemiology and Surveillance of NCDs and risk factors

Experience: *Essential:* At least 5 years national experience in the related field
Desirable: working experience in health services project management

Skills:

- Theoretical and practical expertise in all aspects related to surveillance, prevention, and control of Noncommunicable diseases, and the promotion of health, as well as a thorough knowledge of epidemiology, prevention, and control methods.
- Ability to analyze factors, trends, and forecast scenarios based on current surveillance systems and possesses the capability to develop and plan innovative and appropriate solutions for their improvement.
- Strong public health and strategic thinking background showing resourcefulness, initiative, leadership qualities and skills to deal with difficult situations and sensitive areas.
- Ability to plan and carry out technical cooperation initiatives on NCDs with emphasis on epidemiology and surveillance of NCDs and risk factors
- Knowledge of Global Strategies for the prevention and control of NCDs as well as regional, subregional, and national situation on NCDs.
- Knowledge of health services policies and administration within the framework of the model of family and community health.
- Knowledge and skills in the formulation of technical cooperation interventions and in the development of criteria and instruments for evaluating program interventions, including resource mobilization and grant management.
- Strong professional oral and writing skills, including the development of reports, oral presentations, and technical/persuasive documents for consideration at the highest levels of the Organization.
- Demonstrated ability to effectively use a computer and utilize software programs such as Microsoft Office Word, Excel, PowerPoint, SharePoint, and Outlook. Other IT skills and knowledge of other software programs for Statistical Analysis, Data Exploratory Analysis and Project Management would be an asset.

Languages: Very good knowledge of English and working knowledge of Spanish

Deadline: Letter of application, Curriculum Vitae, and two current letters of recommendation should be sent to blzmail@paho.org or to P.O. Box 1834, Belize City no later than **March 18, 2022**.

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The Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) invites applicants for the functions of National Consultant to support the Strengthening Climate Resilient Health Systems Project

Dutystation: Belize City

Qualifications: *Essential:* A Bachelor's degree in Environment Science or Public Health from a recognized university

Desirable: A Master's Degree in Environmental Studies, Climate, or related field

Experience: *Essential:* At least 5 years of national experience in public health, environmental health, climate change or related field

Desirable: Experience in development of H-NAP

Skills:

- Experience developing HNAPs and conducting impact assessments and sensitivity analyses
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- Knowledge about health systems' operations
- Experience in data collection and analysis
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- Ability to work collaboratively (in person or virtually) with other team players
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills and sensitivity to political and cultural issues
- Ability to meet deadlines
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- Demonstrated ability to effectively use a computer and utilize software programs such as Microsoft Office Word, Excel, PowerPoint, SharePoint, and Outlook. Other IT skills and knowledge of other software programs for Statistical Analysis, Data Exploratory Analysis and Project Management would be an asset.

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The Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) invites applicants for the functions of National Consultant in the area of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) and Risk Factors under European Union grant

Dutystation: Belize City

Qualifications: *Essential:* A Bachelor's degree in one of the health, social or management sciences from a recognized university
Desirable: Postgraduate studies in public health or related field with emphasis on Nutrition Chronic Diseases and Health Promotion

Experience: *Essential:* At least 5 years national experience in the related field.
Desirable: working experience in health services project management.

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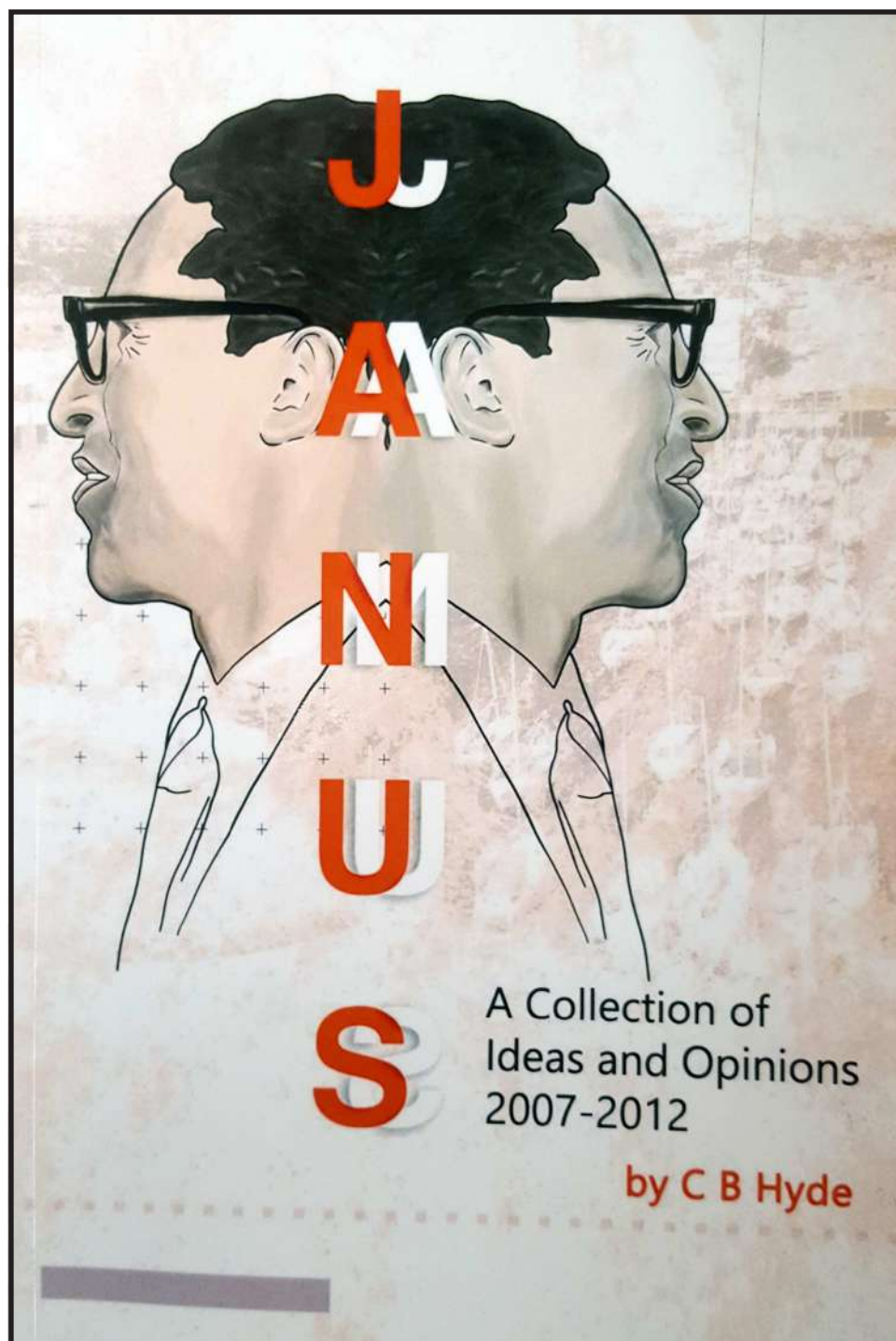
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- Ability to plan and carry out technical cooperation initiatives on NCDs with emphasis on health promotion, nutrition related chronic diseases, mental health disorders, substance abuse, violence and injuries, rehabilitation, aging and palliative care.
- Knowledge of Global Strategies for the prevention and control of NCDs as well as regional, subregional, and national situation on NCDs.
- Knowledge of health services policies and administration within the framework of the model of family and community health.
- Knowledge and skills in the formulation of technical cooperation interventions and in the development of criteria and instruments for evaluating program interventions, including resource mobilization and grant management.
- Strong professional oral and writing skills, including the development of reports, oral presentations, and technical/persuasive documents for consideration at the highest levels of the Organization.
- Demonstrated ability to effectively use a computer and utilize software programs such as Microsoft Office Word, Excel, PowerPoint, SharePoint, and Outlook. Other IT skills and knowledge of other software programs for Statistical Analysis, Data Exploratory Analysis and Project Management would be an asset.

Languages: Very good knowledge of English and working knowledge of Spanish

Deadline: Letter of application, Curriculum Vitae, and two current letters of recommendation should be sent to blzmail@paho.org or to P.O. Box 1834, Belize City no later than **March 18, 2022**.

For further details visit our website <https://www.paho.org/en/vacancies> An interview will be held for this position and only candidates under serious consideration will be contacted.

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A Collection of
Ideas and Opinions
2007-2012

by C B Hyde

Ms. Janelle has two big shoes to fill

by Colin Hyde

On the “liked” scale, former *News5* anchor and current Vice President of Oceana in Belize, Ms. Janelle Chanona, is one of the most popular Belizeans. As a news person she was a trailblazer, a star when television news was novel to Belize, and at Oceana she has been a worthy successor to Ms. Audrey Matura, who saved World Heritage status for our reef when she organized a referendum in which Belizeans voted overwhelmingly against any exploration for oil in the sea in front of our shores. Hmm, if the price of oil keeps rising, there’ll be a hankering from some people to rethink our stance there...but haha, with the Blue Bond in our corner, they’ll have some mighty waves to cross.

Most Belizeans are pro-environment, and in the marine world we have deep concern for our groupers, and other fragile marine species. Oceana and Janelle have been at the fore in the fight for the reef, and in most of her engagements the wind and the people have been at her back. Only a few of her battles have not been all that easy. In the media she sometimes had to get tough with our countless wayward political leaders, and she has had to buck heads with some fisherfolk who resist change. But all in all it has been relatively smooth sailing. All that is about to change, now that she has been sent to the Senate, been chosen as the representative for NGOs. Her days of sailing in fair winds are behind her. There’ll be a lot of head winds she’ll have to navigate.

There’s SOME hot history behind the NGOs’ seat in the Senate. The 2008 UDP promised to improve the

PUP’s enhanced Senate with a 13th senator, so that the Opposition and non-government senators would outnumber government senators 7 to 6. That new seat was designated, giftwrapped for the NGOs. We all know that the UDP didn’t deliver on that promise until two governments later, and why it took them so daam long.

My gudnis, PM Dean Barrow went through more contortions than Houdini slipping shackles in a sack, all to prevent Greg Ch’oc from taking up the NGO seat. And, and he didn’t cry uncle until the teachers broke the law over his back at the Biltmore.

When the teachers locked arms and got him to deliver the NGO seat, Greg was out of the country, studying law in Guyana. Osmany Salas was called on to take up the spear, and he has done a noble job, except for blocking Henry Charles’s piecemeal moves to reform, he and his colleagues opting instead for a repeat of the much-ignored Political Reform Commission recommendations which were presented in 2000. But we can give Osmany a near perfect score, because all the intellectuals are in favor of the soon to be constituted 2022 Constitutional Reform Commission. I veto that, because more than likely it will all be wasted air.

The other big shoe Janelle has to fill is her dad’s. She comes from a PUP family, and her dad, Anthony, was the first mayor of Belmopan, and once represented the PUP in the Senate. For those who don’t know, Godwin scolded Anthony after he voted yes to the PUP’s under-cover-of-night vesting bill. In his defense, Anthony chastised the PUP for giving them the bill the morning of the meeting. He then proceeded to say

“yay, explaining that as a PUP senator it was not his right to vote nay. Shortly after, Anthony showed his mettle. He resigned from the job the wikid PUP gave him in the Senate.”

I’m sure Janelle is well aware that she is not going to a tea party, and yes, that she knows she has some big shoes to fill. The Senate doesn’t have mighty powers, but she’ll be voting on behalf of our NGOs on many controversial matters. There’ll be bills, bills to debate, and even though she’ll be seeking consensus before she enters the Upper House, she’ll personally be under the microscope.

Condolences, Brother Clinton

Much love to Brother Clinton Canul Luna, and strength, as he deals with losing his son, Manuel. Much love to all Manuel’s family and close friends too. The remarks in Brother Clinton’s column were beautiful. I think everyone who read it loved Manuel’s vibes. RIP, Manuel.

Accident or incident

I’m no big wordsmith, but because we could all use some uniformity here, I throw my two cents. It’s Love FM that started it, funny because they are the architects of stale, and now the trailblazing Channel 7 has joined, I noticed, in referring to an RTA as an incident.

Indeed, an accident has to be determined, while incident doesn’t commit to anything. If a man falls from a roof, we say it was an accident. But the man could have been pushed, as well as he could have jumped off. When two vehicles collide, one of the drivers could have maliciously

hit the other.

Here’s why the law refers to a vehicle collision as an accident. Karns & Kerrison (law firm) says “in the world of workplace mishaps...an ‘incident’ is any unexpected event that does not result in serious losses or injury; an ‘accident’ is an unexpected event that causes damage, injury, or harm.”

On the surface it looks incidental, but if you take a little dive, it is downright cynical to refer to a fatal RTA as an—incident. Hmm, you know there are two kinds of people in this world. Those who want to believe that human beings are good. They will report “accident”. The second kind believes that human beings are all kinds of things. Those kinds will say “incident”.

Long years later I figured out that left signal

Despite much improvement to the highways in our country, there are still “straights” where it is a little tricky to pass when a big vehicle is ahead of you. Back when I got the left signal, there were many such areas on all our highways. My, the dusty PG road was 101 miles of can’t pass, from its junction with the Hummingbird all the way to Peini. Hmm, one would have expected after that highway was brought up to international standards that Jerry Enriquez would have stopped describing our governments as Belize City-centric.

The left signal that befuddled me, it was on the Hummingbird Highway. I was tailing a big truck for quite some distance, and the driver up ahead put on his left indicator and stuck his left arm out of his window and beckoned me to pass.

I was as confused as hell, so confused that I just sat back a while behind that big truck. If he had given me a right signal and beckoned me with his hand to pass, I would have pulled out and make a move, without committing. On the highway, vehicles are going too fast, so you have to be sure. Oh no, I wouldn’t have given him all my trust.

How can you give a left signal and then beckon someone with your hand to pass? Incredibly, when I told another licensed driver my story, he argued that a left indicator on the highway means the road is clear up ahead.

I could have gone immediately when he beckoned. But I sat back a bit, and then I did it my way. I drifted out from under him, went way wide of him, and then I hit floorboard. It took me years to figure it out. He must have been planning to turn across the road, but he was some ways off, the road was clear, and being a conscientious type he beckoned me to pass. Well, I didn’t bite.

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE - PROPERTY

Orange Walk Town; Orange Walk District

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. The Belize Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the following property. Sale currently running and will expire Monday 21st March 2022 at the time shown on the website.



| REGISTRATION SECTION | BLOCK | PARCEL |
|----------------------|-------|--------|
| Orange Walk Town | 4 | 3611 |

(Being a two storey concrete dwelling house [32 ft. X 37 ft. both levels] containing Ground Floor (2 Apartments) - Apartment 1 - 1 bedroom + 1 bathroom + living/dining/kitchen and Apartment 2 - 1 bedroom + 1 bathroom ; First Floor - 3 Bedrooms + 1 bathroom + living/dining/kitchen + front and back verandah TOGETHER with Lot [797.16 S.Y] situate at Parcel No. 3611 Moho River Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District, the freehold property of Mr. Teofilo R. Ayuso)

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Could it be that they think that we are idiots?

When the second world war started, the United States had no intention of participating, and they were in their right, since the European policy at that time had excluded the United States from the European market; but with the passing of time, when Adolf Hitler had already controlled most of the countries of Europe and part of Africa, the only country that was still defending itself was England, although, already on its knees. That was when Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Winston Churchill met on a ship in Placentia Bay, Newfoundland, whereby the United States decided to enter the war, not so much because of

a good heart, but because Franklin Delano Roosevelt knew that once England fell, Hitler would turn around and attack the Monroe Doctrine—that is, the United States of America.

According to history, and what little I know of it, the United States did not have the military power to defend itself against a Nazi Germany that had dominated Europe and Africa; it would have been impossible. So, if the U.S hadn't gotten into it, today, we, dark and brown-skinned people, would have been slaves of the Nazi empire. Fortunately, the U.S entered, and with the allies, those who were still fighting, were able to dominate

the Nazi army and won the war. So that there would not be a third world war, the United Nations was created so that there would be a place where all nations could bring their complaints or their problems with their neighbors so that in a humane and civilized way they can settle their differences.

From there, the United States realized that it needed a union of countries in order to dominate another enemy that had been created, which was Communist Russia, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR). England, through the voice of Churchill, had warned Roosevelt that the USSR would be a problem in the future because of its communist system. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization, NATO, was established in 1949 with one of its objectives being the breaking of the USSR communist system. After the fall of the USSR communist system in 1991, several of its countries had separated. The group that was created would have been the one that would have defended the countries that had been influenced by communism. After the fall of the communist Russia, the USSR, it was no longer necessary to continue with NATO, because communism had already died.

