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Did Jasmine order hit on COMPOL?

In response to the alarming report, the Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams, said that "the good Lord is [his] guide" and he indicated that the threat is being neutralized.



(L) Jasmine Hartin and Chester Williams — Commissioner of Police

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The details are sketchy, but the allegations—that a woman residing on Caye Caulker who had a case that was

being heard in the Magistrate's Court, and who was fearing an unfavorable

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Fourth COVID-19 wave in Belize

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This morning, the Ministry of Health and Wellness announced in a press release that the predominant variant of the Covid-19 virus that is currently circulating in Belize has been identified as the Omicron BA.2 after the Central Medical Laboratory and Baylor College carried out genome-sequencing on samples that were obtained through the swabbing of persons recently infected with the virus. Yesterday, 80



new cases were identified, and one death (of an unvaccinated Stann Creek resident) was recorded—an

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Armed burglars shoot two cops during getaway

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Armed, masked men, dressed in camouflage clothing who had planned to steal a Toyota Prado from a remotely located residence in the San Ignacio hills but who instead got away in a Nissan Rogue after burglarizing the home, encountered police on the road during their escape and caused harm to two officers—hitting one with the car and shooting another below the knee.

It would appear that the robbery

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Kukulkan residence

San Vicente's water supply poisoned

Police have detained one man, but so far it is not known why the suspect carried out such a heinous act.

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Six residents of the Maya village of San Vicente, Toledo, were hospitalized this week after drinking water from the village's water reservoir, into which, unbeknownst to them, a resident of the village on Monday had poured a bottle of an insecticide known as Malathion. His shocking act potentially exposed an entire village of around 400 persons to the harmful chemical. The villagers became aware of what had transpired when they started to smell an odor emanating



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Distraught St. Luke's teacher says she's been victimized

by Khaila Gentle

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A recent viral video in which a teacher at St. Luke's Methodist Primary School describes acts of victimization carried out by the

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Ladyville mother says cop broke her arm

A Ladyville resident who is a mother of four, 34-year-old Denise Pitts, is claiming that she was a victim of police brutality.

by Charles Gladden

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Denise Pitts, 34, a resident of Ladyville and a mother of four, is claiming that she was recently a victim of police brutality while out socializing at an establishment a little over two weeks ago.

According to Pitts, she was manhandled by a police officer as she was attempting to enter the establishment, where a fight, in which she was not involved, had reportedly erupted. She said that the officer, who was responding to a call that alerted him of the fight, refused to let her into the establishment and later slammed her onto the ground, which caused a fracture to her collarbone.

Pitts said that, following the incident, she sought treatment at both the Belize Medical Associates and Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital (KMH), but that subsequently, when she revealed that a police officer had caused her injuries, she encountered difficulties when attempting to access further care from the medical professionals at both health facilities.

"My friends came and took me, and I went to Karl Heusner, where I did my first X-ray. I did it and they said they didn't find anything wrong. Next morning, the Monday morning, I put on my clothes and I went to work, but I was in a lot of pain. So my supervisor said 'Denise, you're in a lot of pain. Your arm is swollen.' And I explained the situation and he said, 'go back to the doctor; maybe they missed something'. So I went back to the clinic that I usually go to and immediately as the doctor looked at me, he told me that my hand looks like it's broken'. She said, 'I'll let you do another X-ray because that is definitely broken'. When I went back to Medical [Associates], I took an X-ray, and that's when they found out my collarbone was broken," she recounted.

"I went back to the doctor and recommended me to go to a bone specialist, so I went to one in Medical [Associates].... While speaking to him [the bone specialist], he's explaining to me that the way that the bone is broken, I need to get surgery. But he paused and asked how did I get the injury. I explained to him it was an officer that did it. He changed his whole words and said 'Well, you don't really need any surgery. It could just heal by itself and if you don't believe me, you can Google' and he told me 'if you do get a surgery for it, it'll leave a big scar on your shoulder and you can't wear your bikini' and I was like this doctor is real? My hand is in pain and you're talking about a bikini," expressed Pitts.

Pitts then described what occurred when she returned to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital to seek further treatment. "I left from there. I went back to Karl Heusner, and when I went back,



Denise Pitts, alleged victim of police brutality

they asked me why am I here? I told him that I was supposed to take surgery for my arm. They looked at my X-ray and they were like 'and how you got the injury?' I told him that it was an officer that did this to me. They were like, 'You don't really need no surgery and bone don't even look it really that broken, so just come back in two weeks' time and we will do therapy.' The doctor asked 'Did you take an ultrasound before I did this one?' And I said 'I did took an X-ray before I took this one and I did it right here and they said they didn't find anything' and he said, 'So what you did? Go home and break your hand and come back?'" Pitts said.

Pitts said that she doesn't know the name of the officer who allegedly assaulted her, but she is sure she can identify him. However, when she tried to make an official report of the incident, she was turned away by the other officers at the police station.

"I know somebody saw something, and it's Belize we're at; somebody always sees something, and that's the reason I came, because I don't know the name of the officer, and by not knowing the name of this officer it is hard for me. Because without knowing his name, I do not have a case. I can recognize him, but they don't give me the opportunity, and when I went to make my report to the police station, they told me that it will be a long investigation," stated Pitts.

Pitts believes that the medical professionals may be afraid of the Police Department.

"That's what I believe! I'm in pain, you can't see? And because it's an officer you all keep changing your words, and this is your job as a doctor. You're supposed to help people when they come in need. Medically, when I come here, I come because I know you guys are the persons for this job. But instead of you helping me here, you guys are trying to cover it more and that's what got more [mad]," lamented Pitts.

Pitts subsequently contacted an attorney and has since sent a letter to the Commissioner of Police regarding the issue.

"I did went to seek a lawyer, and he said that he will send a letter to the Commissioner [of Police] and get to the bottom of this, because this is aggressive assault because the officer used force and he will get to the bottom of this," said Pitts.

Pitts said that she finally was able to

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. May 19, 2022

The month of May is celebrated in the US as Mental Health Awareness Month. This year's theme is "Back to Basics" and has seen numerous organizations providing foundational knowledge about mental health and mental health conditions in addition to resources for taking care of one's mental health.

"After the last two years of pandemic living, many people are realizing that stress, isolation, and uncertainty have taken a toll on their well-being," wrote community-based nonprofit Mental Health America.