Taking into account the above, we see the situation that is happening today. I do not take sides for anyone, but I remember that over a period of about 20 years the United States has said that Venezuela is a threat to its national security, and it turns out that Ukraine is border-to-border with Russia, whereby the Western culture crosses over, making Russia feel the threat to its national security. Also, Russia is claiming that Ukraine has a laboratory of biological weapons. Anyway, here we listen more to the news from the Western media, that is, the United States and Europe, and we do not get a lot of news from Russia, and even if it did, the influence of the West is so strong that everything that is said over there, for the other part of the world, is not true. The little I know and what I like about history, is that one can go back in time and realize that man is the only animal that makes the same mistakes; he is the only animal that creates enemies and destroys himself.

Now, according to the Western media, China would not help Russia, but that would be a mistake, since China knows the past history very well, that if it does not give help to Russia, then the countries that make up that power between the United States, Canada and Europe which is NATO, would come to dominate, to break the Russian system. Obviously, the other country that they would wage war against would be Communist China, then the other small countries that practice socialism would disappear from the earth. The objective is to break that system, but



by Clinton Canul Luna

what the Western countries have not realized is that the neoliberal capitalist system has created a lot of poverty in the world, and it is no longer about the communism of the past; it is about human rights, the rights that human beings have for a better life, health, food, education, not being slaves. We have been fighting for thousands of years to live in a democratic system, in a system of freedom and respect for the rights of others and to have the right to live a dignified life like any other human being, not in a neoliberal capitalist system where the minority are multi-billionaires, and the majority of the people live in poorness.

For example, in Africa, they have a population of 1.37 billion inhabitants, with 490 million living in poverty and 10 individuals being multibillionaires who have enough money to feed all the poor. There are many people with immense wealth that can resolve the problem of hunger throughout the world; however, they don't do that; instead they want to get wealthier and wealthier. They continue to recolonize the small countries, and the leaders of these nations who enjoy living an extravagant life, who also receive recognition as holders of doctorates or as a member of an empire, they bow their heads and become lambiscones. We continue to be under empires; an empire falls and another one rises, and the entire history of mankind has been that way. One empire falls and another rises, and we human beings continue as slaves. How much longer will we continue like this? Neither would I like the future empire to be Communist China, nor would I like the future empire to be Russia, no, and I don't like the current empire either, and it's not just about taste but the situation we find ourselves in. It is impossible that in this small country the few are wealthy and so many under hunger and without medicine. It is not possible, 40 years of independence, where is that money? It is said that corruption is against the law, but then why have they not been able to take those persons who have stolen to jail? At times, I don't know whether to cry or laugh, when I listen to certain statements such as the public hospitals will have to compete with private ones. Sisters and brothers, what kind of language is that? What do they take us for? Could it be that they think that we are idiots?

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Sunday Review News Review Talk Show

On Krem TV & Krem Radio
Live-streaming on Krem Television Face Book Page

Host: YaYa Marin Coleman Co-Host: Sista Penelope "Penny" Casasola

Date: Sunday, March 20, 2022 Time: 10:30 a.m. to noon

Guest: Jenee McDonald 10 years Unity Presbyterian Primary School & Gabriella Eck 9 years St. Joseph Roman Catholic Primary School.

Sunday Review will be repeated at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 20, 2022



GEORGETOWN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
GEORGETOWN VILLAGE
STANN CREEK DISTRICT

Applications are invited from suitably qualified individuals to fill the following vacancies:

1 Mathematics Teacher – (3 Months)

1 English Teacher (3 Months)

Qualifications for the teaching positions: Preferably a Bachelor's Degree in Education or the subject area. Interested persons in possession of an Associate's Degree may also apply.

Pay Scale will be in accordance with the scales approved by the Ministry of Education.

Interested persons are asked to submit Letter of Application, complete with Résumé, Transcripts, Valid Teacher's License and Two Letters of Recommendation by March 23, 2022 to the:

Secretary
Board of Governors
Georgetown Technical High School
P.O. Box 235
Dangriga Town



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Belize Water Services Limited invites applicants to fill the vacant post of **Customer Service Manager** in the Customer Service Department.

SUMMARY:

Manages, plans, organizes, integrates and evaluates the service activities and operations of assigned branch; ensures that at the branch level customer expectations are being met and exceeded by team, and performs related duties as assigned. Implement policies and procedures and the company mission, vision and core values is carried out effectively.

DEPARTMENT DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Administer a comprehensive complaint policy and procedures system guided by the Codes of Practice and Water Industry Act.
- Improve our efficiency - Reduce customer waiting time wherever possible and manage all customers' queries and complaints professionally.
- Build and maintain an excellent Customer experience whilst focusing on the company's mission, vision, and core values.
- Improve our customer base – whilst ensuring continuous reduction in the company's Account Receivable and at the same time retain and increase our customer base
- Empower our workforce – Provides coaching, guidance, and feedback that works to develop and retain a highly competent, team of customer-service oriented staff through selection, training and day-to-day management practices which support the Company's mission, vision and values
- Address and solve complaints and queries received in a way that is a win-win for both the customer and the company and provide the necessary follow-up to customers.
- Quality assurance through monitoring of policies and procedures and providing feedback to staff members.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES - The incumbent may not perform all of the listed duties and/or may be required to perform additional or different duties from those set forth below to address business needs and changing business practices.

- Plans, manages, controls, evaluates and administrative assistance to the Customer Service area at the branch offices countrywide.
- Assist the manager with the day-to-day management and reporting.
- Recommend and assist in the implementation of goals and objectives; establish schedules and methods for customer service; implement policies and procedures.
- Evaluate operations and activities of assigned responsibilities; recommend improvements and modifications; prepare various reports on operations and activities.
- Coordinate, analyze and implement strategies to ensure that all key accounts countrywide are properly monitored.
- Review and analyze meter reading, field service, and collections activities in relation to billing reports to assess unit production at the district level.
- Make adjustments as necessary with regard to billing problems; and communicate directly with customers to resolve difficult or complex service/billing issues for the district offices.
- Participate in the selection of staff; provide or coordinate staff training; work with employees to correct deficiencies; implement discipline procedures.
- Answer questions and provide information to the public; investigate complaints and recommend corrective action as necessary to resolve complaints.
- Conduct monthly district visit to branch offices to ensure that they are adhering to policies and processes.
- Build and maintain positive working relationships with co-workers and the public using the principles of good customer service.

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL REQUIREMENTS:

Candidates will need to show evidence of the following:

- written and spoken communication skills that allow you to inform, help and advice customers, and liaise with other professionals;
- listening skills, to understand exactly what customers require; problem-solving skills;
- confidence, patience, politeness, tact and diplomacy, when dealing with difficult situations;

- motivational skills and an ability to supervise and lead a team of customer service assistants;
- creative thinking, to be able to come up with new ideas to improve customer service standards;
- an ability to work well under pressure;
- organizational and planning skills to develop customer services policies;
- good personal presentation, especially when working with customers face to face

COMPETENCIES TO BE EVALUATED ON:

1. Technical and Functional Skills
2. Understanding of the Business
3. Ability to achieving Results
4. Serving the Customer
5. Teamwork
6. Interpersonal and Communication Skills
7. Leadership and Personal Effectiveness

EXPECTATIONS:

- Prepare, maintain, and submit monthly reports on operational and personnel matters.
- Maintain a schedule of month end reports outlining the date received and errors identified on the reports.
- Make recommendations to management concerning staff matters and improvement to procedures and policies.
- Communicates with other departments and management to resolve problems and expedite work.
- Train and instruct staff members, assist with hiring of staff members and make recommendation to discharge staff members whenever necessary.
- Required to have an excellent knowledge of the company's mission, vision, core values, Codes of Practice and the Water Industry Act and possess the ability to communicate such to employees and customers verbally and in writing whenever necessary.
- Ensures that adjustments are prepared for (over-estimated customers, wrong reading, high bill or others).
- Ensures that jobs in JTS are closed one day after work in completed in the field and all jobs are moved from created to pending status and pass to Operations Department.
- Keep record of the time refund of security deposit request is received from the district to process the payment.
- Ensure that DISN and Inactive meters are dealt with monthly.
- Ensure that all accounts are billed timely and efficiently conduct random (25%) check of all cycles to identify inconsistencies.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

- Master's degree in Accounting or Business Management with at least 5 years' experience or Bachelor's degree with at least 10 years' experience in customer service activities or accounting duties and managerial responsibilities will be an asset.

Interested persons can send your application letter with your detailed resume **March 21, 2022** to:

Human Resources Manager
Belize Water Services Limited,
 P.O. Box 150, Central American Boulevard, Belize City, Belize
 Email : hr@bwsli.com.bz

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From the Publisher

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When the COVID-19 virus broke out in March of 2020, almost two years ago, I remember thinking to myself that the only way our roots people could survive this catastrophe was if there were some transfer of wealth from Belize's super rich to the poor. This did not occur. In fact, the super rich grabbed more.

As time went along, I asked my eldest son, Mose, how it was that our people were surviving. I knew that things had been rough even before the coronavirus, so the virus was a case of, as we say, from bad to worse. Mose said that it was the Belizean diaspora in the United States which had made survival in the home country possible. In the absence of any other explanation, I accepted his analysis.

When we watch our destitute and mentally challenged staggering along so pitifully along the streets of the old capital, those of us who know the history feel a dagger in our chest. These are our people, and there was a time, for centuries in fact, that our people, our enslaved people, were the backbone of this territory. Our enslaved people for centuries were the vast majority of the population in this British colony, which was called British Honduras by the colonial masters in London. All Guatemalan children are taught in school that the land of Belize was stolen from Guatemala by the British, and that we Belizeans of color who live here were British chattel. That is a whole history in itself, and it will be culminating with a judgment by the International

Court of Justice (ICJ).

I have said to you before that we Belizeans were more fortunate than other British subjects in this Caribbean region, because we had a land bridge through Mexico to the United States of America, the richest economy in the world. British Honduras was the only British possession in Spanish-speaking Central America. So that, when American immigration officials at the border between the U.S. and Mexico heard black people speaking English, they assumed such individuals were black Americans, not "wetbacks."

It was World War II which opened the eyes of the working class in B.H. to the wealth and largesse of America, as compared to the suffering being imposed on us by the "geechy" British. During World War II (1939-1945), Belizean workers were hired to work in the Canal Zone in Panama, where the Americans ran things. Belizeans began to long to travel to the United States.

The wider context of this situation had to do with the Monroe Doctrine, a declaration by the United States government in 1823 that they would no longer tolerate interference in the Western Hemisphere by any European power, a designation which would include Great Britain, which was in possession of British Honduras in 1823. (The United States of America had declared independence from Great Britain in 1776.)

But there was a special relationship between the U.S. and the U.K. in the nineteenth century (white supremacy), so that in 1859

the United States "godfathered" a deal whereby Guatemala acceded to international boundaries to define The Jewel — 8,867 square miles — as British territory.

A few decades later, the ruling business/industrial and military classes in Guatemala began to complain about the 1859 Treaty, but in 1919 there was a massive uprising by the black people in Belize (the so-called "British blacks") which was essentially rejecting British colonial rule. Still, Guatemala, the hostile 1,000- pound gorilla, remained on Belize's western and southern borders, and it was the British who had to send a warship here in 1948 to protect Belizeans, the majority of whom were black.

By 1950, however, because the British devalued the Belizean dollar, Belizeans began to agitate for self-government and independence. This original Belizean thrust for self-rule was supported between 1951 and 1954 by a Guatemalan government led by Jacobo Arbenz.

But Arbenz was too nationalistic for the Americans, so Washington organized his overthrow and began

installing CIA puppets like Carlos Castillo Armas and Miguel Ydigoras Fuentes to run Guatemala. The result was a terrible civil war in Guatemala, which began in 1960 and lasted until 1996.

During this period of bloody violence in the republic, Belize was completely peaceful, and achieved self-government in 1964. The British were now beginning to transfer British Honduras to the hegemony of the Americans who, following Hurricane Hattie in 1961, began to absorb Belize's black population into the Union.

Today, Belize's is a minority black population. The transfer from majority black to minority black was accomplished peacefully because we Belizeans wanted to go north.

So now, this is where Belize is today, where Washington decided for us to be. The only thing that really makes us different from the two Central American republics around us — Guatemala and Honduras — is that English is the official language in Belize. When that changes, this becomes a whole new ball game. Trust me.



Maud Williams High School

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A VACANCY exists for the following post at Maud Williams High School for the period April to June 2022.

- Teacher – Business Technology

Teaching Qualifications:

- Preferably a Bachelor's Degree in Business with pedagogical training. An Associate Degree with teaching experience may be considered.

Applicants for the post should forward:

- Letter of application
- Curriculum vitae
- Two recent recommendations
- Copy of transcript
- Certified copy of teaching license
- Certified copies of qualifications
- Copy of Police Record

Short listed candidates are asked to bring original transcripts and police record to the interview.

Deadline: Thursday March 31st, 2022

Address to: Secretary
Board of Management
Maud Williams High School
Corner Dolphin and Raccoon Streets
Belize City



SUMMARY PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Contract Title: Consultancy to Prepare a CARICOM Model Law and Regulations on Deposit Insurance and the Formulate Proposals for a Special Resolution Regime for CARICOM Member States.

Contract reference no.: EU/SFCICP/EDPTR/ SER/ 2022-EW

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat intends to award a service contract for the **Consultancy to Prepare a CARICOM Model Law and Regulations on Deposit Insurance and the Formulate Proposals for a Special Resolution Regime for CARICOM Member States**. The contract will be implemented at the CARICOM Secretariat (Guyana) Office with financial assistance from the **11th European Development Fund**. The detailed Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) is available at <https://caricom.org/procurement-notice/>

The deadline for submission of Expressions of Interest (EOIs) is **5 April 2022**.

PRESS PREDICTIONS

The sports psychic speaks

BOLEDO

**“Press Predictions: 23-42-18
Boledo stats thru 18th to 25th
March 2022**

In boledo news, a lot of the numbers have played twice already. These are my lucky numbers for this week: 23-53-18-38-42-06. These are my lucky jackpot numbers: 8625-6808-5461. These are my lucky PICK-3 numbers: 984-512-063-717-629-160. Get ready Belize, some dinero will be coming our way. 50 is still out for over 1 year 8 months and 2 days now, 55 is also out over 1 year 5 months and 3 days now. 49 has joined those 2 hard numbers, 49 is still out for over 1 year 1 month and 1 week exact. The teens is the

hottest series right now, keep your eyes open for 12 and 18. The ending 2 ball is the hottest ending number right now, played some eleven times already. Some low numbers are long overdue on Sundays. The public loves low numbers because of their children's age. Remember to read your Psalms: 91-72-63. Good luck to all buyers, next week more lucky numbers.

CYCLING

Giovanni Lovell of team Digi will be the favorite to win

The Belmopan Cycling Classic Prediction

In cycling action, the 39th Running of the Belmopan Cycling Classic will be from the capital to the old city then

back to the capital. Team Valvoline is out of the country, so Team DigiCell's Giovanni Lovell will have to be the favorite to win. The race will be 100 miles long, there will be at least 50 cyclists and more, there will be some station prizes along the way. The Belmopan City Council sponsors the race for the last 5 years. Nation Ysaguirre and Brandon Cattouse alongside Byron Pope will be there. Marlon Castillo of team FAL have a very good team right now. The Cross Country is just 28 days away, but they need some foreign competition. Next week the results.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION



by Gilroy "Press" Cadogan

Lebron James had 2 fifty-point games in 1 week

NBA Results and Predictions

In NBA action, the Phoenix Suns are 55-15. They have the best record in the NBA, their leader Chris Paul has a broken big thumb; he will be back for the playoffs. There are only 12 more games for the regular season to complete. The Memphis Grizzlies and Ja Morant are 48-23. The Golden State Warriors beat the Milwaukee Bucks. They are 49-22. Draymond Green will be back in the line-up this week. They will be very dangerous in the playoffs. The Utah Jazz are at the fourth spot, the Dallas Mavericks at the fifth spot, the Denver Nuggets at the sixth spot. The LA Clippers and the LA Lakers will be in the play-in. In the East, the Miami Heat are at the top with a record of 49-25, the Milwaukee Bucks, the defending champions, are at the second seed with a record of 44-27, the Philadelphia 76ers at the third seed, followed by the Chicago Bulls. Jason Tatum and the Celtics are rolling, they are the hottest team right now. Lebron James had 50pts against the Wizards 2 fifty-point games in 1 week. Next week more stats.