Here at home, some organizations, such as the Belize Brain Awareness Society and the Belize Defence Force, have been heeding this year's call to "break the stigma" surrounding mental illness and have joined in the month-long series of activities.

On Wednesday, May 11, the Belize Defence Force (BDF) held a six-mile run in observance of the month, after which representatives from the Mental Health Commission and the Ministry of Health held sessions with BDF soldiers and commanders on health and wellness, self-care, stress management, and other issues.

This week, the Ministry of Education issued a press release in which it stated that it is committed to the mental well-being of the education community.

The release was issued in response to the circulation of a viral video in which a Belize City teacher, who appeared to be experiencing an emotional breakdown, described months of victimization at the hands of her school's administration that left her mental health in shambles.

"The MoECST remains absolutely



committed to the mental well-being of our education community, especially as we mark Mental Health Awareness Month," said the release.

"Earlier this year, the Ministry alongside its partners, launched the 'Rest. Recharge. Renew.' mental health guide for teachers and students, and we are working diligently to establish a mental health hotline which will cater to all teachers and students. We implore teachers and students to take full advantage of these initiatives," it added.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), roughly 450 million people worldwide suffer from some form of mental condition, and yet only 40% have access to some form of care. In developing countries, like Belize, 90% of persons receive no form of care at all.

Clinician and *Psychology Today* writer Dr. Michael Friedman says, however, that mental health should be a public health priority. Quite often, though, stigma associated with mental illness acts as one of the greatest barriers to mental health care.

"This stigma manifests particularly in a phenomenon known as social distancing, whereby people with mental issues are more isolated from others," wrote Friedman.

Mental Health Awareness Month was founded by the organization Mental Health America in 1949. In the UK, Mental Health Awareness Month is observed in October; World Mental Health Day is observed on October 10.

Andrew Caliz gets 3-year sentence for wife's death

BELIZE CITY, Wed. May 18, 2022

In 2019, Andrew Caliz was arrested for the shooting death of his common-law wife, Francisca Caceres, after she was fatally wounded by a bullet that, according to reports, was accidentally discharged from his gun.

Caliz was yesterday sentenced to three years in prison for manslaughter in connection with the death of Caceres.

The incident took place in Big Falls Village, Toledo, in May 2019 when Caliz reportedly attempted to hoist his pistol, which reportedly accidentally fired and hit Caceres in the upper right side of her back. (He later claimed in a caution statement to police that she had bumped

undergo surgery, which cost her over \$5,000, and she will be receiving physical therapy in the upcoming weeks.



Francisca Caceres (deceased) and Andrew Caliz

into him as they were leaving La Cabana in Big Falls and that this caused the gun to discharge a bullet. As a result of his claims, the original charge of murder that police planned to bring against him was changed to manslaughter.) Immediately after the shooting, Caliz reportedly ran to a neighbor to seek help and informed them of what had occurred. Caceres was then taken to the Punta Gorda Hospital, where she was declared dead on arrival.

In April of this year, Caliz pleaded guilty

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BNTU concerned about COVID-19 uptick

“One of the concerns that we have, though, is that fact that we have students at our school who are positive; we have teachers who have tested positive, and nothing is being said at the schools. It’s like everything is a secret.” — Senator Elena Smith

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During a press conference hosted by the Belize National Teachers Union (BNTU) this morning, the union’s national president, Senator Elena Smith, said that they are monitoring the increase in COVID-19 cases and will hold discussions with the Ministry of Education on a way forward if this trend continues.

Today the Ministry of Health and Wellness announced that the Omicron BA.2 sub-variant is the strain that is primarily causing the emergence of new cases across the country and according to Smith, teachers and students are being infected, and cases are not being reported by schools.

“One of the concerns that we have, though, is that fact that we have students at our school who are positive; we have teachers who have tested positive, and nothing is being said at the schools. It’s like everything is a secret,” said Smith.

She then noted that transparency in this regard is important so that other staff members can protect themselves and students.

“It is important that the people who you work with are aware so that they can take the necessary precautions, and so if I have a colleague that tested positive, I need to know, because maybe we were having lunch together, maybe that person was in my class and we were doing work together. I have to know these things, not because I need to know your business, but it’s important that as a staff we are also aware that we have teachers out because they tested positive.” Smith said.

She pointed out as well that teachers also need to know when students test positive.

“Our students now are back, and even though they are wearing masks, still they are working in groups, they are now having lunch, they are out during break time, so things can happen. So I am hoping, and I am pleading with our schools, that if you have cases at your school, don’t hide them. Please don’t hide it, especially from your teachers. Let them know,” Smith said.

The union is hoping that the end of the school year arrives before this new COVID-19 wave takes hold, and with all schools scheduled to be reopening at the start of the new school year, Smith said that discussions will be had with the Ministry of Education to determine the best way forward to protect teachers and students.

Unconfirmed reports are that one Belize City primary school has moved to implement measures to reduce the



Elena Smith — National President, BNTU

number of teachers and students on the compound. These will come into effect next week. The steps were taken after it was confirmed that at least one teacher and student were out of class after testing positive for COVID-19, our sources say.

Today, Dr. Melissa Diaz-Musa, the country’s Director of Public Health and Wellness, confirmed that they have identified what could be defined as clusters of COVID-19 cases in some schools, but commented that these institutions have to be looked at individually.

“With regards to the school, we have learned a lot from COVID, and when schools started in the hybrid manner, we had quite a successful few months with that hybrid learning. Now that schools have been trying to go back fully and now that the BA.2 is circulating and causing increased numbers, it’s something that we’ve got to look at the school individually,” said Dr. Diaz-Musa.

In addition to emphasizing the importance of implementing public health measures inside the classrooms, such as “keeping the classrooms open, having the hand-washing done regularly”, Dr. Diaz-Musa also noted, “If you have a class of 20 students and 10 are positive, at that point, or 4 are positive, we need to say ‘we’ve got to make a decision for that class, let’s suspend that class, you go back to the hybrid learning and we’ve got to wait until that transmission cycle has been broken’. So those are some of the individual recommendations that we are doing with the Ministry of Education and with schools individually.”

Andrew Caliz gets 3-year...

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to the manslaughter charge, and received a 3-year sentence in court today. He has been on remand at the Belize Central Prison for at least 18 months, which will be classified as time spent. He will reportedly spend the remaining 18 months of his sentence on probation.

At the time of the incident, a post-mortem exam on the body of Caceres had revealed that her death was caused by a contact wound, suggesting that the gun was pointed directly at the area and fired. At the time, it had been reported that there were also some inconsistencies noted between Caliz’s initial account of what occurred and the findings of a police investigation.