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL

Real Madrid beat PSG 3 goals to 1

International Football Results

In International football action, the EPL is the most competitive league in the world and they have most exciting games also. Manchester City leads with 69 points, Liverpool has 66 points, followed by Chelsea 59 points, then Manchester United in fourth with 50 points. Most of the teams played 29 games already. In the UEFA Champion of Champions League, Real Madrid beat PSG 3 goals to 1, they advance on aggregate 3 to 2. Then Manchester City beat sporting Gijon 5-nil, they advance, Chelsea and Liverpool both advance although they both lost 1-nil. Bayern Munich striker, Sebastian Huller, has 11 goals, but Robert Lewandowski from Ajax leads with 12 goals. Mohamed Salah of Liverpool has 8 goals. In the La Liga, Real Madrid has an 8-point lead on Sevilla, they will be the fourth spot. Atletico Madrid in the third spot, Kylian Mbappé might end up at Real Madrid very soon, next week more stats.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

Institution: *Belize Water Services Limited*

Country: *Belize*

Project: *Independence to Seine Bight Transmission line*

Sector: *Water*

Abstract: *The general objective of this publication* is to engage eligible construction companies to install a new potable water transmission pipeline from Independence Village to Seine Bight Village (Stann Creek District) as per design.

Project Number: *225511171739/BWS-55-1618*

New Deadline: *March 29, 2022*

The construction services ("the Services") include, but are not limited to, installation and commissioning of 3 miles of 10" PVC transmission line in the mainland and 3 miles of 10" HDPE transmission line through the lagoon:

- Identification of established Benchmarks and Setting out of new works;
- Excavation of trenches along the route, placement and compaction of embedment, backfill, and road base, and reinstatement of works
- Installation of pipeline and various assemblies, concrete anchors, and other components and
- Commissioning, including final connections, pressure (hydrostatic) testing, flushing, and disinfecting.

Belize Water Services Limited now invites eligible construction companies ("Bidders") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Companies should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

Companies must qualify on two major work categories:

- Civil and ancillary works** including, but not limited to, construction and refurbishment of buildings, construction and refurbishment of roads and streets, major and minor roads chip and seal works, earthworks, fencing, concrete works, facility maintenance, retaining walls, drainage, security huts, shelters and canopies, railings, bins, signage, plastering, painting, etc.
- Water Supply Systems** including new and renewals of transmission, distribution mains and service connections; installation of pump stations; installation of headworks; water treatment plant works (including mechanical/electrical and civil); and construction and/or restoration of reservoirs.

Financial category of the project:

- Large** contract estimated more than \$1,000,000.

Financial resources of the company shall be BZ\$300,000 monthly.

Shortlisting of contractors will be based on the [Application pack – Expression of Interest for Independence to Seine Bight Transmission Line Tendering process](#) and is open to all eligible contractors as defined in the document.

The short list shall comprise of minimum of three (3) and maximum of eight (8) companies.

Companies may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

Interested parties should contact the Engineering procurement representative, via email to obtain Application Package and other information.

Expressions of interest and application package must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by e-mail) by **March 29, 2022**, no later than 3:00 P.M.

*Belize Water Services Limited
Attn: Engineering procurement
7 Central American Boulevard
Belize City, Belize, C.A.
Tel: +(501) 222-4757, Ext. 1713*

E-mail: engineeringprocurement@bws.com.bz



The Port of Belize Limited hereby gives notice to all those concerned that all cargo listed below that is not legally removed from the Port of Belize Limited by Friday, March 25, 2022 shall be sold at a Public Auction sale on Saturday, March 26, 2022 at 9:00am sharp at Port of Belize Ltd. Facility

| Vessel | ATA | BL NO | Break Bulk Cargo/ Warehouse | Drno | QTY | UNIT | Description |
|----------------------|------------|--------------|-----------------------------|---------|-----|--------|---|
| | | | IDELFONSI ACOSTA | 160308 | | | |
| | | | ROY THOMAS | 6308019 | | | |
| | | | RED CROSS | 6874168 | | | |
| VANQUISH 146 | 14/03/2020 | SMLU6088777A | MAHOGANY BAY MANAGEMENT | 1626869 | | PL | BATH TOWEL/BRUSH/PEN/FISHING LINE/HOOKS/LAMPS |
| ALEXIA 30 | 25/02/2014 | POMBZ100845 | COLSON BAY INVESTMENTS | 698853 | 8 | PL | KNOCK DOCK BOXES |
| CARIBE MARINER 342 | 7/6/2014 | PEVBZ108321 | WARREN MUDRY | 724543 | 20 | PL | APPLIANCE |
| CARIBE MARINER 342 | 7/6/2014 | PEVBZ108321 | WARREN MUDRY | 724555 | 9 | PL | GENERAL GOODS |
| CARIBE MARINER 506 | 22/04/2018 | PEVBZ149944 | BRUCE DAVIDSON | 1036970 | 1 | PL | STC KITCHEN CABINETS |
| CARIBE NAVIGATOR 561 | 22/02/2020 | PEVBZ172921 | JUAN CARLOS VASQUEZ | 1207841 | | | USED PERSONAL GOODS |
| CARIBE NAVIGATOR 354 | 14/09/2015 | CBOG298809 | JOSHUA BUETTNER | 623737 | 1 | | PERSONAL EFFECTS |
| CARIBE NAVIGATOR 359 | 19/10/2015 | CBOG298894 | JOSHUA BUETTNER | 632614 | | | PERSONAL EFFECTS |
| VANQUISH 174 | 20/09/2021 | PEVBZ188929 | RAMIREZ AC & ELEC | 1343049 | 2 | | SOLAR EQUIPMENT |
| BALTIMAR ZEPHYR 19 | 2/5/2015 | CBOG298352 | MELINDA DIAZ | 588203 | 1 | | PERFUMERY PRODUCTS |
| CARIBE NAVIGATOR 555 | 15/12/2019 | PEVBZ170775 | BUSINESS COMPUTER STYSTEM | 1191495 | | | COMPUTER SUPPLIES |
| CARIBE NAVIGATOR 555 | 15/12/2019 | PEVBZ170775 | BUSINESS COMPUTER STYSTEM | 1191495 | | | COMPUTER SUPPLIES |
| CARIBE MARINER 397 | 18/07/2015 | PEVBZ115232 | FULTEC SYSTEM | 814840 | | | COMPUTER SUPPLIES |
| CARIBE MARINER 375 | 30/01/2015 | PEVBZ111962 | HYDE BELIZE EXPRESS | 774016 | | | PERSONAL ITEMS |
| CARIBE MARINER 562 | 29/12/2019 | PEVBZ171258 | RUSSELL LONGSWORTH | 1194291 | 1 | CTN | PERSONAL ITEMS |
| JAN CARIBE 447 | 18/10/2020 | SMLU6326563A | ANDRE MAHLER | 1715370 | 1 | CTN | JANITORIAL EQUIPMENTS |
| VANQUISH 159 | 21/06/2020 | MIAJ258088 | DENNIS JANTZEN | 1229497 | 1 | PL | SAID TO CONTAIN PRIMARY CELL BATTERIES |
| VANQUISH 156 | 31/05/2020 | PEVBZ175526 | CHANNEL BROADCASTING | 1228645 | 1 | | STC REEL |
| CARIBE MARINER 564 | 28/01/2020 | PEVBZ172046 | FERNANDO GIACOMAN | 1197202 | | CTN | GENERAL STORE MERCHANDISE |
| VANQUISH 6 | 14/05/2016 | | STEPHEN MOTT | A42230 | | CTN | HOUSEHOLD GOODS |
| PANJANG 3 | 8/3/2016 | BZE1265 | WINGSTOP | 12867 | 4 | CTN | PERSONAL EFFECTS |
| VEGA VIRGO 22 | 5/3/2013 | CBOG296108 | CITRUS COMPANY OF BELIZE | 401696 | | BX | AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS |
| BALTIMAR ZEPHYR 15 | 31/03/2015 | POMBZ10886 | BZE BILTMORE PLAZA | 791704 | 2 | CTN | LAMP SHADES |
| | | | MSL LOGISTICS | 936815 | | BX | |
| VANTAGE 65 | 13/01/2019 | PEVBZ159036 | BELIZE BREW CO. LTD. | 1103999 | 1 | PL | DIVERGAN-RS DRUMS |
| CORONA 19 | 18/12/2015 | PEVBZ120502 | BELIZE OCEAN CLUB LTD. | 850246 | | BX | GENERAL GOODS |
| CARIBE MARINER 455 | 5/12/2016 | CBOU12296405 | GUERRA ENGINEERING | 6616788 | 11 | PC | HAZMAT |
| JAN CARIBE 434 | 12/7/2020 | PEVBZ176407 | JEFFREY DENNIS PIERCE | 1232608 | 4 | BX, PL | FURNITURE |
| VANTAGE 55 | 30/09/2018 | SMLU5417177A | SUGAR FIX BAKERY | 1486032 | 3 | BX, PL | RESTURANT EQ SUPLIES |
| CRIBE MARINER 585 | 1/11/2020 | PEVBZ179578 | IONIE SLUSHER | 1264936 | | BX | CLOTHING TV |
| JAN CARIBE 450 | 22/11/2020 | PEVBZ180164 | KEAGAN MOORE | 1266236 | 11 | PL | BELT PRIME |
| CARIBE MARINER 590 | 13/12/2020 | PEVBZ180694 | ROGER GABOUREL | 1276472 | | PL | HOUSEHOLD GOODS |

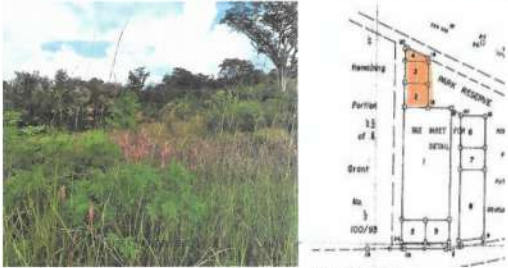
PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: PROPERTIES

Orange Walk District: Orange Walk Town/ San Jose Palmar Village/ Douglas Village; Belize District: Maskall Village/ San Pedro, Ambergris Caye/ Belize City; Cayo District: Ontario Village; Stann Creek District: Dangriga; Toledo District: San Miguel Village/ Punta Gorda Town

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees, Messrs. Ascendancy Belize Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the below described properties. Sales currently running and will expire Wednesday 23rd March 2022 at the times shown on the website.

A: Orange Walk District: East Orange Walk Estate; Orange Walk Town; San Jose Palmar; Douglas Village

1. **Parcels 514, 515 & 516 East Orange Walk Estate, One Mile from Town Center, Orange Walk District:**



| REGISTRATION SECTION | BLOCK | PARCELS |
|----------------------|-------|----------------|
| Indian Hill East | 4 | 514, 515 & 516 |

(Being three (3) vacant lots [514 – 334.79 S.Y. or (279.926 S.M.); 515 – 832.86 S.Y. or (696.372 S.M.); 516 – 888.29 S.Y. or (742.715 S.M.)] situate in East Orange Walk Estate, one mile from Orange Walk Town Center, Orange Walk District, the freehold properties of Mr. Ishwar Mahbubani)

2. **Parcel No. 3091/1 Savannah Street, Orange Walk Town:**



| REGISTRATION SECTION | BLOCK | PARCEL |
|----------------------|-------|--------|
| Orange Walk Town | 4 | 3091/1 |

(Being a concrete bungalow dwelling house [727 sq. ft.] containing 2 Bedrooms + 1 Bathroom + Living/Dining/Kitchen TOGETHER with Lot [555.56 sq. yds.] situate at Parcel No. 3091 Savannah Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District, the leasehold property of Mr. Kenis Garcia)

3. **Parcel No. 1236 Stadium Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District:**



| REGISTRATION SECTION | BLOCK | PARCEL |
|----------------------|-------|--------|
| Orange Walk Town | 4 | 1236 |

(Being an incomplete concrete & block structure [369 sq. ft.] + prefabricated structure [1,600 sq. ft.] TOGETHER with Lot [462 sq. yds.] situate at Parcel No. 1236 Stadium Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District, the freehold property of Mr. Richard Vellos)

4. **Parcel No. 808 San Jose Palmar Village, Orange Walk District:**



| REGISTRATION SECTION | BLOCK | PARCEL |
|----------------------|-------|--------|
| San Jose Palmar | 4 | 808 |

(Being a vacant corner lot [1,250 sq. yds.] situate in San Jose Palmar Village, Orange Walk Town, the freehold property of Mr. Danny Duran.)

5. **28.91 Acres of land on the Douglas/San Pablo Road, 1.6 kilometers west of the Douglas Road/Phillip Goldson Highway, Orange Walk District:**



| REGISTRATION SECTION | BLOCK | PARCEL |
|----------------------|-------|--------|
| Douglas Rural | 4 | 118 |

(Being 28.91 acres of ruined cane fields and grassy patches situate 1.6 kilometers northwest of the intersection of the Douglas Road and the Phillip Goldson Highway and approximately 700 meters southeast of Nuevo San Juan Village, Orange Walk District, the freehold property of Messrs. Alfredo Samuel Cabrera and Josue Cabrera)

B: Belize District: Maskall Village; San Pedro, Ambergris Caye; Belize City

6. **Parcel No. 246/1 Maskall Village, Belize District:**



| REGISTRATION SECTION | BLOCK | PARCEL |
|----------------------|-------|--------|
| Belize Rural North 1 | 11 | 246/1 |

(Being a concrete bungalow dwelling house [30 ft. X 45 ft.] and lot [676.302 S.M.] situate in the Village of Maskall in the Belize District, the leasehold property of Mr. Aamon Alex Brackett, surety for Ms. Sherett S. Brackett)

7. **2 Acres San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Belize:**



| REGISTRATION SECTION | BLOCK | PARCELS |
|----------------------|-------|-------------|
| North San Pedro | 7 | 5434 & 5435 |

(Being 2 Acres of vacant Caribbean Sea front land, situate west side of Ambergris Caye 3 miles north of the center of San Pedro Town, District, the freehold properties of Mr. Daniel Guerrero.)

8. **Parcel No. 2112 DFC Area, San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Belize District:**



| REGISTRATION SECTION | BLOCK | PARCEL |
|----------------------|-------|--------|
| San Pedro | 7 | 2112 |

(Being a 3-storey concrete structure with [6120 sq. ft.] – Ground Floor – Store + two – 1 Bedroom Apartments; First Floor – Three – 1 Bedroom Apartments; Second Floor – 2 Bedroom Apartment + Large Terrace and lot [533.33 sq. yds.] situate in D.F.C Housing Site, San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, the freehold property of Mr. Thomas Santos)

9. **Parcel No. 1406 Neal Pen Road, Belize City, Belize District:**



| REGISTRATION SECTION | BLOCK | PARCEL |
|----------------------|-------|--------|
| Queen Square | 45 | 1406 |

(Being a two-storey concrete/timber dwelling house [1568 sq. ft.] containing 3 Bedrooms + 1 Bathroom on each floor TOGETHER with Lot [340 sq. yds.] situate at Parcel No. 1406 Neal Pen Road, Belize City, the freehold property of Ms. Sharon Burgess)

D: Cayo District: Ontario Village

10. **Parcel No. 1323/1 Ontario Village, Cayo District:**



| REGISTRATION SECTION | BLOCK | PARCEL |
|----------------------|-------|--------|
| Society Hall | 24 | 1323 |

(Being two buildings - Building 'A' two-storey concrete/timber dwelling house [1969 sq. ft.] containing Ground Floor: bedroom + bathroom + Living/Dining/Kitchen + Storeroom; First Floor: 3 bedrooms [280 sq. ft.]; Building 'B' Laundry house [257 sq. ft.] TOGETHER with lot [1,165.67 sq. yds.] situate in Ontario Village, Cayo District, the leasehold property of Mr. Gilbert Rhaburn).

11. **Parcel No. 2427/1 Ontario Village, Cayo District:**



| REGISTRATION SECTION | BLOCK | PARCEL |
|----------------------|-------|--------|
| Society Hall | 24 | 2427/1 |

(Being two buildings - Building 'A' concrete bungalow dwelling house [1083 sq. ft.] containing 3 bedrooms + bathroom + Living/Dining/Kitchen + porch; Building 'B' shop [222 sq. ft.] and lot [555.56 sq. yds.] situate at Ontario Village, Cayo District, the leasehold property of Mr. Humberto Patt).