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Maritime training for Tradewinds 2022

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. May 19, 2022

On Wednesday, May 18, the training activities being undertaken as part of the Tradewinds 2022 exercise continued with a maritime training session that was carried out at sea.

During the training session, members of the Belize Coast Guard along with military personnel from 22 countries ventured out to the Turneffe Reef Atoll, where they were given the chance to acquire skills in small boat choreography and interception skills within the treacherous waters.

Lt. Commander Roque Canul, Commander of the Servicing Support Group for the Belize Coast Guard, spoke to the local media before their journey to Turneffe Reef Atoll and gave a brief overview of Wednesday's exercise.

"The Tradewinds Exercise is a multidimensional exercise, and it covers land, air, and sea operations. What we are going to see today is what is happening on the maritime side of the overall exercise.

So, out there, you... will be able to see boat handling, which we are experts of. Those are the capabilities that Belize has, small boats and also the maritime law enforcement side of it, where these guys are taught how to board boats, search and conduct that maritime law enforcement part of the exercise," he explained.

As part of the exercise, a Maritime Operating Center was set up at Dive Haven to facilitate the exchange of information between on-duty personnel and their operation commanders. Lt. Jr. Grade Allen Armstrong, a member of the Belize Coast Guard, told local media, "We are at the Maritime Operations Center, which we call a MOC for Tradewinds. The Maritime Operation Center is basically somewhat a radio room, where we relay information to the CTF, the command task force that is the Price Barracks. Here at the MOC we basically log down every information that is passed on from the small boats to our higher. At everyone time, we have three personnel working shifts on a basis of every two hours rotation. So, we usually man this

post from eight in the morning until sixteen hundred, which is four in the afternoon."

At the end of Wednesday's tour, Petty Officer Class 3 of the Belize Coast Guard, Dale Guzman, spoke about the small real-life and simulation exercises conducted out at sea, during which the military personnel were trained in techniques to be used when encountering vessels carrying suspicious drugs.

"We came out here searching for the two known vessels that were trafficking drugs. Our team boarded the vessel, searched the vessel, and frisked the guys, asked them their nationality, where they were traveling from, and they seem to come up on drugs and weapons on the vessel, so they arrested the guys, detained them, informed them they were taking them to mainland and keep them under arrest due to the suspicious drugs they found on the vessel," said Guzman.

"...What we have learned from the US [is] that usually when they board vessels it really huge vessels and the vessels here in Belize are usually skiffs, small skiffs. So the training has really shown us where



**Lt. Commander Roque Canul,
Commander of the Servicing
Support Group for the Belize
Coast Guard**

to search along these large vessels because with a skiff we can see inside and outside. We see everything. It doesn't have compartments, [the] majority of the boats here in Belize," continued Guzman.

On Friday, May 20, the Tradewinds 2022 exercise will conclude with exercises done at the various designated training sites.



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Amnesty increases need for more honesty in our country

Belizeans from end to end of our country swelled with pride when the president of Mexico, Andrés Manuel López Obrador (AMLO), spoke of our generosity as we began the process of regularizing the status of 40,000 or more persons presently residing in our country. Speaking to Belizeans on his visit to our country on Saturday last, AMLO said the amnesty was a "humanitarian decision of the highest order", that we were "setting an example to the world." PM Briceño said he believes AMLO was moved by our tremendous humanitarian act, and that is why he decided to remove all tariffs from agricultural commodities from Belize.

Regularizing the status of 40,000 plus individuals in our country, which has a population of between 400,000 and 450,000 people, puts us among the most immigrant-friendly nations in the world. It is not inconsistent with our history. In the 20th century, Belize welcomed relatively large groups of people from all over the world who were seeking a peaceful country where they could settle down and raise their families. With Central America in turmoil in the 1970s and 1980s, particularly in Guatemala and El Salvador, we had two amnesties. The Immigration Department said that in 1984 we registered 8,680 undocumented migrants, and 11,168 migrants received the gift of permanent residence in 1999.

The Immigration Department said a 2010 Statistical Institute of Belize Census reported 14.2% of our people were born abroad. When the present amnesty is concluded, the percentage of persons in Belize who weren't born here will be in excess of 20%. Absorbing 40,000 plus people comes with challenges.

The Pope of Rome would have to declare us St. Belize, if this exercise was completed without any grumbling.

The impact of regularizing 40,000 plus persons will be felt economically, culturally, racially, and in party politics. Most legal immigrants in Belize are here on invitation to fill positions that require skills our country is short of, in health care, the judiciary, and management, or as investors in tourism, agriculture, and call centers. Largely, illegal immigrants are desperate human beings who have left their countries of origin because they see no or little future for themselves and their families where they lived.

Illegal immigrants in our country engage in micro enterprises, such as food vending on the streets and yard cleaning, and they compete with the local work force for jobs in construction and agriculture, oftentimes driving down the wages of born Belizeans. Some can't find jobs because of their illegal status and they end up in criminal activities, such as stealing, drug-running, and prostitution.

Regularizing 40,000 plus persons who are in Belize

illegally shouldn't much increase the strain on the health and education systems, because they already use those services. Their positive contributions to the economy, as consumers, won't change with their improved status, but they should contribute more to the tax base.

Regularized immigrants will compete more aggressively for jobs, and this could increase friction if the GOB isn't more protective of Belizeans at the margins. Sam Fulwood III, in a 1995 *Los Angeles Times* story, explained what lies at the core of tensions between Afro Caribbean peoples and Afro Americans. In his essay, Fulwood III said, about workplace competition between the two groups: "Some West Indians say American blacks don't want to work very hard and are too quick to use racism as an excuse for their failure to advance. At the same time, many black Americans resent West Indians, arguing they are too eager to take their jobs or too willing to work with white people at the expense of black Americans."

The vast majority of immigrants being regularized are Central Americans. They won't be adding anything new to the cultural fabric, but with their numbers, their cultural influence will increase. A big part of Central American culture is the Spanish language. It is sensible for Belizeans who aren't conversant in Spanish to learn it, and essential for regularized immigrants from Central America to embrace English, the official language of Belize. While English is the official language, and it makes us unique in Central America, the true uniqueness of Belize is the Kriol language. Kriol might actually be a dialect, as opined by some purists, but it is the thread that holds the national fabric together.