E: Stann Creek District: Dangriga

12. **Parcel No. 1294 Canal Street, Dangriga, Stann Creek District**



| REGISTRATION SECTION | BLOCK | PARCEL |
|----------------------|-------|--------|
| Dangriga South | 31 | 1294 |

(Being two storey concrete dwelling house [3,185 sq. ft.] containing Ground Floor - 3 Bedrooms Apartment; First Floor - 2 Bedrooms + 1 Bathroom Apartment TOGETHER with Lot [512 sq. yds.] situate at Parcel No. 1294 Canal Street, Dangriga, Stann Creek District, the freehold property of Ms. Gretel Mariano)

F: Toledo District: Big Falls/Golden Stream; Punta Gorda Town

13. **Parcel No. 577 San Miguel Village, Big Falls/Golden Stream Area, Toledo District**



| REGISTRATION SECTION | BLOCK | PARCEL |
|------------------------|-------|--------|
| Big Fall/Golden Stream | 42 | 577 |

(Being a two-storey concrete dwelling house [1743 sq. ft.] containing Ground Floor: 3 Open Areas + Kitchen; First Floor: 3 bedrooms + 1 bathroom + living/dining/kitchen + porch [421 sq. ft.] + covered shed [280 sq. ft.] and lot 2,642.62 S.Y. or 0.546 acres] situate in San Miguel Village in the Big Falls/Golden Stream Area, Toledo District, the freehold property of Mr. Mariano Kus).

"FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & PHOTOGRAPHS PLEASE VISIT WEBSITE"

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VACANCY: JOB OPPORTUNITY

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the following post in the Operations Department. In the Port's continued effort to promote diversity, both females/males, are encouraged to apply for the available post.

ASSISTANT OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR

Reports to: Cargo Operations Manager

Summary of Responsibilities: The Assistant Operations Supervisor will report to the Cargo Operations Manager and will assist with the supervision of all container movement and operations personnel. He or she will be responsible for preparing vessel worked forms to Accounts Department for billing and statistical/Operational reports. Able to check reefer plugins, read and calculate charges. Learn newly implemented Octopi Terminal Operating System, *training to be provided*. Assist COM with preparing gang order for vessels and reefer cargo information. This post is fun and challenging, come prepared for a new venture.

Job Responsibilities:

Summary of Responsibilities: The Assistant Operations Supervisor will report to the Cargo Operations Manager (COM) and will assist with the supervision of all container movement and operations personnel. He or she will be responsible for preparing vessel worked forms to Accounts Department for billing and statistical/Operational reports. Able to check reefer plugins, read and calculate charges. Utilize newly implemented Octopi Terminal Operating System (TOS), inhouse training and opportunity for ongoing self-development to be provided. Assist COM with preparing gang order for vessels, berth planning, staff scheduling and reefer cargo information.

Leadership Responsibilities:

- Attract, develop, grow and retain the best talents and fill the leadership pipeline.
- Organize, balance and schedule workloads within the department.
- Prioritize, delegate, and set performance objectives.
- Follow-up on performance, provide quality feedback, and objectively appraise differentiated performance levels.
- Empower and inspire staff to achieve high levels of motivation and employee engagement.
- Ensure zero harm, improve safe working processes.
- Provide timely reports for all accidents, incidents and disciplinary incidents.
- Understand Customer requirements and drive the department to achieve these on a consistent basis.
- Track and manage variable expenditure to avoid all cost waste and reduce costs to the bare minimum.
- Continuously lean, streamline, and improve processes.
- Leverage relevant technology to automate processes.
- Maintain high levels of data quality for data and information and reports provided to other functions.

Duties & Responsibilities:

- Remain vigilant and immediately take action in the event any personnel, customers or visitors to the terminal are not wearing PPE and/or any unsafe acts are witnessed.
- Assist with supervising of the movement of inbound and outbound of all containers and break bulk/bulk cargoes.
- Assist with supervising of personnel working in the port compound, container yard and pier.
- Assist with the input, processing and verification of correct and complete upload of vessel and cargo information into the TOS in preparation of vessel arrival. Reconcile planned and executed work prior vessel departure. Provide relief at Gate-In and Gate-Out processes as required.
- Develop and implement a systematic yard plan to accommodate perform cargo flows into and out of the yard; modify as required to meet actual vessel cargo fluctuations.
- Plan, sequence, execute and monitor cargo discharge and load, into and out of the yard in an optimized manner.
- Generate and execute work queues for yard stacker operators; discharge and load; monitor execution.
- Assist with the preparation of gang order for vessels.
- Assist with the preparation and daily maintenance of the staff roster; aligning anticipated operations manning requirements with projected vessel movements, distributing regularly (daily if required).
- Assist with the preparation and daily maintenance and distribution of the Berth Plan.
- Provide relief at Gate-In and Gate-Out processes as required.

- Provide relief at Front-Desk release processes as required.
- Check and sign delivery orders for authenticity to load direct delivery containers.
- Assist with the supervising of the loading and unloading of containers and break-bulk vessels in compound/pierhead.
- Provide reports of vessels worked to Accounts Department for billing.
- Provide reports (work logs) of vessels worked for operations statistics.
- Check and prepare reefer cargo information. Check reefer plug-ins, reading and calculate charges.
- Develop and maintain operational data and operational reporting.

Innovation & Productivity Improvements

- Learn "Octopi" Terminal Operating System (TOS). Initial basic training is to be provided and an inquisitive mind is required to continually learn, adopt and implement new features released within the TOS software on an ongoing basis. Strive to realize both the TOS's and the organization's full potential.
- Proactively drive efficiency and productivity and provide suggestions and recommendations to the Supervisors for continuous improvements.
- Develop and maintain updated processes and procedures for all tasks so that work is 100% standardized.
- Actively seek opportunities to drive innovation and realize efficiencies in the standardized work.
- Ensure all general work areas in a clean, tidy and hazard free condition.
- Any other duties and functions, of a related nature that may be assigned from time to time by the Cargo Operations Manager.

Requirements:

- Demonstratable supervisory and leadership skills required
- Proactive in addressing safety issues, hazardous practices and operational emergencies
- Ability to challenge standard practice and drive operational improvements
- Ability to work independently
- Able to work flexible hours
- Strong mathematical and analytical skills, critical thinking
- Microsoft office proficiency required
- Computer literacy including familiarity with data base entry and reporting, TOS utilization.

Job qualifications/Requirements:

- Experience in Cargo & Container Operations, Production or similar would be an asset.
- Associates Degree or higher
- Math & English CXC passes would be an asset.
- Experience supervising a blue-collar team would be an asset.

Skills/Competencies:

- Ability to work independently
- Ability to work flexible working hours
- Math and analytical skills required.
- Supervisory and leadership skills required.
- Pro-activeness required.
- Microsoft office proficiency required.

Compensation Package: Will be commensurate (in accordance with the Company's Salary Structure).

To apply: Provide updated resume, cover letter (addressed to Human Resource Manager), copy of valid social security card, Valid police record, name and phone number of two (2) previous employers and a copy of COVID vaccination card.

Applications should be emailed to:
jobapplications@portofbelize.com
Closing date for receipt of applications is
Friday, March 25th, 2022



STRENGTHENING OF TAX ADMINISTRATION PROJECT

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Consultancy Firm to review and update the current Taxpayer Segmentation Model and develop a Risk-based Compliance Management Model

Institution: The Ministry of Finance (MOF)

Country: Belize

Project: Strengthening of Tax Administration (STA)

Abstract: Consulting Services – Consultancy Firm to review and update the current Taxpayer Segmentation and develop a Risk-based Compliance Management Model.

Loan No.: 4839/OC-BL

Deadline: April 1, 2022, Belize Local Time

The Government of Belize (GOB) has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the execution of a five-year tax modernization project entitled “Strengthening of Tax Administration” (BL-L1031). Through this project, the Belize Tax Service Department (BTSD) has procured a Modern Integrated Tax Administration System (the Revenue Management System (RMS)) and is presently in the implementation process. This new system will be used in the management of the Belize Tax Administration.

The BTSD Strategic Plan clearly addresses the relevance of taxpayer segmentation and the risk management approach. It indicates that:

“It has become good practice for Tax Administrators across the world to implement Taxpayer Segmentation in revenue management to effectively analyze taxpayer data and to efficaciously implement different and specific surveillance and control mechanisms,” and that; “The deployment of a ‘**Risk management approach**’ is a modern and pertinent tactic that would aid in compliance. This approach gives a structured basis for strategic planning; focuses on the underlying drivers (not symptoms) of non-compliance; promotes diversity in the way major tax compliance risks are treated, rather than a ‘one size fits all’ approach; realizes better outcomes as it refers to efficiency and effectiveness of programs; coincides with international standards and is a strong basis for evidence-based evaluation.

Consequently, the BTSD will explore the introduction of a Risk Management Plan (RMP) to properly respond to the risks identified on a timely basis, to minimize overall compliance burden for both the taxpayers and the tax administration. As an important aspect of the RMP, risk mitigating strategies will be proposed for application against potential and existing risks. The plan will highlight all areas of risks including risk-based assessments, risk-based audits, risk-based sector and taxpayer segmentation, compliance risks (registration, filing, reporting and payments) and international risks. Risk mitigation reduces the extent of exposure and ensures that the strategic objectives are achieved.”

The consulting services (“the services”) includes the contracting of a Consultancy Firm for a period of five (5) months to review and update the current Taxpayer Segmentation and develop a Risk-based compliance management model, including configuration of the model in the ITAS. The main activity of the consultancy includes:

1. To prepare an Action plan for the review and updating of the Taxpayer Segmentation Model and Risk Analysis Strategy
2. To Assess the status of BTSD taxpayer segmentation and the use of risk-based techniques in the BTSD and to analyze the BTSD taxpayer information to identify ways to segment the taxpayer population following different criteria (income, assets, number of employees, economic activities etc.), and other relevant indicators.
3. To review and update the current model for segmentation of BTSD taxpayers (companies and individuals) and to define a strategy for updating taxpayers’ segments and profiles in the ITAS periodically.
4. Profile all BTSD taxpayers following the model once the model is approved by BTSD management.
5. To propose a model for the risk-based compliance model, defining the risk-based indicators, the rules, the risk factors to be utilized, their relative relevance (high, medium, low), the sources of information to utilized, the mitigation measures, and the required operations to use them.
6. To include the information on taxpayer segmentation in the ITAS database, inclusive of defining (setting) the parameters and rules for its then configuration in the ITAS database.
7. To prepare a report on the risks identified as well as the relevant mitigation measures to be introduced.
8. To suggest additional information (internal and external) to improve its risk-based control system.
9. To deliver workshops to BTSD staff on the Taxpayer Segmentation Model and risk analysis strategy to be implemented.

The Consultancy Firm should have a minimum of five (5) years’ relevant working experience in similar assignment, helping tax administrations to implement risk-based taxpayer compliance programs with the application of taxpayer segmentation and information crosschecking. In addition, the Consultant firm should have a minimum five (5) years’ specific experience in the following areas:

- Tax administration,
- Taxpayer compliance control based on taxpayer segmentation, risk analysis and information crosschecking, and

- Training on risk-based taxpayer, taxpayer segmentation and information crosschecking.

As well as a minimum of three (3) years of previous experience in conducting assistance to countries in the areas of taxpayer segmentation, implementing risk-based compliance controls, and information crosschecking. Furthermore, the Consulting firm should have knowledge and experience working in Belize, and or the Caribbean environment in a similar assignment.

The Ministry of Finance now invites eligible Consultancy Firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested eligible Consultants must submit an Expression of Interest providing information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services (description of similar assignments specifying start and end dates of assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills, etc.). *The term “consultant” means a legally established professional consulting firm or an entity that may provide the services.*

Expression of Interest package should contain:

- (i) Document explaining interest, experience, and competence of the consulting firm.
- (ii) Firms experience in the assignment of similar consultancy services during the past five years. Description of similar assignments specifying start and end dates of assignments.
- (iii) Firms evidence of past jobs. (These includes letters from the respective client on the job (s) carried out, or a copy of contract or agreement with the client including copy of the TOR).
- (iv) Two references
- (v) Proof of nationality: Copy of certificate of incorporation, information of shareholders of company specifying the shares owned by each respective shareholder of the company and a copy of documentation of nationality of the shareholders of the company.

Additional documentation required for National Consultants:

- (vi) Copy of Certificate of Good Standing from Belize Company Registry
- (vii) Copy of Certificate of Good Standing from the Social Security Board
- (viii) Copy of Certificate of Good Standing from the Belize Tax Service
- (ix) Copy of Current Trade License

A Consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost - Based Selection (QCBS) procurement method set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: *Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank* (GN-2350-15, May 2019 edition) and is open to all eligible consultants as defined in the IDB policies. The selection of the successful firm will be based on a competitive process among short-listed firms that takes into account the quality of the proposal and the cost of the service. **Only the short-listed firms will be notified and will be asked to submit a technical and price proposal.**

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. For the purpose of establishing the short list, the nationality of a firm is that of the country in which it is legally incorporated or constituted and in the case of Joint Venture, the nationality of the firm appointed to represent it.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Expressions of interest must be delivered via direct mail or e-mail at the address indicated below by 3:00 p.m. (Belize local time) on Friday April 1, 2022.

Interested consulting firms are asked to submit their expression of interest via e-mail to Michelle.Longsworth@bts.gov.bz marked **STAP- Consultancy Firm to review and update the current Taxpayer Segmentation and develop a Risk-based Compliance Management Model** in the subject header, or submit on or before 3:00 p.m. (Belize local time) on Friday April 1, 2022 to the following address:

**Director General
Belize Tax Service
Strengthening of Tax Administration
Project
Charles Bartlett Hyde Building
Mahogany Street, Belize City
Tel: 501-222-5114**

For clarifications kindly contact:

**Procurement Officer
Project Executing Unit
Strengthening of Tax Administration
Project
Charles Bartlett Hyde Building
Mahogany Street, Belize City
Tel: 501-222-5114/E-mail: Ian.Ramirez@mof.gov.bz**

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE – BACAB ECO PARK

Ridge Lagoon Estate Area, Boom Road, Belize District

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. The Belize Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the following property. Sale currently running and will expire Monday 21st March 2022 at 1:30 pm:



REGISTRATION SECTION
Ladyville/Lords Bank

BLOCK
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PARCEL
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(Being the following improvements/developments:

- a) **Caretaker's House** – (Being an elevated timber building [13 ft x 26 ft] + front porch [6ft x 13ft.])
- b) **Welcome Center** – (Between the parking lot and swimming pool and is comprised of several buildings being timber and masonry block walls, concrete floor, thatch roof and covered walkway approximately [16 ft. x 40 ft.])
- c) **Outdoor Bar** – (Being a thatched roof outdoor bar with tiled countertops + built-in stainless-steel buffet/ shelf cabinet)
- d) **Palapa Bar area with another open palapa** – (Being thatched roof, concrete floor, and half walls of palmetto sticks)
- e) **Swimming Pool** - (Timber planks and palmetto palm sticks board walk (100 meters long) leads to the pool area [approximately 6000 sq. ft]. Pool is reinforced concrete, tiled walls and is divided into two sections – kiddie section [2ft. deep]: Mushroom shape concrete waterfall: Adult section [4.5 ft. deep]: - rock waterfall + surrounded by concrete court with stone finish)
- f) **Pool Side Restaurant** – (Being a large thatch roof palapa – eating area + kitchen + cashier section + bartending area + water filter section + full male & female bathroom with storage lockers + showers + changing rooms)
- g) **Bathroom and locker storage area** – (Being a concrete building comprising of a female and male restroom, cut stone walls, roof galvalume roofing, and floor tiles)
- h) **Gift Shop** – (Being a small palmetto structure with concrete floors, palmetto walls, palmetto batten windows & doors, roof galvalume pitched supported by timber roof frame.)
- i) **Office and supplies storeroom** – (Being masonry block walls, with galvalume roofing material [12ft. x 15ft.])

- j) **Pasture for horses** – (Pastured sections are fenced with barbed wire supported by wooden posts)
- k) **Parking Lot**
- l) **Bicycle House**
- m) **Horse riding Pad and trail**
- n) **Horse riding equipment building**
- o) **Pool court with small palapas with table and seat**
- p) **Power supply and control station**
- q) **Water Supply Tower**
- r) **Swimming pool water pump house**
- s) **Kayak Pond**

and Parcel No. 64 (36.526 acres) located south of Ridge Lagoon Residential Estate, Burrell Boom Road, Belize District, the freehold property of Mr. Francis Smith & Maria Smith/Messrs. BACAB Eco - Park)

VIEWING BY APPOINTMENTS ONLY
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - www.belizebank.com (foreclosure listing)

TERMS: STRICTLY CASH
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MUST HAVE EXPERIENCE IN EXPORT AND IMPORT, FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

INTERESTED APPLICANT CAN SUBMIT THEIR RESUM ALONG WITH ID, SOCIAL SECURITY, PASSPORT, DRIVING LICENSE AND POLICE RECORD ALONG WITH REFERENCES OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO EMAIL:

spiezpharma@yahoo.com

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: 11 April, 2022

1953 Coney Drive, Belize City
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P. O. Box 2254
Tel: 203-3004, 627-5406

ATLANTIC INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the position of **Customer Service Representative - Punta Gorda Branch**

Duties and Responsibilities

- Attending to walk-in-customers and or prospective customers (prospect) and attend to customer/prospects via telephone.
- Prepare all necessary insurance documents as required.
- Assist customers and prospects via telephone to close sale and create referral base for future business.
- Develop prospect listing using the questionnaire form completed by our customers.
- Prepare Daily Remission Report as per deadline if the need arises.
- Attend to queries forwarded by Department Managers and ensure it is resolved efficiently.
- Provide basic marketing of Atlantic Insurance Products to customers/prospects who visit the office and to customers/prospects who are contacted via the telephone/visits.
- Projects may be assigned by the Department Manager and General Manager as necessary in any area of company's business. Deadlines must be adhered to.
- Other responsibilities may be added by Department Manager and General Manager at any time. The individual must be flexible and use the above responsibilities as a guide and not as limitations to skills or duties. The individual should use his/her initiative when there is a need to work late or on weekends.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

This post requires an individual who hold himself/herself to the highest standards and have a strong desire for personal growth and professional success. The individual should display initiative, diligence, self-confidence, and outgoing personalities.

- Minimum - Associate Degree in Business Administration or related field with at least one year working in customer service.
- Highly analytical with strong attention to detail, Strong work ethic
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Can demonstrate familiarity with basic principles in Sales
- Professional demeanor both on the phone and in person
- Proficiency is required in Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Word
- Bilingual in English and Spanish would be an asset
- Valid driver's license (motorcycle)

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ONLINE APPLICATIONS IS THURSDAY 31 MARCH 2022

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:
TWO RECENT LETTERS OF REFERENCE ONE FROM PAST EMPLOYER AND A VALID POLICE RECORD
AND PASSPORT SIZE PICTURE

SEND APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO:

our website at: <https://aibelize.com/employment-application>

Note: Incomplete applications will not be considered. Only short-listed applicants will be contacted for interviews.
We thank you for your application.

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Email resume: Deadline (Mar. 30th, 2022)

crystalautorentalbz@gmail.com

Taxi driver charged for Medina's break-in



Raymond Anthony Montes

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Mar. 16, 2022

Between 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, and 8:00 a.m. on Monday, March 14, a taxi driver who has had previous run-ins with the law, allegedly burglarized Medina's House of Jewelry located on Orange Street in Belize City. He has since been identified as Raymond Montes and was arrested and charged for the crime, but has since been granted bail.

Ethan Medina, 55, the owner of the jewelry store, told police that an assortment of items was stolen during the burglary— including a large number of gold earrings and other gold jewelry totaling approximately \$20,000.00 BZD in value, a Dell brand laptop valued at \$1,500.00, assorted silver jewelry, and 2 Apple iPhones.

According to Medina, the robbers gained entry into the establishment by breaking an existing wall on the west side of the building, where the office is located.

After a further police investigation, on Tuesday, March 15, police formally arrested and charged Raymond Anthony Montes, a 48-year-old taxi driver of Police Street in Belize City, for burglary. Montes is a well-known felon and a convicted burglar.

On Wednesday, March 16, Montes appeared before Senior Magistrate, Tricia Pitts-Anderson in court and was read charges for the criminal offense of burglary. Montes was represented by his attorney, Norman Rodriguez, and pleaded not guilty, and since there was no objection to bail, Senior Magistrate Pitts-Anderson granted him bail of \$5,000, which he met.

NOTICE

BELIZE CITY
Estate of DAVID DANIEL BURGOS, deceased.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Pursuant to Section 36 of the Administration of Estates Act, Chapter 197 of the Laws of Belize, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands upon or against the ESTATE OF DAVID DANIEL BURGOS of #2 PALMWOOD DRIVE, ORANGE WALK TOWN, ORANGE WALK DISTRICT, BELIZE are required to send particulars in writing of their claims or demands to the Executors of the said estate, KARINA DANIELI BURGOS and JAIME DAVID BURGOS, c/o of Law Office of José Alpuche, Suite 19 Northern Shops, 1.5 Mls. Philip Goldson Highway, Belize City, Belize and to send such particulars not later than 20th June, 2022, AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that at the expiration of the last mentioned date, the Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said DAVID DANIEL BURGOS, DECEASED, amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims or demands of which particulars have been delivered and the Executors will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons of whose claims or demands it shall not then have had notice.

DATED the 17th day of March 2022.

Jose M. Alpuche
Attorney-at-law



PUBLIC UTILITIES
COMMISSION
BELIZE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Utilities Commission (PUC)



PUBLIC UTILITIES
COMMISSION
BELIZE

The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) hereby serves notice that in accordance with the Water Industry Act, No. 1 of 2001, Sections 15 and 19, the Commission intends to modify the license granted by the PUC to the Belize Water Services Limited (BWS) on March 22, 2001.

In support of the Governments Policy and the Social Investment Funds programme in expanding potable water, the PUC intends to amend the BWS License to include the following villages as part of the Authorized Service areas:

Chan Pine Ridge Village – Orange Walk District

Gardenia and Biscayne Villages – Belize District

Sarawee Village - Stann Creek District

The PUC invites members of the public to submit written comments by April, 19th 2022 at the main office located at #4 Princess Margaret Drive, Marina Towers, 2nd Floor, Belize City, or via email to info@puc.bz.

The license granted to Belize Water Services Limited is available for viewing at the office of the Public Utilities Commission, #4 Princess Margaret Drive, Marina Towers, 2nd Floor, Belize City.

ENDS



MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND INVESTMENT

NEW GAMING MACHINE LICENSE MORATORIUM NOTICE

The Gaming Control Board of Belize would like to inform the public that New Applications for Gaming Machine (Establishment) Licenses for the period of April 1st, 2022, to March 31st, 2023, will only be accepted for those that will be located at the following tourism destinations: Ambergris Caye, Caye Caulker and Placencia.

A **Moratorium** will be placed on applications from all other locations until further notice. Please note that this applies only to new applicants and not renewals.

License Holders that received approval for the period of 2021/2022 may submit renewal applications.

We can be contacted via:

Telephone: (501) 828-6704/ 828-9046

Email: belizeinvestment@invest.gov.bz

Facebook: Investment Policy & Compliance Unit

Visit us at



www.amandala.com.bz



SUMMARY PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Contract Title: Consultancy for the Development of Online Learning through an Electronic Platform for Statistical Training and Research (e-CISTAR)

Contract reference no.: EU/SFCICP/STATS2022-PH

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat intends to award a service contract for the **Consultancy for the Development of Online Learning through an Electronic Platform for Statistical Training and Research (e-CISTAR)**. The contract will be implemented at the CARICOM Secretariat (Guyana) Office with financial assistance from the 11th European Development Fund. The detailed Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) is available at <https://caricom.org/procurement-notice/>

The deadline for submission of Expressions of Interest (EOIs) is **5 April 2022**.

World Bank funds Belize's Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Mar. 16, 2022

The World Bank has approved financing of 25 million USD for the Belize Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project, which is geared at increasing the country's food production capacity, and enabling the adoption of climate-smart agricultural approaches among project beneficiaries.

The project is aimed at assisting over 7,000 local Belizean farmers with weather data and technical information to help improve harvests for crops and livestock and facilitate better planning. Also, the project will be providing grants to over 3,700 small farmers, which will allow them

to adopt climate-smart practices to improve the sustainability of their farms.

The matching grant scheme, combined with technical support for farmers, is aimed at leveraging US\$18.2 million in private financing for climate-smart agricultural technology. Importantly, 30 percent of grants will be designated for women farmers in the project.

"I have seen first-hand how important farmers and agriculture are to Belize. Both the World Bank and Belize know the sector can be an engine of growth to support the well-being of families and communities and improve the economic prospects of the country," said Lilia Burunciuc, World Bank Country Director for the Caribbean. "We have witnessed the importance of food security to the region, something that has been particularly underscored throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, and this project will accelerate efforts to address that in a climate-smart way," she continued.

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused an increase in challenges within Belize's agriculture sector — disrupting the supply chains, reducing purchasing power, and weakening the demand for food products, including within Belize's tourism sector. In 2021, however the country saw a bounceback in agriculture, with notable increases in the production of banana and sugar cane.

One of the project's initiatives is focused on ensuring that farmers become more resilient and produce food in an environmentally sustainable manner that meets the needs of local and international markets.

These farmers under the project will be receiving training in improving practices and will also be given greater access to data, improved infrastructure for the sector, and technical advice.

The Belize Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project will also fund capacity-building for key institutions that support the farmers, including the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security, and Enterprise, to better support the development of a more resilient, productive, and climate-smart agricultural sector.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

Institution: *Belize Water Services Limited*

Country: *Belize*

Project: *Seine Bight 500,000 US gallon Water Reservoir and site development*

Sector: *Plant*

Abstract: *The general objective of this publication* is to engage eligible construction companies to build a two chamber 500,000 gallon reinforced concrete reservoir in the Seine Bight Village (Stann Creek District) as per design.

Project Number: *285511191974/ BW-55-1858*

New Deadline: *March 29, 2022*

The construction services ("the Services") include, but are not limited to, construction of a 76ft x 76ft above ground reinforced concrete potable water reservoir:

- supply all construction materials and construct and commission new reinforced concrete ground water reservoir (500,000 US-gallon capacity), including installation of all pipework and fixtures and
- Construct Chemical, Dosing, and Pump rooms above reservoir including Plumbing and Electrical, Site fill, internal road, parking, site lights, drainage and perimeter fencing.

Belize Water Services Limited now invites eligible construction companies ("Bidders") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Companies should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

Companies must qualify on three (3) major work categories:

- **Civil and ancillary works** including, but not limited to, construction and refurbishment of buildings, construction and refurbishment of roads and streets, major and minor roads chip and seal works, earthworks, fencing, concrete works, facility maintenance, retaining walls, drainage, security huts, shelters and canopies, railings, bins, signage, plastering, painting, etc.
- **Water Supply Systems** including new and renewals of transmission, distribution mains and service connections; installation of pump stations; installation of headworks; water treatment plant works (including mechanical/electrical and civil); and construction and/or restoration of reservoirs.
- **Commercial mechanical and electrical** works including electrical and mechanical installation for buildings and compounds

Financial category of the project:

- **Large** contract estimated more than \$1,000,000.

Financial resources of the company shall be BZ\$200,000 monthly.

Shortlisting of contractors will be based on the [Application pack – Expression of Interest for Seine Bight 500,000 US gallon Water Reservoir and site Development Tendering process](#) and is open to all eligible contractors as defined in the document.

The short list shall comprise of minimum of three (3) and maximum of eight (8) companies.

Companies may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

Interested parties should contact the Engineering procurement representative, via email to obtain Application Package and other information.

Expressions of interest and application package must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by e-mail) by **March 29, 2022**, no later than 3:00 P.M.

*Belize Water Services Limited
Attn: Engineering Procurement
7 Central American Boulevard
Belize City, Belize, C.A.
Tel: +(501) 222-4757, Ext. 1713*

E-mail: engineeringprocurement@bws.com.bz

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Corporate: 501.822.2163 | Customer Care: info@socialsecurity.org.bz

March 16, 2022

Social Security Board Announces Implementation of the Contribution and Benefit Increase

Social Security Board (SSB) introduces the final phase of the Contribution Reform. The final contribution and benefit increase, which falls under the 3-year phased approach, aims to improve and provide greater value to beneficiaries during time away from work if they become incapacitated or ill.

This is essential for the strengthening of the SSB program in order to provide sickness, maternity, disablement, invalidity, injury, death benefit and pensions to contributors, their families and survivors.

Under the final phase, employers and employees will see an increase of 1% in the Contribution Rate from 9% to 10% and \$480 to \$520 in the Wage Ceiling effective Monday, April 4, 2022. This translates to an increase in the maximum cash benefit of \$416 weekly for short term benefits and \$312 weekly or \$16,224 yearly for pensions.

The complete Contribution and Benefit Schedule available below.

Contribution & Benefit Schedule

Effective: Monday, April 4, 2022

| Weekly Earnings by Salary Range (Wage Band) | Weekly Insurable Earnings (Wage Ceiling) | Weekly Contributions (\$) | | | Rate of Contributions (%) | | | Max. Weekly Benefit | | Max. Yearly Pension |
|---|--|---------------------------|----------|---------|---------------------------------------|----------|-------|---------------------|----------|---------------------|
| | | Employee | Employer | Total | Employee | Employer | Total | Short Term | Pensions | |
| UNDER \$70.00 | \$55.00 | \$1.03 | \$4.47 | \$5.50 | 1.88% | 8.13% | 10% | \$44.00 | \$47.00 | \$2,444.00 |
| \$70.00 - \$109.99 | \$90.00 | \$1.69 | \$7.31 | \$9.00 | 1.88% | 8.13% | 10% | \$72.00 | \$54.00 | \$2,808.00 |
| \$110.00 - \$139.99 | \$130.00 | \$2.44 | \$10.56 | \$13.00 | 1.88% | 8.13% | 10% | \$104.00 | \$78.00 | \$4,056.00 |
| \$140.00 - \$179.99 | \$160.00 | \$3.94 | \$12.06 | \$16.00 | 2.46% | 7.54% | 10% | \$128.00 | \$96.00 | \$4,992.00 |
| \$180.00 - \$219.99 | \$200.00 | \$5.94 | \$14.06 | \$20.00 | 2.97% | 7.03% | 10% | \$160.00 | \$120.00 | \$6,240.00 |
| \$220.00 - \$259.99 | \$240.00 | \$7.94 | \$16.06 | \$24.00 | 3.31% | 6.69% | 10% | \$192.00 | \$144.00 | \$7,488.00 |
| \$260.00 - \$299.99 | \$280.00 | \$9.94 | \$18.06 | \$28.00 | 3.55% | 6.45% | 10% | \$224.00 | \$168.00 | \$8,736.00 |
| \$300.00 - \$339.99 | \$320.00 | \$11.94 | \$20.06 | \$32.00 | 3.73% | 6.27% | 10% | \$256.00 | \$192.00 | \$9,984.00 |
| \$340.00 - \$379.99 | \$360.00 | \$13.98 | \$22.02 | \$36.00 | 3.88% | 6.12% | 10% | \$288.00 | \$216.00 | \$11,232.00 |
| \$380.00 - \$419.99 | \$400.00 | \$16.15 | \$23.85 | \$40.00 | 4.04% | 5.96% | 10% | \$320.00 | \$240.00 | \$12,480.00 |
| \$420.00 - \$459.99 | \$440.00 | \$18.45 | \$25.55 | \$44.00 | 4.19% | 5.81% | 10% | \$352.00 | \$264.00 | \$13,728.00 |
| \$460.00 - \$499.99 | \$480.00 | \$20.86 | \$27.14 | \$48.00 | 4.35% | 5.65% | 10% | \$384.00 | \$288.00 | \$14,976.00 |
| \$500.00 - OVER | \$520.00 | \$23.40 | \$28.60 | \$52.00 | 4.50% | 5.50% | 10% | \$416.00 | \$312.00 | \$16,224.00 |
| *(A) & (B) | | \$0.00 | \$2.60 | \$2.60 | Covers Employment Injury Benefit Only | | | | | |

*(A) Applies to persons 60-64 years who have received or are receiving a Social Security Benefit and
(B) all persons 65 years and older.

END.



Social Security Board: Safeguarding You, your Family, your Future!



CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) is the primary distributor and the only licensed public provider of electricity in Belize. Our Mission is to deliver safe, reliable and sustainable energy solutions to enhance the quality of life and the productivity of enterprise and to support national development.

We are looking for a highly motivated, goal oriented, responsible and committed person to join our Company in the role of **Supervisor, Credit Control** in the **Customer Accounts Department** of our **Commercial & Retail Services Division** at our Corporate Headquarters in Belize City.

Duties:

- Design and implement effective and innovative programs and initiatives to increase collections and reduce receivables
- Implement policies and processes related to credit and risk management
- Manage collection strategies including security deposits, payment arrangements, accounts receivables, credit field services and third-party collections
- Audit the execution of the accounts payable processes and initiate process improvements
- Supervise, coach, train and prepare appraisals for the staff in the Credit Control Unit
- Contract management for all Credit Control Field Services
- Complete various credit management reports, including Collections Strategy KPIs and deliver presentations to key stakeholders
- Support the Finance Department with providing General Ledger data and other information upon request
- Support the Manager with budget management and the implementation of cost control methods
- Lead initiatives and programs geared towards educating customers about collections and account management.