A great concern about making so many people "official" is how it will impact race relations in the country. Putting it kindly, many Central Americans aren't familiar with people of African descent. When Columbus invaded this part of the world 500 years ago, a hierarchy based on skin color was established, with white highest on the ladder. Many immigrants from Central America are of a "whiter hue", and with regularization, their confidence will soar. Those who did not put down their racial baggage when they crossed our borders might need to enter programs that "culture" them away from that warped view of the human race.

Race relations must never be ignored. White supremacists in the US have labeled the inexorable increase in the number of non-white people in that country as the "great replacement theory", and just last week a young white racist opened fire on a group of people, mostly Black, killing 10 of them.

At the end of the next census, it will be found that, as a percentage, the Afro population in Belize has dwindled. While Afro Belizeans have complained about their decreasing percentage of the population, partly because Black is racially and economically at the bottom of Columbus's ladder, the group's approach to race is to "mingle", not to be violent.

Party politics is also a concern in regard to this regularization. However, the Immigration Department says immigrants who qualify for full citizenship won't attain such status in time to vote in the next general election, and that has served to calm the local political waters, somewhat.

Tensions exist between peoples over religion, culture, skin color, hair texture, sexual preferences, class, politics, economics, many other things, and it doesn't take much to fire it up. With this regularization, it becomes even more important for many in our country to stop pretending that our fabric is completely homogeneous. Still, we are the greatest melting pot in the world. Being generous is great, but Belize's leaders must be sensible and work hard to preserve our unique culture and racial harmony which we have forged over the years. In respect to those two special attributes, no other country has what we have. We will preserve what we have if we are more honest, and if we double our efforts to ease natural and fabricated tensions.



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Military personnel from 22 countries forge bonds in Belize

by Khaila Gentle

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On Tuesday, May 17, the media was granted an inside look at some of the military training that has been ongoing for the past ten days as part of Tradewinds 2022. The multinational military exercise being co-hosted by Belize and Mexico and sponsored by the United States Southern Command (U.S. SOUTHCOM) takes place once a year and focuses on the exchange of knowledge and expertise among participating nations in an effort to both maintain and improve security across the Caribbean region. This year, a total of 22 countries, and just over 1,800 military personnel, are participating—honing their skills in land, air, sea, and cybersecurity operations—alongside numerous partner organizations.

Acting Chief of Staff of the Belize Defence Force (BDF), Major Rogelio Ramirez, spoke to reporters about some

of the activities being carried out as part of this year's Tradewinds exercise and some of the lessons that soldiers, both from Belize and elsewhere in the world, will be taking home once it concludes on Saturday. One of the focal points of Tradewinds, says Ramirez, is interoperability—ensuring that the various forces and groups can work in conjunction with one another if need be.

“That is an important aspect—also, the integration. If you have an issue, if you have something that you want to know, you have a direct number to call one of the planners in Belize, a WhatsApp call, a text, or whatever. So that is an important aspect, the networking aspect. And all of this is culminating and you can see it here—you can see the different soldiers from the different countries interacting and socializing and having a good time while in a training environment,” he said.

“There are many ways in which these kinds of exercises help the interoperability, the networking development that happens



Media Day at Exercise Tradewinds 2022

when you are in an environment such as this, a training environment,” he added.

As part of the Tradewinds Media Day on Tuesday, local reporters, journalists,

and cameramen were transported to the Hattieville Training Camp via one of the US army's Boeing CH-47 Chinook helicopters and they got to witness some of the Tradewinds' training exercises firsthand. Tuesday's live range training was aimed at getting security forces familiarized with military weapons and shooting at various ranges. Major Ramirez spoke of the importance of that exercise.

“Shooting is an important aspect for any soldier, regardless of where you come from. You need to be able to hit the target whenever there is the need for it. You don't want to make any mistakes. When you're shooting and you're shooting at a target you need to ensure that you're hitting the right target,” he said.

While some exercises, like Tuesday's, were more combat-related, others focused on enhancing security forces' ability to respond to natural and humanitarian disasters. The highlight exercise for this year, however, was the Basic Jungle Training Course—an intensive four-week training that both tests and develops the fitness and survival skills of soldiers as they spend time in the Guacamayo training area in the Chiquibul National Forest Reserve. The man that spearheaded that survival training, which concluded on Tuesday, Captain Clifford Avila, told us about the nature of the course.

“For the past four weeks, the training that these guys have been going through is a very rigorous training. As they say, the jungle is no easy place to survive, the jungle is no easy place to live. They have been trained on survival, and they've been trained on different physical aspects. With these guys, they came here, they did not expect the terrain and the jungle to be like this; it's an area that's very mountainous with primary jungle,” he said.

According to Avila, during the survival course, competent and highly trained instructors came together to pass their skills on to soldiers from other participating nations. While Belize's soldiers have extensive experience in navigating the jungle, those of other nations might not, which is why, he said, they were more than happy to pass on their knowledge.

“As you know, we have a lot of jungle—lots of pristine jungles. And the majority of our operations are done in the jungle, and that is where we thrive and that is where we perform at our best. So, that is an important field that we wanted





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Poor pipples!

The plague has amplified the problem of poverty, worldwide. The lockdowns in many countries, the decrease in production of many vital products that are used in daily life, inflation, food shortages, on a level rarely seen! There are predictions of worldwide hunger and famine and disease, not only because of Covid, but also because of the effects of climate change and the war in Ukraine. The perfect storm for everything that can go wrong, to be wrong! Governments are at odds and confused about how to handle the tsunami of economic hardships that are just beginning to emerge and will only worsen, before it gets better, or at least slows down.

In a country like Belize, where prices are going way out of control, it's scary to think of the future, especially if you are at the bottom rung, in other words, poor! We don't have the luxury of being bailed out by a government that is itself

struggling to keep the economy afloat, through no fault of their own. There aren't enough charitable organizations to keep up with the demands of that hungry segment of the population, poor pipples! We are also not blessed with enough successful citizens and businesses who have been touched with the wand of noblesse oblige. It's like a dog-eat-dog world out there! The poor are mostly on their own and have to invent ways to survive.

We keep saying that Belize is a small country, that we're supposed to be able to control rising crime, our health services, our educational system, and yet, here we are. We need more food banks, more people volunteering to help the less fortunate, to spare a dime for the downtrodden. I'm not saying that there aren't those who volunteer, see the plight of the poor, and try to help. There just aren't enough of them.

Listen, no one should expect handouts, to be taken care of. You have a family to feed, it's your responsibility to take care of them. I think that those in charge must encourage and teach the people to become more self-sufficient. Encourage and help them to plant and grow their own food! We have the land, at least those plots that have not already been given away to foreigners, sometimes for pennies on the dollar. We should be able to feed our own, not with champagne and caviar, but with healthy fruits and vegetables, perfect for good health and sustenance! Oh! And we are also blessed with the Caribbean Sea, so many, many rivers and streams, full of fish, and a fertile soil, blessed by nature, just for us and our poor people. We live in strange times. We have to adjust, or succumb to the inevitable fate of a broken and depressed society, no light, no hope, just desperation!

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Military personnel from 22 countries..

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to share with our partner nations. Even though it's just a 4-week package, I think they are appreciating what it is to live, work, and fight in the jungle, and that is why we are offering those skills—so they can go back home and utilize them in some form whenever they need it," he stated.

The Minister of National Defense and Border Security, Hon. Oscar Mira, spoke with local media on Thursday about the significance of the exercises being conducted during Tradewinds.

"Our operations are based on, one, that we can work together as a team. So, these exercises do help us so that in case we need to deploy as a region, in case we need to deploy as CARICOM, that we are able to work together as a team," he said.

Thursday's exercises focused on improving the skills of law enforcement and included riot drills and takedown of

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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
CONSULTING SERVICES
Legislative Drafter
Individual Consultancy**

Institution: Ministry of Youth, Sports and Transport
Country: Belize
Project: Capacity Building for Public Transport Reform
Sector: Public Sector
Abstract: This project aims to support the implementation of the short-term transportation reforms needed to strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Transport and enhance the public transportation industry as a continuation of the Comprehensive National Transport Master Plan (CNTMP). Developed in close coordination with the Economic Development Council and the Belize Infrastructure Limited, the project will aim to: (i) build capacity for public and private institutions to effectively plan and implement policy initiatives to improve the service quality and efficiency of public transport; (ii) make the public transportation services more efficient through the design of a Public Ground Transportation routing, scheduling and ticketing system, improved terminal facilities and an improved bus fleet with the necessary regulations and standards for the sector.

Loan/Credit/Grant No.: ATN/KR-17666-BL
Contract/Bid No. : ICG
Deadline: 17 June 2022; 10:00 Local Belize Time

The Government of Belize has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), toward the cost of the Capacity Building for Public Transport Reform, and will apply part of the Counterpart Funding for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") includes an Individual Consultant as a Legislative Drafter. The key component of the consultancy is to provide Legislative Drafting for the Department of Transport based on recommendations derived from the other consultancies within the Transport Reform Project.

Objectives:
 The core objective of this consultancy is to conduct a comprehensive legislative drafting update of the policy and legal framework, and regulations governing public transportation in Belize based on recommendation and legislative drafting notes and guidance provided by the Department of Transport. The outputs shall include a set of public policies and legislation to address the following specific objectives:

1. Update Chapter 230 - Belize Motor Vehicle and Road Traffic Act based on recommended legislative drafting notes;
2. Update Chapter 230 based on recommendation provided by the Department of Transport;
3. Ensure that all legal instrument drafted are in compliance with Belize standard legal drafting practices;
4. Provide update as it relates to Public Transport Laws and Policies in alignment with the CNTMP.

The Ministry of Youth, Sports and Transport now invites eligible Consultants from Commonwealth Countries 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.

Consultants 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. A Consultant will be selected based on qualifications.

Further information, including **the template for the Expression of Interest and full Terms of References**, can be obtained via email or phone during the hours 8:00am – 5:00pm from Mondays to Fridays.

Expressions of interest must be sent in a written form as one document by email no later than 17 June, 2022; 10:00 am Local Belize Time.

Subject: Expression of Interest – Individual Consultancy – Legislative Drafter.

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La amnistía aumenta la necesidad de más honestidad en nuestro país

Los beliceños de un extremo a otro de nuestro país se llenaron de orgullo cuando el presidente de México, Andrés Manuel López Obrador (AMLO), habló de nuestra generosidad al iniciar el proceso de regularización de 40,000 o más personas que actualmente residen en nuestro país. Hablando a los beliceños en su visita a nuestro país el sábado pasado, AMLO dijo que la amnistía era una "decisión humanitaria de primer orden", que estábamos "dando un ejemplo al mundo". El primer ministro Briceño dijo que cree que AMLO se sintió conmovido por nuestro tremendo acto humanitario, y es por eso que decidió eliminar todos los aranceles de los productos agrícolas de Belize.

Regularizar el estatus de más de 40,000 personas en nuestro país, que tiene una población de entre 400,000 y 450,000 personas, nos coloca entre las naciones más favorables a los inmigrantes en el mundo. No es incompatible con nuestra historia. En el siglo XX, Belize dio la bienvenida a grupos relativamente grandes de personas de todo el mundo que buscaban un país pacífico donde poder establecerse y criar a sus familias. Con América Central en crisis en las décadas de 1970 y 1980, particularmente en Guatemala y El Salvador, tuvimos dos amnistías. El Departamento de Inmigración dijo que en 1984 registramos 8,680 inmigrantes indocumentados y 11,168 inmigrantes recibieron el regalo de la residencia permanente en 1999.

El Departamento de Inmigración dijo que un Censo del Instituto de Estadística de Belize de 2010 informó que el 14,2% de nuestra gente nació en el extranjero. Cuando se concluya la presente amnistía, el porcentaje de personas en Belize que no nacieron aquí será superior al 20%. Absorber a más de 40.000 personas conlleva desafíos. El Papa de Roma tendría que declararnos San Belize, si este ejercicio se cumpliera sin quejas.

El impacto de regularizar a más de 40,000 personas se sentirá económica, cultural, racial y políticamente en los partidos. La mayoría de los inmigrantes legales en Belize están aquí por invitación para ocupar puestos que requieren habilidades de las que nuestro país carece, en atención médica, el poder judicial y la administración, o como inversionistas en turismo, agricultura y centros de llamadas. En gran parte, los inmigrantes ilegales son seres humanos desesperados que han dejado sus países de origen porque ven poco o ningún futuro para ellos y sus familias donde vivían.