Education and Experience:

- Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration or related field
- Three years' supervisory experience in Customer Service or Credit Control environment

Required Skills and Abilities:

- Working knowledge of collections strategies and risk management
- Basic understanding of PUC regulations and bylaws relating to collections
- Possess a customer-centric approach to all decision making
- Ability to work with a large customer base
- Ability to manage difficult situations diplomatically, especially those pertaining to customer matters
- Ability to translate and analyse data into reports
- Outstanding administrative, planning and organizing skills and good attention to detail
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills with the ability to present information clearly and concisely
- Possess excellent interpersonal skills with the ability to build relationships with all stakeholders
- Action and results oriented with excellent collaborative skills for pursuing shared goals
- Ability to take initiative, exercise sound judgement while maintaining high work quality
- Ability to meet deadlines in a fast-paced and changing environment
- Intermediate proficiency in Microsoft Office applications (Excel and Projects)
- Knowledge of the CIS Infinity software or similar software
- Ability to collect relevant information and identify solutions to problems in order to assess and understand issues and resolve problems

Salary: in accordance with Company Salary Structure.

Submit application letter along with resume, copy of degrees and certificates and three recent professional letters of recommendation via email to:

Manager, Talent Acquisition & Development
Email: career.opportunity@bel.com.bz

In the email subject, please indicate the position:
Supervisor, Credit Control

Only electronic applications are being accepted at this time.
For more information or queries, call 227-0954 Ext. 2901 or 1415

Deadline: Friday, March 25, 2022

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR RENT

FOR RENT: House for rent at 125 Albert St., Belize City (Bird's Isle area), 2-bedroom, living room, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, elec., hot water tank & pump. Garage not included. Asking for \$700.00 per month; require a total of \$1,400.00 which would include a month's security of \$700.00. Contact us at: 605-1120.

VACANCY

VACANCY: Looking for babysit/maid in Belize City. Age 25 or over. Contact number 604-5316.

VACANCY: Radiologist in Corozal Town; has to have a Medical License and has to be certified by the Ministry of Health and Wellness. Send job application, resume, qualifications and 2 letters of reference to Archangelmedicalczl@gmail.com

VACANCY: Rojas Recycled Metals - seeking a male person to cut metal; must be able to work 5 days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call: 630-2349

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that **David William Craig and Judith A Munoz** are applying for a Restaurant Liquor License to be operated at One South Place Hotel/Meg's Corner at 1 South Street, Belize City, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that **Ann Castillo** is applying for a Shop Liquor License to be operated at Watina, Seine Bight Village, Placencia Peninsula, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that **Mitzi Guy** is applying for a Restaurant Liquor License to be operated at The Garage Restaurant & Chill Spot, #3 Rivera Road, Belmopan, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that **Oseas Diaz** is applying for a Publican Special Liquor License to be operated at Chill Out Restaurant & Bar, George Price Boulevard, Benque Viejo Town, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that **Kafi Laing Davies** is applying for a Beer Liquor License to be operated at #83 Edwin Park Ave, Lords Bank, Ladyville, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.



VACANCY - MARKETING OFFICER
FREETOWN BRANCH - BELIZE CITY

Interested applicants must possess the following skills and qualifications:

Education and Experience:

- Bachelor's Degree in Marketing or Business Administration or other business-related fields with three years experience in Marketing or similar discipline.
- Associate's Degree in Marketing or Business Administration or other business-related field with five years experience in Marketing or similar discipline.
- Experience in banking would be an asset.

Interpersonal Relations:

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Contribute positively to team building with the leaders, team members and customers.
- Pleasant manner and tone in communicating on the phone and in person.

Knowledge, Skills, and Competencies:

- Exercise good judgment, ingenuity and creativity.
- Possess ability to build and sustain quality internal and external customer relationships.
- Possess good analytical, time management and organizational skills.
- Function well under pressure and with proven success in handling several projects simultaneously with little supervision.
- Highly dedicated and motivated, while maintaining strict confidentiality.
- Speak fluent English (Spanish would be an asset).

General Responsibilities:

- Prepare, lead and assist in the implementation of marketing plans.
- Oversee design and distribution of marketing materials.
- Recommend new ideas for advertising and promotion of products and services.
- Attend and participate in events to create brand awareness and promote the Bank's products and services.
- Monitor media coverage, perception and maintain effective media relations.
- Maintain internal communications and assist with training to educate staff about the Bank's products and services.
- Any other duties assigned.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2022

Interested applicants may submit application letter, résumé, and two reference letters to:

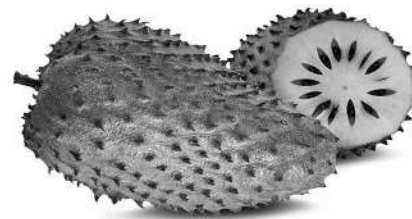
**Chief Human Resources Officer
Human Resources Department
Atlantic Bank Ltd.**

Cor. Cleghorn Street / Freetown Road, P.O. Box 481, Belize City, Belize

AMENDMENT No. 1
INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC BIDDING PROCESS
N° CABEI-G-004-2147/2022

Belize Defense Force Troop Lifting Vehicles

| Currently reads | | To be read from now on | |
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| Introduction (Extension of Deadline Submission) | | | |
| Specific Procurement Notice | | | |
| 3.3 Presentation of the Procurement Process | Bids for this invitation to bid shall be received no later than April 11th, 2022, until 2:00 p.m. at the following physical address below | 3.3 Presentation of the Procurement Process | Bids for this invitation to bid shall be received no later than April 19th, 2022, until 2:00 p.m. at the following physical address below |
| Section II. Bidding Data (BD) | | | |
| Section II Bidding Data 9.1 | The deadline for consultations and clarifications is as follows: a. Clarifications must be sought no later than Wednesday, 23 rd , March 2022. b. The Buyer shall respond to the queries of the bidders for the preparation of their bids no later than Monday, March 28 th , 2022. | Section II Bidding Data 9.1 | The deadline for consultations and clarifications is as follows: a. Clarifications must be sought no later than Thursday, 31st, March 2022. b. The Buyer shall respond to the queries of the bidders for the preparation of their bids no later than Monday, April 4th, 2022. |
| Section II Bidding Data 24.1 | a. Bids must be received no later than April 11th, 2022, by 2:00 p.m. at the address detailed in BD 23.2 (b) b. The deadline for the preparation of bids will be 45 days. | Section II Bidding Data 24.1 | a. Bids must be received no later than April 19th, 2022, by 2:00 p.m. at the address detailed in BD 23.2 (b) b. The deadline for the preparation of bids will be 47 days. |



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Mother seeks justice for slain daughter

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body was found burnt beyond recognition with a slit throat and multiple

stab wounds to her back and abdomen at the Belmopan Dump Site on the outskirts of Belmopan on the Hummingbird Highway.

On March 11, 2017, Ara was allegedly killed in a home in Belmopan City, and it is alleged that her body was taken to the dumpsite by 27-year-old Jaime Patnett and 25-year-old Shaylon Santos, both of whom were residents of Teakettle Village. The two men were subsequently arrested and charged with the crime of murder. But earlier this year, on February 23, the duo were able to exit the Belmopan Supreme Court as free men after a not guilty verdict was delivered by Justice Francis Cumberbatch.

Shirley Mai, the mother of Keona Ara, has lamented to reporters that, although she was assured by police that the case against the men was a strong one, she had begun to feel unsettled as key pieces of evidence began to go missing.

"From the beginning, I was in that courtroom from the start to the end, and I knew the case was going somewhere where only God can bring it back, because the file they start to go missing. I went back to the police station. I spoke

to the high-ranking officer, and I told him 'this is what going on, this is what's happening, this is what taking place'... But I was in the courtroom and I heard my statement went missing, my daughter's statement went missing, like everything is going missing. So I knew from the beginning this case is not going to sit right," said Mai.

She further stated, "Every time the case is being called, I heard something is going missing. I went back and told the high-ranking officer, who I trust, who I believe, and I take their word for it. On the following day, before the case went to where it is [a] 'not guilty verdict,' I went back there again, and I told the same officer again, 'officer, please tell me where is the recording, because you assured me there was a recording', because normally I know you turn some evidence in Belize, the... witness normally turn up dead or something go wrong and he said, 'Miss Mai, we have a recording; we will use this in court even if she [turns] up dead', so I went and I told the prosecutor for the Supreme Court, and I said, 'the officer said there is a recording,' and he said, 'Miss Mai, we need it, the case is going on,' and then I went back [to the police officer] and I said, 'we need the recording, the prosecutor is asking for it,' and he said, 'I don't know where the recording is; The recording went missing!' I said 'Jesus, what is happening?'"

Mai denies the assertions of Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams, that her daughter had been involved in a lovers' quarrel which ultimately led to her gruesome murder. Instead, Mai stated that her daughter was a pivotal witness in a court case, and she believes that this is what led to Keona Ara's death.

"She was a key witness in a case; after she turns up dead, and when CIB went to my house, I told them, 'this right here, this mixup will cost my daughter her life' and I told them to their [faces] that," Mai said.

Mai said that she had been trying to establish contact with the Director of Public Prosecution in an attempt to appeal the ruling which set free the men who she believes murdered Ara, but that the 21-day period within which an appeal can be filed has since elapsed, and she is now looking into other legal remedies.

"I have been telling them that I need to appeal this case. I've been to the DPP office. I've been back to the Supreme Court. I've been back to the DPP office, and they told me, 'she's not there.'" Mai said. "I spoke to someone who works with the DPP and they told me on what grounds I want to appeal, so I said, 'I am not satisfied with the outcome of the case'", Mai went on to say.

7News reported last night that they received a statement from the Director of Prosecution, Cheryl Lynn Vidal, who explained that a key witness's statement, which "connected the accused to the offence" had not been forwarded to the court and the DPP's office, as they should have been, and, according to 7News, "when Vidal went to inquire at the Clerk of Court, it still could not be found, which led her to make an official police report. She said that an investigation had commenced but the police never shared the results of the

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The U.S. Embassy Belmopan is seeking eligible and qualified applicants for the following position:

Position Name: Maintenance Mechanic (Generator Mechanic)
Vacancy number: Belmopan-2022-05-R
Closing date: April 1, 2022

Interested applicants must submit their application via the Electronic Recruitment Application (ERA) system, a web-based system. To view and apply for this vacancy, visit the ERA site at: <https://erajobs.state.gov/dos-era/blz/vacancysearch/searchVacancies.hms>

Please visit the Embassy's website for instructions on how to apply via the ERA system: <https://bz.usembassy.gov/embassy/jobs/>

Note 1: Resumes **will not** be considered. Candidates must note all work experience when completing the ERA application. Insufficient or incomplete information will result in an ineligible application.

Note 2: Candidates **must** submit applicable required documentation by the closing date of this announcement. Failure to provide the required documentation will result in an ineligible application.



INVITATION TO BID

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

The Ministry of Health & Wellness (MOHW) hereby invites eligible and qualified bidders to submit sealed bids for *Pharmaceuticals & Related Medical Supplies* for the period **April 2022-March 2023**.

All interested bidders are asked to contact the secretary in the Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Health & Wellness, Third Floor, East Block Building, Belmopan (Tel. 822-2325) for the *Instruction to Bidders* and relevant documents. Eligible Bidders must be in accordance with Ministry of Health & Wellness requirements as indicated in the *Instruction to Bidders*. All bidders must be in possession of a valid MOHW License. A fee of **\$200.00** made payable to the Government Treasury utilizing Fees for Bidding Documents - 18017/11617/130/24 is required for the acquisition of the Tender Package. The **receipt must be presented** to the secretary at the point of collecting the Package.

The Tender Package must be collected from the Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) Secretary - Ministry of Health & Wellness, East Block, Belmopan on **Monday March 21st, 2022 & Tuesday March 22nd, 2021** from **8:30AM to 3:30PM**. All tender submissions must be returned to the CEO Secretary - Ministry of Health & Wellness no later than **Wednesday April 20th, 2022 at 10AM**. Late bids will be rejected.

Please be prepared to submit relevant samples **immediately** upon request.

Ref: GEN/186/01/21(57)



BY ORDER OF CHARGE NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL

LA INMACULADA CREDIT UNION LIMITED, a Credit Union duly formed and registered in Belize under the Credit Union Act Chapter 314 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011 with registered office situated at No. 5 Park Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District, Belize, hereby gives notice of its intention to exercise its Power of Sale as Chargee under the virtue of Charges between those hereinafter named and the said La Inmaculada Credit Union Ltd. with said Charge is registered at the Land Registry. The Credit Union will at the expiration of TWO MONTHS from the date of the first publication of this notice to sell the properties described in the schedule hereto.

ALL offers to purchase the said property must be made in writing to **LA INMACULADA CREDIT UNION LIMITED**, from whom full particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Parcel No.-3217 situated in the Ann Gabourel Registration Section, Orange Walk District, and held under Land Certificate LRS-201608522 **TOGETHER** with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon, the freehold of **Nery Leonardo Sosa & Josselin Jannethe Alvarado (Jointly)**.

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Parcel No.-122 situated in the Trial Farm Registration Section, Orange Walk District, and held under Land Certificate LRS-201108503 **TOGETHER** with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon, the freehold of **Angelica Leslie**.

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Parcel No.-491 situated in the Trial Farm Registration Section, Orange Walk District, and held under Land Certificate LRS-201108507 **TOGETHER** with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon, the freehold of **Angelica Leslie**.

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Parcel No.-1079 situated in the San Jose Palmar Registration Section, Orange Walk District, and held under Land Certificate # 9845/2004 **TOGETHER** with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon, the freehold of **Angelica Leslie**.

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Lot No.-184 attached to Plan No.-2146 Deed of Conveyance LTU-201501474 situated in the St. Matthews Village, Cayo District, and registered at the Lands and Surveys Department in Belmopan, as Lot No. 184 on Plan No. 2146 - **TOGETHER** with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon, the Deed of Conveyance of **Miriam Janet Quevedo for Abner Jonathan Quevedo**.

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Parcel No.1802- situated in the Ann Gabourel Registration Section, Orange Walk District, and held under Land Certificate LRS-201910114 **TOGETHER** with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon, the freehold of **Mark Glenford Meighan**.

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Parcel No.- 2050 situated in the Orange Walk Town Registration Section, Orange Walk District, and held under Land Certificate LRS-201810171 **TOGETHER** with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon, the freehold of **Roamir Edwardo Gonzalez**.

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land Parcel No.- 370/1 situated in the Miller's Bight Registration Section, Orange Walk District, and held under Lease Certificate LRS -201005197 **TOGETHER** with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon, the leasehold of **Carlos Garcia for Julie Linda Garcia**.

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Parcel No.-212 situated in the Guinea Grass Registration Section, Orange Walk District, and held under Land Certificate LRS-201900303 **TOGETHER** with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon, the freehold of **Edison Albert Johnson and Rosita Johnson (Jointly)**.

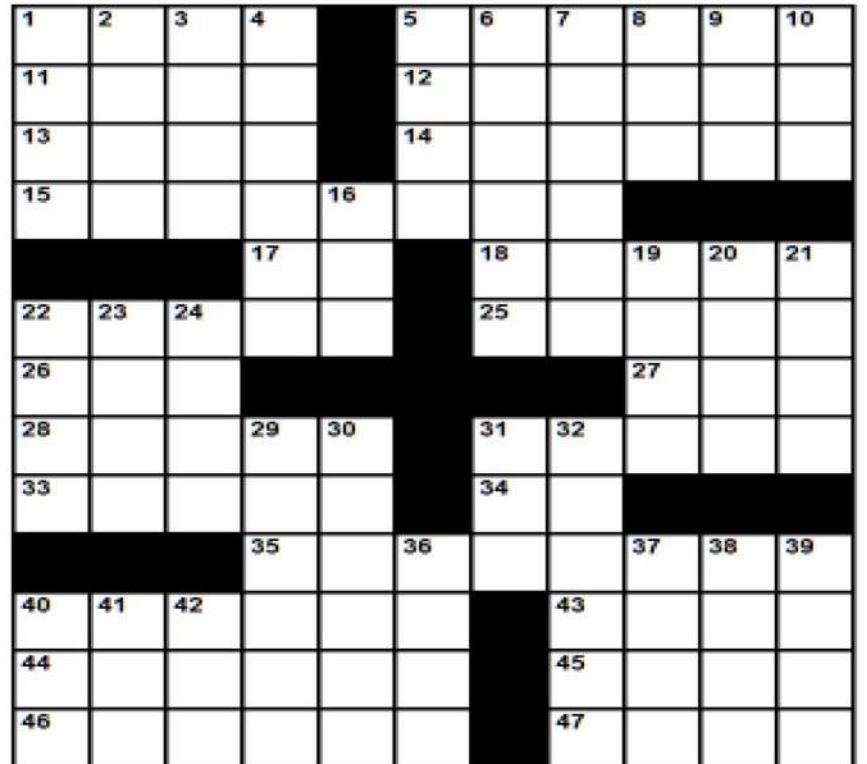
ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Parcel No.-672 situated in the Ann Gabourel Registration Section, Orange Walk District, and held under Land Certificate # 3710/95 **TOGETHER** with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon, the freehold of **Maria Elena Diaz for Leonardo Daniel Diaz**.

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Parcel No.-2949 situated in the San Pedro Registration Section, Belize District, and held under Land Certificate LRS-201511416 **TOGETHER** with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon, the freehold of **Leon Levi Anderson**.



NEW PUZZLE

Daily Crossword Puzzle for March 17, 2022



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Across

- 1. Comic Wilson
- 5. Spiritually revived
- 11. Ankara dollar
- 12. French guided missile
- 13. Abu Dhabi ruler
- 14. Cavort in the pool
- 15. Not in residence
- 17. Fuhgeddaboutit!
- 18. Bisect
- 22. Earp brother
- 25. Godzilla's favorite city
- 26. Actor McKellen
- 27. Carrier of genetic info
- 28. Fly like a hawk
- 31. Not taut
- 33. Akin on mom's side
- 34. Quick greeting
- 35. Despairing
- 40. Land creation
- 43. Admit frankly
- 44. Old World herbs
- 45. Currency of Ghana
- 46. Reaches
- 47. Fishing woe

- 4. One who knows best
- 5. All that's left
- 6. Anticipate
- 7. Lively spanish dance
- 8. Andean tuber
- 9. Part of RSVP
- 10. Last degree
- 16. Anything but that
- 19. Gumbo need
- 20. Harmonization
- 21. Linger in the tub
- 22. Like Solomon
- 23. Exhibit ennui
- 24. Forest ox
- 29. Different ones
- 30. City on the Illinois
- 31. 1967 Monkees song
- 32. Fragrant shrubs
- 36. A tense situation
- 37. Bump free
- 38. Bubbly beverage
- 39. Hearty gulp
- 40. Smoke, for short
- 41. Actor Vigoda
- 42. Assembled

Down

- 1. Fido rider
- 2. Arm or leg
- 3. Blue flag, for one

Crossword answers for last edition

The answers below are for the puzzle appearing in the last edition of the Amandala. The answers for the above puzzle will appear in next issue of this newspaper.



Daily Interactive Crossword Puzzle - 03-10-2022 - Answers



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BY ORDER of the Mortgagee, Messrs. Ascendancy Belize Limited, Licensed Auctioneer, Sylvano Guerrero, is selling by way of ONLINE AUCTION via www.madisons.bz the following properties with reserved prices. Auctions are now open for bidding and will close on Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 12:00pm.

TERMS:10% DEPOSIT. BALANCE IN 14 DAYS



**Block 1, Parcel 157 & 158
Douglas North, Orange Walk**

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #1, Parcel #157 and #158, Douglas North, Orange Walk Belize. They are bounded on the east by a gravel street and on the west by an open land, on the north by a proposed street, and on the south by an open land, for a total area of 2494.466 sq. yds.

The subject properties are held by a Freehold Interest in the name of Erica Cabral.



**Block 1, Parcel 57/1
Buena Vista Village**

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #1, Parcel #57/1, Buena Vista Village, Corozal; comprising of a total area of 1280.44 sq. yds together with all buildings and erections thereon being a two-story building having a large open area, a bedroom, and a storeroom on the lower level, with an area of 1882 sq. ft.

The subject property is held as a Leasehold Certificate interest in the name of Florencia Pott.



Lot 63, Pomona Village, Stann Creek

All that piece or parcel of land being Parcel #63 Pomona Village, Stann Creek District; comprising of a total area 461.849 square meters together with all buildings and erections thereon being a concrete building approximately 20 feet by 40 feet and elevated 11 feet above the ground with 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, kitchen, dining and living room, a front porch approximately 5 feet by 10 feet and a side porch approximately 7 feet by 15 feet.

The property is held as a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 178 of 2006 in the name of Roy Sylvester Tillett.



**Block 42, Parcel 1789/1
Punta Gorda**

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #42, Parcel #1789/1, Punta Gorda Town, Toledo District, Belize; comprising of a total area of 555.56 sq.yds. together with all buildings and erections thereon being an incomplete building having on the lower level three bedrooms, two bathrooms, living, dining, store room, kitchen and utility room with a total area of 1,213 sq. ft.

The property is held in the Leasehold Interest in the name of Antonio Teul.



**Block 4, Parcel 2155
Orange Walk Town**

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #4, Parcel #2155, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk; comprising of a total area of 522.22 sq.yds. together with all buildings and erections thereon being a single storey building with an open loft above, two bedrooms, one bathroom, living, dining, kitchen an open area and storeroom for a total of 902 sq. ft.

The subject property is held in the Freehold Interest in the name of Fernando Baeza.



**Block 1, Parcel 682,
Libertad Village**

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #1, Parcel #682, Libertad Village, Registration Section, Corozal; comprising of 5,808 sq.yds. (1.20 acres) together with all buildings and erections thereon being an incomplete two storey residence having on the ground floor two bedrooms, one bathroom, living, dining, kitchen, utility room, a large front porch and an enclosed area for recreation.

The subject property is held as a Land Certificate Interest in the name of Heraan Botes.



**Lot 66, Pomona Village
Stann Creek**

All that piece or parcel of land being Parcel #66, Pomona Village, Stann Creek District; comprising of a total area of 722.193 sq.m. together with all buildings and erections thereon being a flat timber building with 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, kitchen, dining room, living room, a 24ft x 33ft laundry room, a back addition of approximately 14 ft x 25 ft., a wraparound porch of approximately 250sq.ft., and carport. The property is held as a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 462 of 2010 under the name of Gerald Walter Peters.



Block 42, Parcel 793, Punta Gorda

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #42, Parcel #793, Punta Gorda, Toledo; comprising a total area of 893.33 sq. yds together with all buildings and erections thereon being a 2 storey building, having on the ground floor 5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, living, dining and kitchen, and on the upper level, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, living, dining, kitchen and 2 large porches with an area of 3,728 sq. ft. and porch of 686 sq. ft.

The subject property is held in the Freehold Interest in the name of Aurelio Oliva.



**Block 1, Parcel 62,
Corozal Central**

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #1, Parcel #62, Corozal Central Registration Section, Corozal Town; comprising of a total area of 555.56 sq.yds. together with all buildings and erections thereon being a 2 storey reinforced concrete and blocks structure having 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, living, dining and kitchen on the upper level. The lower level was a shop and is open. The building has an area of 1,267 sq. ft. The subject property is held as a Land Certificate Interest in the name of Albertico Gongora.



**Block 4, Parcel 948
Orange Walk Town**

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #4, Parcel #948, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk; comprising a total area of 738.76 sq.yds. together with all buildings and erections thereon being 2 buildings, both having reinforced concrete foundation, ground floor, beams and columns with the first having a floor area of 800 sq. ft, and the second 450 sq. ft.

The subject property is held in the Freehold Interest in the name of Narciso Ramirez.

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**Block 1, Parcel 134
San Pablo/San Jose, Orange Walk**

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #1, Parcel #134 San Jose/San Pablo Registration Section, San Pablo Village, Orange Walk District; comprising of a total area of 4,195.7 square meters together with all buildings and erections thereon being a concrete bungalow residence with 2 bedrooms, a small living room area and a kitchen with dimensions of 18 ft by 24 ft and a front porch of 5 ft by 24 ft.

The property is held as a Land Certificate Interest in the name of Alfredo Samuel Cabrera and Josue



**Block 42, Parcel 1925
Punta Gorda, Toledo**

All that piece or parcel land being Block #42, Parcel #1925, Punta Gorda Town, Toledo District, Belize comprising of a total area of 566.67 sq.yds together with all erections thereon being a bungalow residence rectangular in shape, flat and at street level with 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, living, dining and kitchen with an area of 737 sq. ft.

The property is held in the Leasehold Interest in the name of Roland Tun.



Block 1, Parcel 244, San Pablo/San Jose, Orange Walk

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #1, Parcel #224, San Jose/San Pablo Registration Section, San Pablo Village, Orange Walk District; comprising a total area of 1635.8 square meters together with all buildings and erections thereon being a concrete bungalow residence with 4 bedrooms, a shared bathroom, kitchen, dining room, and living room with external dimensions of approximately 22 ft by 47 ft inclusive of an enclosed front porch of 9 ft by 10 ft and a back verandah of 7 ft by 12 ft.

The property is held as a Land Certificate Interest in the name of Alfredo Samuel Cabrera and Josue Cabrera.

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CONTRACT AWARD INFORMATION – CONSULTANCY SERVICES

THIRD WATER (SOUTH AMBERGRIS CAYE WATER AND SEWERAGE EXPANSION) PROJECT – BELIZE

DEVELOPING A GENDER POLICY AND OPERATIONAL STRATEGY FOR HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

1. Summary of Scores:

| Names of Shortlisted Consultants | Country | Technical Proposal Scores | | | | | | Financial Proposal Prices | | Final Rank |
|---|----------|---------------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| | | Specific Experience (10%) | Methodology, Work Plan, Organization and Staffing (35%) | Key Experts (45%) | Knowledge Transfer (5%) | National Experts Participation (5%) | Total (100%) | Submitted Price (USD) | Evaluated Price (USD) | |
| Shidaa Sustainable Development Solutions Ltd. | Trinidad | 8.3 | 31.1 | 35.6 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 83.5 | \$88,872.00 | \$80,786.50 | 1 |
| PricewaterhouseCoopers | Jamaica | 8.6 | 31.9 | 34.1 | 4.3 | 2.2 | 81.1 | Financial proposal was not opened | Financial proposal was not opened | Not Applicable |
| Caribbean Policy Development Centre | Barbados | Did not submit proposal | | | | | | | | |
| Niagra College Canada | Canada | Did not submit proposal | | | | | | | | |

2. **Name of Successful Consultant:** Shidaa Sustainable Development Solutions Limited

3. **Final Awarded Price:** USD 80,786.50

4. **Commencement Date of Contract:** March 1, 2022

5. **Duration of Contract:** Ten (10) months

6. **Summary Scope of Contract:** The consultancy services will develop a Gender Policy and Operational strategy for Human Resource Management in BWS by executing an institutional analysis of current human resource practices with regard to adherence to gender equality; conduct a gender sensitization workshop with BWS staff; develop a GPOS; and carry out Training of Trainers. The service will encompass all investigative work, analyses and strategic direction to realize the objectives stated above. The consultant will use participatory and consultative methodologies in working closely with BWS and will develop a Monitoring and Evaluation Framework which should facilitate the monitoring of the results of the consultancy.

Note: Selection Method: Quality-Based Selection (QBS)
Minimum Technical Proposal Score required to open Financial Proposal: 80



STRENGTHENING OF TAX ADMINISTRATION PROJECT REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Consultancy Firm to prepare and implement the Belize Tax Service Department (BTSD) Enforcement Collection Model based on risk criteria

Institution: The Ministry of Finance (MOF)

Country: Belize

Project: Strengthening of Tax Administration (STA)

Abstract: Consulting Services – Consultancy Firm to prepare and implement the Belize Tax Service Department (BTSD) Enforcement Collection Model based on risk criteria

Loan No.: 4839/OC-BL

Deadline: April 8, 2022, Belize Local Time

The Government of Belize (GOB) has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the execution of a five-year tax modernization project entitled “Strengthening of Tax Administration” (BL-L1031). Through this project, the Belize Tax Service Department (BTSD) has procured a Modern Integrated Tax Administration System (the Revenue Management System (RMS)) and is presently in the implementation process. This new system will be used in the management of the Belize Tax Administration.

The authorities’ concerns on the growth of the arrears balance are reflected in the BTSD strategic plan; “The stock of debt has been steadily increasing throughout the years, with the largest increase recorded between 2017 and 2018. The respective annual increases from 2016 to 2018 were 4%, 7% and 23%. There is a need to institute a mechanism to facilitate monitoring and timely enforcement actions to collect and recover revenues.”

The consulting services (“the services”) includes the contracting of a Consultancy Firm for a period of five (5) months. The main activity of the consultancy includes:

1. To assess the current situation of BTSD enforcement collection and review the organization and resources of the collection area as well as their skills
2. To assess the potential sources for information on taxpayer transactions and assets that could be used as arrears payments (Customs, social security, immovable property registration department, Bank accounts, City Council’s Traffic Departments, etc.)
3. Propose a strategy for enforcement collections and prioritization based on risk analysis, define risk parameters and relevant mitigation measures as well as special procedures according to taxpayer segments
4. Establish a system of payment by instalment via Internet, with parameters defined by BTSD with payments through automatic debit in the taxpayer bank account and to freeze delinquent taxpayers’ bank accounts via Internet
5. Establish rules for writing off uncollectable debts and modify ITAS to incorporate them
6. Update the BTSD Enforcement Collection manual defining the procedures to select the debts to be enforced, the task to collect the debt, the identification, and procedures to put a lien on debtors’ properties, the rules, and procedures for agreements for payment by instalment, etc.
7. Propose performance indicators for monitoring the enforcement collection
8. Deliver workshops and train the collection staff in the new procedures
9. Implement the new procedures
10. Conduct Pilot with the designated BTSD staff to plan, execute and report on randomly selected taxpayers.

The Consultancy Firm should have a minimum of five (5) years’ relevant working experience in the following areas:

- Organizational development and design;
- Enforced arrears collections;
- Tax administration training

As well as minimum of five (5) years relevant assistance to tax administrations, particularly in the arrears collection areas. In addition, the Consultant firm should have at least three (3) years of previous experience specifically in conducting programs on arrears collection with the use of risk analysis techniques or similar programs and consultancies between the calendar years 2015 to 2020, as well as experience in Belize, and Caribbean environment.

The Ministry of Finance now invites eligible Consultancy Firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested eligible Consultants must submit an Expression of Interest providing information demonstrating

that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services (description of similar assignments specifying start and end dates of assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills, etc.). *The term “consultant” means a legally established professional consulting firm or an entity that may provide the services.*

Expression of Interest package should contain:

- (i) Document explaining interest, experience, and competence of the consulting firm.
- (ii) Firms experience in the assignment of similar consultancy services during the past five years. Description of similar assignments specifying start and end dates of assignments.
- (iii) Firms evidence of past jobs. (These includes letters from the respective client on the job (s) carried out, or a copy of contract or agreement with the client including copy of the TOR).
- (iv) Two references
- (v) Proof of nationality: Copy of certificate of incorporation, information of shareholders of company specifying the shares owned by each respective shareholder of the company and a copy of documentation of nationality of the shareholders of the company.

Additional documentation required for National Consultants:

- (vi) Copy of Certificate of Good Standing from Belize Company Registry
- (vii) Copy of Certificate of Good Standing from the Social Security Board
- (viii) Copy of Certificate of Good Standing from the Belize Tax Service
- (ix) Copy of Current Trade License

The total estimated contract price for this consultancy inclusive of taxes is **US \$133,555.00.**

A Consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost - Based Selection (QCBS) procurement method set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: *Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank* (GN-2350-15, May 2019 edition) and is open to all eligible consultants as defined in the IDB policies. The selection of the successful firm will be based on a competitive process among short-listed firms that takes into account the quality of the proposal and the cost of the service. **Only the short-listed firms will be notified and will be asked to submit a technical and price proposal.**

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. For the purpose of establishing the short list, the nationality of a firm is that of the country in which it is legally incorporated or constituted and in the case of Joint Venture, the nationality of the firm appointed to represent it.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Expressions of interest must be delivered via direct mail or e-mail at the address indicated below by 4:00 p.m. (Belize local time) on Friday April 8, 2022.