Los inmigrantes ilegales en nuestro país se dedican a microempresas, como la venta de alimentos en las calles y la limpieza de jardines, y compiten con la mano de obra local por puestos de trabajo en la construcción y la agricultura, lo que a menudo reduce los salarios de los beliceños nacidos. Algunos no pueden encontrar trabajo debido a su situación ilegal y terminan en actividades delictivas, como el robo, el tráfico de drogas y la prostitución.

Regularizar a más de 40.000 personas que están ilegalmente en Belize no debería aumentar mucho la presión sobre los sistemas de salud y educación, porque ya utilizan esos servicios. Sus contribuciones positivas a la economía, como consumidores, no cambiarán con su estatus mejorado, pero deberían contribuir más a la base impositiva.

Los inmigrantes regularizados competirán más agresivamente por puestos de trabajo, y esto podría aumentar la fricción si el Gobierno de Belize no protege más a los beliceños en los márgenes. En su nota de 1995 en *Los Angeles Times*, Fulwood III, explicó lo que está en el centro de las tensiones entre pueblos caribeños y afroamericanos. En su ensayo, Fulwood III dijo, sobre la competencia en el lugar de trabajo entre los dos grupos: "Algunos habitantes de las Indias

Occidentales dicen que los negros estadounidenses no quieren trabajar muy duro y se apresuran a usar el racismo como excusa para no avanzar. Al mismo tiempo, muchos estadounidenses negros están resentidos con los antillanos, argumentando que están demasiado ansiosos por tomar sus trabajos o demasiado dispuestos a trabajar con personas blancas a expensas de los estadounidenses negros".

La gran mayoría de los inmigrantes siendo regularizados son centroamericanos. No agregarán nada nuevo al tejido cultural, pero con su número, su influencia cultural aumentará. Una gran parte de la cultura centroamericana es el idioma español. Es sensato que los beliceños que no dominan el español lo aprendan, y esencial que los inmigrantes regularizados de América Central adopten el inglés, el idioma oficial de Belize. Si bien el inglés es el idioma oficial y nos hace únicos en Centroamérica, la verdadera singularidad de Belize es el idioma criollo. El criollo podría ser en realidad un dialecto, como opinan algunos puristas, pero es el hilo que mantiene unido el tejido nacional.

Una gran preocupación acerca de hacer que tanta gente sea "oficial" es cómo afectará las relaciones raciales en el país. Para decirlo amablemente, muchos centroamericanos no están familiarizados con las personas de ascendencia africana. Cuando Colón invadió esta parte del mundo hace 500 años, se estableció una jerarquía basada en el color de la piel, siendo el blanco el más alto en la escala. Muchos inmigrantes de América Central son de un "tono más blanco", y con la regularización, su confianza se disparará. Aquellos que no dejaron su bagaje racial cuando cruzaron nuestras fronteras podrían necesitar ingresar a programas que los "cultiven" para alejarlos de esa visión distorsionada de la raza humana.

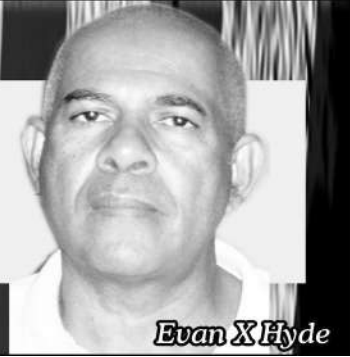
Las relaciones raciales nunca deben ser ignoradas. Los supremacistas blancos en EE. UU. han calificado el aumento inexorable del número de personas no blancas en ese país como la "gran teoría del reemplazo", y la semana pasada un joven racista blanco abrió fuego contra un grupo de personas, en su mayoría negros, matando a 10 de ellos.

Al final del próximo censo, se encontrará que, como porcentaje, la población afro en Belize ha disminuido. Si bien los afrobelizeños se han quejado de su porcentaje decreciente de la población, en parte porque los negros están racial y económicamente al final de la escala de Colón, el enfoque racial del grupo es "mezclarse", no ser violento.

La política partidaria también es una preocupación con respecto a esta regularización. Sin embargo, el Departamento de Inmigración dice que los inmigrantes que califican para la ciudadanía plena no obtendrán ese estatus a tiempo para votar en las próximas elecciones generales, y eso ha servido para calmar un poco las aguas políticas locales.

Existen tensiones entre los pueblos sobre la religión, la cultura, el color de la piel, la textura del cabello, las preferencias sexuales, la clase, la política, la economía, muchas otras cosas, y no se necesita mucho para encenderlo. Con esta regularización, se vuelve aún más importante para muchos en nuestro país dejar de pretender que nuestro tejido es completamente homogéneo. Aun así, somos el mejor crisol de culturas del mundo. Ser generoso es excelente, pero los líderes de Belize deben ser sensatos y trabajar arduamente para preservar nuestra cultura única y armonía racial que hemos forjado a lo largo de los años. Con respecto a esos dos atributos especiales, ningún otro país tiene lo que tenemos nosotros. Conservaremos lo que tenemos si somos más honestos y si redoblamos nuestros esfuerzos para aliviar las tensiones naturales y fabricadas.

From the Publisher



Evan X Hyde

There is an old saying that youth is wasted on the young. In one of his greatest hits, Brother David stressed the importance of experience, in a song titled just that -- "Experience".

I've told you before that in British Honduras when my post-World War II generation was growing up, we felt anonymous as a people, left out of the rest of the region and the world. The successes of the West Indies cricket team, beginning in the 1950s, did nothing that positive for our self-esteem, because no Belizean played on those teams. Because we were such a nonentity back in those days, the

triumphs of boxer Ludwig Lightburn, his fights broadcast internationally on United States Armed Forces Radio, were a very big morale boost for us in The Jewel.

When the internationally known American weekly magazine, TIME, ran an article in early August of 1970 on black power radicalization in the Caribbean area, an article which featured a fiery quote from the Belize black power leader of the time, yours truly, the article boosted my ego: it made me feel that I was somebody of importance. My reaction was a youthful, immature one.

There were two major inaccuracies in the TIME quote, and remember, this is a famous, world-respected news magazine. TIME said that I had graduated "summa cum laude" from university, when in reality it was only "magna cum laude." And TIME ascribed to me the inspired quote, "Tourism is whorism," when actually the quote had been coined by the late, great Galento X Neal, a founding officer of UBAD.

Many years went by before I matured and understood the TIME article in its proper context. The inconsistencies in that article had not

been mistakes. TIME, a right wing publication, was doing a job on behalf of the Richard Nixon Republican administration, guided by Henry Kissinger, which was running the United States in 1970.