Interested eligible Consultants are asked to submit their expression of interest via e-mail to Michelle.Longsworth@bts.gov.bz marked **STAP- Consultancy Firm to prepare and implement the Belize Tax Service Department (BTSD) Enforcement Collection Model based on risk criteria** in the subject header, or submit on or before 4:00 p.m. (Belize local time) Friday April 8, 2022 to the following address:

**Director General
Belize Tax Service
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For clarifications kindly contact:

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STRENGTHENING OF TAX ADMINISTRATION PROJECT REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Consultancy Firm to prepare and implement a Taxpayer Account Model to allow for fast taxpayer centric overview

Institution: The Ministry of Finance (MOF)

Country: Belize

Project: Strengthening of Tax Administration (STA)

Abstract: Consulting Services – Consultancy Firm to prepare and implement a Taxpayer Account Model to allow for fast taxpayer centric overview

Loan No.: 4839/OC-BL

Deadline: April 8, 2022, Belize Local Time

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The consulting services (“the services”) includes the contracting of a Consultancy Firm for a period of six (6) months. The main activity of the consultancy includes:

1. To assess the current situation of BTSDS taxpayer account in Integrated Tax Administration System (ITAS).
2. Develop a model for a new taxpayer account in ITAS. The model should specify the entities dealing with the taxpayer account, the information that flows to and from the account, and the transactions that will be allowed with the taxpayer account (e.g., debt from tax returns, debts from refunds, debts from adjustments, debts from audits, debts from payment by instalment agreements, credits from regular payment, credits for adjustments in appeals cases, credit from payments of payment by instalment agreements, etc.). The account will be organized by Taxpayer Identification Numbers (TIN), tax type and period
3. Define the procedures for taxpayer access to his account via Internet
4. Define which transactions taxpayers would be allowed to perform through the Internet
5. Define the changes to be made in ITAS for the introduction of the new model
6. Prepare the taxpayer account manual
7. Implement the new taxpayer centric current account
8. Train BTS staff in the new taxpayer account design and operation

The Consultancy Firm should have a minimum of five (5) years’ relevant working experience in the following areas:

- Designing modern taxpayer account
- Preparing taxpayer account procedures and manuals
- Training enforcement agents in taxpayer account;

As well as minimum of five (5) relevant working experience in enforcement of arrears payment and design of modern taxpayer current account. In addition, the Consulting firm should have at least three (3) years of previous experience conducting consultancies to countries implementing modern taxpayer accounts.

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The total estimated contract price for this consultancy inclusive of taxes is **US \$133,555.00**.

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Interested eligible Consultants are asked to submit their expression of interest via e-mail to Michelle.Longsworth@bts.gov.bz marked **STAP-Consultancy Firm to prepare and implement a Taxpayer Account Model to allow for fast taxpayer centric overview** in the subject header, or submit on or before 4:00 p.m. (Belize local time) on Friday April 8, 2022 to the following address:

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Accused killers of minister's father plead guilty

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year-old Belizean mason; and 26-year-old Angel Cardenas, a Belizean

construction worker, of Trial Farm in the Orange Walk District, pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

Back in 2014, the family of

Cervantes, Sr., became concerned when he did not come home for lunch at noon, and when they contacted him via phone, he was reportedly acting strange and speaking in an unusual tone of voice. Later, it was reported that Cervantes, Sr., had been abducted from his cane farm on the San Roman Road on Tuesday, July 1, and his body was found several days later, on July 5, partially decomposed and buried in a shallow grave on a farm just three and a half miles away, near the Honey Camp Lagoon on the outskirts of Orange Walk Town.

The trio were arraigned on July 11, 2014, before Magistrate Merlene Moody. They were read joint charges of murder, keeping a firearm without a gun license for a 12-gauge pump-action shotgun, and keeping unlicensed ammunition for five 12-gauge cartridges that were allegedly found in their possession at the time.

"I think it's the best legal justice that

could've been gotten: one of them pleaded guilty to murder and the other two pleaded guilty to manslaughter. I think it's the best that legal justice could have been obtained under our system and we'll have to live with it. Like you said, it's been a long time, almost 8 years, we have been awaiting. I think two witnesses have passed away over that time and one Crown witness also passed away during that time. But in the end, they knew what they did, and they accepted what they did, and thus their pleas," stated Hon. Ramon Cervantes, Jr., who is the Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Immigration.

The three men have not yet been sentenced for the crimes to which they respectively pleaded guilty, but Hon. Cervantes, Jr., told reporters that his family is allowed to submit Victim Impact Statements to sway the court's sentencing decision.

"On our side, we're also allowed to submit statements, victim impact statements, which will also be taken into account, I believe in the sentencing. So, [as] I said, we're more than halfway there, and I think in the sentencing again, the best that our legal justice system can do will be done," Hon. Cervantes, Jr., noted.

The alleged mastermind behind the abduction and murder of Cervantes, Sr., however, is still at large. Manuel Castillo, also known as "El Pelon", was also named in the charge sheet, but escaped from the country along with his common-law wife, Avicela Duran — leaving behind their home in Orange Walk. However, Duran has returned to the country and has cleared her name of any allegations of wrongdoing in connection with the abduction/murder. Castillo, however, remains at large. Cervantes mentioned that he had spoken to the Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams, numerous times regarding the matter, but there has been no progress in efforts to locate and detain Castillo.

"I have spoken to the Commissioner of Police a few times, and he said that it's with Interpol. I hope more movement would be done on that part, from the part of the police. I really hope that they take it more seriously and press on it, but that's what the Commissioner has told me — it's with Interpol," Cervantes, Jr. mentioned.

Cervantes, Jr., expressed his gratitude to everyone who supported him and his family in the aftermath of the tragedy.

"I just want to thank everyone who supported us during all this time. Nothing can bring back our father, but his legacy lives on. We should follow his good example and let always good things come out of it. I want to thank the people of Orange Walk, of Belize, everywhere. Thank you for being supportive of us. Thank you for being there for us always," he said.

After appearing before Justice Herbert Lord, the three alleged killers were taken back to the Belize Central Prison to await sentencing, which is scheduled to take place on March 28. There will be a mitigation hearing on March 23.

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STRENGTHENING OF TAX ADMINISTRATION PROJECT REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Consulting Services for Consulting firm to Prepare, Implement and Execute a New Audit Model, making use of the wider range examination and risk-based techniques (to include analytical tools for audit)

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The BTSD management has identified the need for a modern audit approach based on risk analysis. The BTSD Strategic Plan states that:

"BTSD will explore the introduction of a Risk Management Plan (RMP) to properly respond to the risks identified on a timely basis, to minimize overall compliance burden for both the taxpayers and the tax administration. As an important aspect of the RMP, risk mitigating strategies will be proposed for application against potential and existing risks. The plan will highlight all areas of risks including risk-based assessments, risk-based audits, risk-based sector and taxpayer segmentation, compliance risks (registration, filing, reporting and payments) and international risks. Risk mitigation reduces the extent of exposure and ensures that the strategic objectives are achieved."

The consulting services ("the services") includes the contracting of a consulting firm for a period of ten (10) months to Prepare, Implement and Execute a New Audit Model, making use of the range examination and risk-based techniques (to include analytic tools for audit). The main activities of the consultancy include:

1. To assess the status of BTSD taxpayer audit strategies and operations for all tax type.
2. To review the Audit Division organization and resources, as well as the staff skills.
3. To suggest the strategy for centralization/decentralization of the audit.
4. To propose a new organization area (if required).
5. To propose the staff composition by area and by location.
6. To propose the different audit programs taking into consideration taxpayer segments and different audit locations (central, districts).
7. To propose a system of massive audit based on IT verification of returns against risk factors and third-party information. The selected cases should be resolved very quickly (4 cases a day) as they are based on firm verification.
8. To propose modern analytical tools for tax auditing suitable for Belize's environment by conducting a SWOT analysis to support the audit work.
9. Once the proposal of the modern analytical tools is approved, the consulting firm will procure the Analytical tools software for auditing with 50 licenses with subscription for 3 years, implement, and train auditors in its utilization for adoption.
10. To execute onsite Pilot audit (for at least one month in duration) with the audit team to plan, execute and report on randomly selected taxpayers.
11. To develop training materials and manuals in hard copies and digital copies in Microsoft Word format.

The consulting firm should have a minimum of five (5) years' experience in similar assignment. In addition, the consulting firm should have a minimum of three (3) years specific experience in the following areas (* are must):

- Tax administration taxpayer audit and risk analysis. (*)
- Conducting design of modern taxpayer audit programs. (*)
- Conducting design of risk-based audit programs. (*)
- Training tax administration staff in audit techniques (*)
- Using modern audit analytic tools. (*)
- Developing programs for organizational strengthening for tax administration.
- Developing modern taxpayer audit programs.
- Conducting design of modern information crosschecking programs.
- Business Strategy (supporting business and organization goals).

The firm should prove ability to identify strategic issues, opportunity and risks. As well as have knowledge and experience working in Belize and or the Caribbean

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Court extends injunction against CWU

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from disbursing a \$1.5-million ex-gratia payment to stevedores who belong to the union. They will have to wait until May 10 and 11, when the court will further hear a case brought by their employer, the Port of Belize Limited (PBL), seeking to block the ex-gratia payment that was made to the aggrieved workers on the waterfront. This week, during the budget presentation in the House of Representatives, Prime Minister John Briceno rose to introduce a supplementary appropriation bill to approve the \$1.5 million payment to the stevedores. This bill is now set to go to the Senate this Friday for final approval. But the claimant, PBL, via its attorneys, has thrown another curveball at the union and government, and is now claiming that the payment should have been made from a contingencies account, which remains dormant and uncapitalized.

During this week's sitting of the House of Representatives, Prime Minister Briceno stated, "Regrettably, quite apart from the impact on the Port and stevedores that these disputes caused, the wider implications of shutdowns and work stoppages at the Port are all too obvious. Commerce is held at ransom. Paralysis in the import and export process, even for a few hours can cause substantial commercial losses across the economy, drive up the price of goods and create scarcity of essential imports. The Supplementary Appropriation Bill, which I now table for consideration, is for the ex gratia payment of 1.5 million dollars, as agreed between the Port Authority of Belize, Ministry of Public Utilities and Logistics, and the Christian Workers Union on behalf of the stevedores, in a Memorandum of Understanding signed on February 3, 2022. This one-time payment recognizes that circumstances at the Port of Belize have changed since privatization in 2002, in other words, that certain commitments the stevedores understood were made to them have evolved in a different manner than they understood them to be."

In reference to the dire impact of the standoff between PBL and the stevedores in January and the unforeseen and urgent nature of the issue he added, "Given that just over a month, at the height of the standoff, hundreds of containers were stranded, ships were being turned away from Belize, millions of dollars in imports and exports came to a standstill, millions of dollars in tax revenues were being lost, and the business climate stood to suffer potentially irreparable damage, Government judged that there was an urgent and unforeseen need to settle this matter promptly, and did so upon the terms set forth in the MOU. These terms included the immediate resumption of work at the Port by stevedores, and payment by Government to the stevedores of the sum of 1.5 million dollars in a timely manner, which the government duly effected."

The Memorandum of Understanding signed between the government and the CWU was effected in late February, and the CWU immediately commenced

efforts to put processes in place and get the necessary paperwork ready to pay over a hundred stevedores their portion of the humble payment on February 28, the date set out in the agreement for the payment. That process was brought to an abrupt halt by the injunction, which apparently resulted in a blockage of other important bank accounts needed for the CWU to pay its expenses. The president of the CWU had even told reporters that as a result of the injunction they had become a "financial pariah".

In a recent interview, Hector Guerra, one of the attorneys for the claimant, said that the case hinged on the government's issuance of the ex-gratia payment without the requisite parliamentary approval. He had stated, however, that even if the approval was granted they would revisit the matter (an apparent indication that they would find other legal grounds for blocking the payment).

This Friday, a Senate meeting is scheduled, and it is expected that the supplementary appropriation for the \$1.5 million will be rubber-stamped by the upper house at that meeting. Despite this, the attorney for the claimant, Godfrey Smith, in an interview today, presented a new narrative:

"It must come, according to the Constitution, not from the Consolidated Revenue Fund but from another fund called a Contingencies Fund, and it appears that the payment did not come from that," Senior Counsel Smith said.

He added, "the government can in a legitimate situation of urgent and unforeseen expense, must be genuinely urgent and definitely unforeseen, you can by special warrant make an expenditure, but it must come from a Contingencies Fund set up for that purpose into which monies have been voted for these unforeseen expenses. And then when you spend it out, you have to go back and take the appropriate document appropriations to parliament to replenish it. The government did set up this Contingencies Fund last year when it amended the Finance and Audit Reform Act and introduced the Contingencies Fund, but it appears that no monies have been put into it. So, put simply, you cannot, the Constitution does not allow you, even if it is urgent and unforeseen, even if it's legitimately urgent and unforeseen, you cannot draw it from the Consolidated Revenue Fund, it has to come from a special fund."

As we have previously reported, the Contingencies Fund was established about 6 months ago, in October of 2021, and makes provision for issuance of urgent and unforeseen payments where no other law is available. The issue with the argument from the claimant's attorney is whether or not the Contingencies Fund has even been activated - since it has not been capitalized since its establishment 6 months ago. The amendment to the Finance and Audit Reform Act, however, outlined that such capitalization should take place at the start of the fiscal year.

As mentioned, the budget for the Financial Year 2021-2021 was read sometime in April 2021. This amendment to the FARA was gazetted

in October of the same year. The most recent budget has been presented and will be debated in a matter of days, but there is no indication as yet if the established Contingencies Fund will be capitalized.

Senior Counsel Godfrey is claiming, in reference to the recent judgment of Chief Justice Michelle Arana, that the case will be used to shed light on the grey nature of this area of law -- as it relates to the authorization of expenditure from government coffers. To a number of Belizeans, however, what seems more likely is that the judgement to which he refers is being used as a pretext by PBL and its affiliates to extend the economic pain that the injunction has caused to the stevedores.

The entity that Smith is currently representing in this case appears, on the surface, to be using a comparatively small payment, of a little over \$1 million dollars that was paid to address the hardships suffered by the stevedores, as the basis for making a legal point. It is to be noted, however, that this entity—believed by most Belizeans to be a cluster of entities (PBL, Waterloo Enterprises, Belize Bank Limited) controlled by the "Ashcroft Alliance"—has been known to readily join any case in which it has even the slightest of interest, as an "interested party". Yet, there is no indication that they in any way made any attempt to be involved in the case brought against the former prime minister, Rt. Hon. Dean Barrow, for the spending of \$1.3 billion—literally a thousand times more than the amount given to the stevedores — without parliamentary approval. There seemed to be have been no interest on the part of the alliance at that time. It might also be interesting to note that there was no objection by the alliance that reportedly controls PBL over a decade ago when the then PUP administration provided the Belize Bank with a government guarantee for a private loan to a private healthcare facility without receiving Cabinet's approval. And the records do not indicate that any protests or objections were put forth by that alliance when that administration proceeded to divert funds granted to the country for public purposes to the Belize Bank in an

attempt to settle that debt.

In a May 2007 issue of the AMANDALA, entitled, "Belize Bank will defend UHS guarantee in court," it was noted that it was the Association of Concerned Belizeans that brought a case to the court in an effort "to restrain the Government from paying the guarantee [to Belize Bank] without first getting permission from the National Assembly. The article further said, "The claimants say that the Government guarantee of the UHS debt was unlawful, because neither Cabinet nor the National Assembly had approved it, and therefore the Government should not pay it. The Government and the Belize Bank disagree." Again, there was no objection to this type of arrangement by the "Ashcroft Alliance"—of which the Port of Belize Ltd. and the Belize Bank (both of which were involved in the privatization that affected the stevedores) are said to be a part. This is the very entity that is now being represented in the attempt to block payment to the stevedores—supposedly with the aim of upholding parliamentary processes.

Senior Counsel Godfrey Smith unabashedly remarked to reporters, "What this whole case is about is the manner in which you go about making expenditure of public monies, taxpayers' monies from the public purse. It comes at a very opportune time because ... the judgment of former Chief Justice Kenneth Benjamin where he made certain pronouncements in terms of whether you could validate expenditure with supplementary appropriations, some doubt has been thrown into because of the failure of a perfected order and so on. So the issue, of the law remains unsettled and it needs to be clarified."

Justice Lisa Shoman accepted that this question was of a serious enough nature to grant the extension of the interim injunction until the resolution of the matter in the two-day session scheduled for May 10 and 11. Until then, the payment which was to have been made to stevedores almost three weeks ago, and which has since received the approval of the House of Representatives, is still effectively blocked.

Mother seeks justice for slain daughter

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conclusion to the complainant, despite requests." The witness, who according to reports had indicated she feared for her life, had at some point provided another statement that was later deemed to be unreliable.

Vidal also told 7News that she had never received any indication that there was an audio recording, and that the police officer who, according to Mai, had made reference to the existence of an audio recording, had denied having any knowledge of it when asked about it.

It is to be noted as well that, according to 7News, Vidal has stated that she was never informed that Mai had been

seeking to meet with her.

According to 7News, Vidal also pointed out that the period within which Mai can seek to appeal the ruling will not commence until a written judgement has been delivered, but the DPP expressed doubts that an attempt to appeal the verdict would be successful.

Mai is seeking assistance to file a civil suit but needs assistance to do so.

"The attorneys are there. They are there ready to take up the challenge, but as you know, to even sit and talk to an attorney, it costs money," noted Mai.

Anyone who would like to assist Mai with legal funding can deposit a contribution into her La Inmaculada Credit Union account. The account number is 31758.



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