I had been educated on a U.S. State Department scholarship granted me by a Democratic Party administration, led by Lyndon Johnson, so the fact that my scholarship had turned out wrong, so to speak, the fact that I had been radicalized between 1965 and 1968 in the States, reflected ill on the wisdom of the Democrats. This is how I eventually came to view that TIME article of August 3, 1970.

That is a long time ago, almost 52 years in fact. In Buffalo, a city in upstate New York, a white youth went on a rampage a few days ago and slaughtered ten African Americans with an assault rifle.

I remembered one night when I had only been in the States for a few weeks in 1965 when I went to visit a highly-ranked women's university called Vassar, which is in Poughkeepsie, which is also in upstate New York. I wasn't invited to Vassar: I was desperate for a date, and remembered that one of the foreign students I'd met on my arrival in New York City was attending Vassar.

It turned out that she had travelled to Yale University to attend a "mixer." A girl in her dormitory got me a date to go to a movie, but it didn't work out. Eventually, those of us who had travelled together to Vassar, all white except me, reunited and dropped in at a bar for a drink before heading back to Dartmouth.

A white guy who was seated at the bar turned around and saw me. He charged at me immediately. I guess he was drunk, so I was able to sidestep him. This was not taking place in Alabama or Mississippi, mind you: this was upstate New York.

This one incident did not radicalize me. What it did was begin a trend which turned Evan Anthony Hyde into Evan X Hyde.

In the words of Brother Pulu, peace be unto you.

JICA resumes JOCV Volunteer program in Belize again

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has dispatched JOCV (Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers) our first volunteer to Belize again. Ms. Kanako TAKEI, in the field of Special Education Teacher, arrived in Belize on May 11. In 2019 she had been assigned to St Peter's Anglican School. Unfortunately, she had to return to Japan in March, 2020 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

However, circumstance of Covid-19 in Belize has improved, therefore she has returned to Belize to conclude her assignment and activities at St Peter's Anglican School until March of 2023 as a Special Education Teacher.

Currently, she is a teacher of Special Needs School in Japan and has taken a leave of absence from Japanese school to come to Belize. Her experience, skills, knowledge and qualification in this area will contribute to the development of Special Education at St Peter's Anglican School in Orange Walk Town.

Ms. TAKEI said "I am very glad to come back to Belize again. I believe that every child has a right to be educated appropriately. So I will try to provide education based on individual needs to all children with disabilities. I would like to find effective ways in coping with teachers as a team."

JICA is an executing agency of the government of Japan especially responsible for the technical cooperation of Japan's Official Development Assistance. In addition, JICA dispatches experts, volunteers and invite trainees to Japan in various fields. Dispatching Volunteer, so called Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOVC) is one of the main activities of JICA in Belize.

The purpose of dispatching volunteers is to assist the social and economic development at the grass-root level through transferring knowledge and skill to local people and deepen mutual understanding between host country people and Japanese people.

JICA has dispatched 192 JOCV volunteers in Belize since 2000. Many JOCVs, in the field of Education (Special Education Teacher, Primary School Teacher), Vocational Training (Carpentry, Auto Mechanics), Sports (Softball Coach, Swimming Coach, Table Tennis Coach), Youth Activity sector, who were assigned to governmental organization or non governmental organization for 2 years to work together with local people in Belize. Our aim is to continue building relationships between both nations Japan and Belize as we continue leading the world with trust.



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FROM THE PUBLISHER en Español

Hay un viejo dicho que dice que la juventud se desperdicia en los jóvenes. En uno de sus mayores éxitos, el hermano David enfatizó la importancia de la experiencia, en una canción titulada precisamente eso: "Experiencia".

Les he dicho antes que en Honduras Británica cuando mi generación posterior a la Segunda Guerra Mundial estaba creciendo, nos sentíamos anónimos como pueblo, excluidos del resto de la región y del mundo. Los éxitos del equipo de cricket de las Indias Occidentales, a partir de la década de 1950, no hicieron nada tan positivo para nuestra autoestima, porque ningún beliceño jugó en esos equipos. Debido a que éramos una nulidad en esos días, los triunfos del

boxeador Ludwig Lightburn, sus peleas transmitidas internacionalmente por la Radio de las Fuerzas Armadas de los Estados Unidos, fueron un gran impulso moral para nosotros en La Joya.

Cuando la revista semanal estadounidense de renombre internacional, TIME, publicó un artículo a principios de agosto de 1970 sobre la radicalización del poder negro en el área del Caribe, un artículo que presentaba una cita feroz del líder del poder negro de Belize de la época, su servidor, el artículo impulsó mi ego: me hizo sentir que yo era alguien importante. Mi reacción fue juvenil e inmadura.

Había dos inexactitudes importantes en la cita de TIME, y

recuerden, esta es una revista de noticias famosa y respetada en todo el mundo. TIME dijo que me había graduado "summa cum laude" de la universidad, cuando en realidad solo era "magna cum laude". Y TIME me atribuyó la cita inspirada, "El turismo es putismo", cuando en realidad la cita había sido acuñada por el finado gran Galento X Neal, un funcionario fundador de UBAD.

Pasaron muchos años antes de que madurara y entendiera el artículo de TIME en su contexto adecuado. Las incoherencias de ese artículo no habían sido errores. TIME, una publicación de derecha, estaba haciendo un trabajo en nombre de la administración republicana de Richard Nixon, que dirigía los Estados Unidos en

1970 guiada por Henry Kissinger.

Yo había sido educado gracias a una beca del Departamento de Estado de EE. UU. que me concedió una administración del Partido Demócrata, encabezada por Lyndon Johnson, por lo que el hecho de que mi beca hubiera resultado mal, por así decirlo, el hecho de que me radicalizara entre 1965 y 1968 en los Estados, reflejó mal sobre la sabiduría de los demócratas. Así es como finalmente llegué a ver ese artículo de TIME del 3 de agosto de 1970.

Eso fue hace mucho tiempo, casi 52 años de hecho. En Buffalo, una ciudad en el norte del estado de Nueva York, un joven blanco en una embestida hace unos días asesinó a diez afroamericanos con un rifle de asalto.

Recordé una noche cuando solo había estado en los Estados Unidos durante unas pocas semanas en 1965 cuando fui a visitar una universidad de alto rango de mujeres llamada Vassar, que está en Poughkeepsie, que también está en el norte del estado de Nueva York. No fui invitado a Vassar: estaba desesperado por una cita y recordé que una de las estudiantes extranjeras que conocí cuando llegué a la ciudad de Nueva York asistía a Vassar.

Resultó que había viajado a la Universidad de Yale para asistir a un "encuentro". Una chica en su dormitorio me consiguió una cita para ir al cine, pero no funcionó. Eventualmente, aquellos de nosotros que habíamos viajado juntos a Vassar, todos blancos excepto yo, nos reunimos y pasamos por un bar para tomar una copa antes de regresar a Dartmouth.

Un tipo blanco que estaba sentado en la barra se dio la vuelta y me vio. Se me vino encima de inmediato. Supongo que estaba borracho, así que pude esquivarlo. Esto no estaba ocurriendo en Alabama o Mississippi, por cierto: esto fue en el norte del estado de Nueva York.

Este incidente no me radicalizó. Lo que hizo fue iniciar una tendencia que convirtió a Evan Anthony Hyde en Evan X Hyde.

En las palabras del hermano Pulu, la paz sea con ustedes.

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NOTICE

Electro Mechanic

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

Reports to: Technical Manager

Summary of Responsibilities: Electro mechanical technicians are competent in combining mechanical technology with knowledge of electrical and electronic circuits. It includes applying the principles and theories of electronics to the mechanical systems. They utilize their knowledge to devise, test, maintain and repair the any and all electro-mechanical component and machines. The main purpose of the role is to undertake maintenance, repairs and installation to upgrade, maintain and commission mechanical and electrical installations for all Port of Belize equipment and auxiliary systems within the compound..

Job Responsibilities:

- Maintains releases and assists in developing electrical/mechanical drawings, systems designs or engineering documentation and data, by applying Company, industry and governmental standards.
- Read blueprints, schematics, and diagrams to determine the method and sequence of assembly of a part, machine, or piece of equipment.
- Perform corrective, preventative and predictive maintenance on all equipment in regards to both electrical and mechanical.
- Independently performs set up and testing of digital and power electronics hardware.
- Responsible for troubleshooting and documenting test failures.
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- Supports engineering system design and functionality validation activities.
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- Ensuring compliance to all policies, procedures, standard operating practices with recommendations for action and continuous improvements.
- Maintaining the mobile elevating work platforms and other associated personnel carrying apparatus such as forklifts and man lifts.
- Any other duties that may be assigned from time to time

Job Qualifications/Requirement:

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- Having working knowledge of Control Systems, electronics and electrical systems.
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Ahmadiyya – brutal refereeing, spectacular sportsmanship

by Colin Hyde

It's possible the players all signed a bond that if they were disrespectful in any way they would be whipped and starved, and maybe that's why in the U-22 championship basketball match, which was shown live, there wasn't a peep from any of the players, though the play was rough and the refereeing was brutal. Hmm, it's possible that the referees explained to the players before tipoff to expect the worst from their end, especially during the first part of the game.

I am absolutely not about bashing the referees, because they might have a reason for being lax with the whistle. Aha, I won't question their consistency or inefficiency, because it might have been all in the plan. I know bad refereeing, though I've done only a little of it. I'll tell you this: I'm with players who leave referees alone. If you have ever in your life blown a layup, you should never, never question a referee's call. All players should be like France/Real Madrid star, Karim Benzema. Play ball. Never question the ref.

In this day and in a "friendly" tournament, the sportsmanship is far more important than the level of play. There was talent on the floor, but I was far, far more impressed with the composure of the players, especially

since the referees were allowing all-out, vicious hammering on the head, shoulders, and face of anyone who dared enter the lane. Boy, all the players took the bludgeoning, like man.

The players, to their double, triple credit, just played ball. Congratulations to all of them.

Oh boy, this Ahmadiyya leadership is doing something right. Their candle is shining brightly.

Protecting a boy child from the gang life

There was a time when being a member of a gang in Belize was tame, or productive. And then gangs evolved almost exclusively to mean murderous crooks that are a scourge on the nation. In certain parts of the country, especially in southside Belize City, there is terrible poverty, and in this environment young men have formed gangs to try and improve their economic conditions. There, in the belly of the gangs, they fight to control the running and sale of drugs, the proceeds of which sustain themselves and their families.

Every job comes with risks, even sedentary ones, but on the scale of risks, there is no job like running and selling drugs. It's a dead end street that is even deadlier than being a soldier at war. Naturally, it is the wish of every hopeful parent that their boy child

escapes being recruited into that kind of life. It is a difficult goal to achieve, because there is so much destitution and so little help from the state. And it is so natural for boys to aspire to be part of a gang.

How do you separate a boy from gangs when it is endemic in the area where they live? The police have a tactic to do it. It's a crime-fighting strategy in Belize to arrest young men for being members of gangs.

Parents have some tools too, and the best ones are preventive. One is to block boys from all gangster music in the home. Any music with lyrics that curse or threaten the police, that teach violence against your brother or disrespect for women, should be discouraged at home. Parents should call for police help to deal with any older brother who insists on listening to music that poisons the mind. There is bad in the world. You must be crazy or mercenary to glory in violent or disrespectful music.

Parents must identify wholesome leaders on the block and assist them in forming sports, music, and arts clubs for youth. A great model is the Ahmadiyya group. Inner-city youth who are in the worst situations need to be schooled away from home. At the first sign of serious rebellion, parents should put their youth in the Cadets so

they get some disciplining.

The four classifications of marijuana

As far as we know, there will be a single question on the referendum ballot if the EBC finds that the church coalition petitions are sufficient, and that will be the bill passed in the Senate that remains in limbo until the GG affixes her signature. My, it would be unfair to pose just that one question, because the bill/law does not address the many parts of the marijuana question.

We could expect that the churches would want the bill/law to be alone on the ballot, because that would give them the best chance to steal a win. However, expect the government to do its polling, and if our leaders smell a church victory, they would include questions that would get the true feelings of the people on all the positions on the drug.

The four possible classifications of marijuana in Belize are: illegal, decriminalized, legal, and legal for export. Prior to 2017, marijuana was blanket illegal in Belize. If you smelled of it, you were in trouble. Police routinely rubbed down anyone they suspected had or was using weed and, incredibly, people went to jail for smoking/having it. Despite the criminal

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PUBLIC AUCTION SALES

Orange Walk Town, San Roman Road, Sarteneja Area, Corozal Town

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees, Messrs. Heritage Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneer Fitzgerald A. Joseph will sell the following properties ON SITE on Saturday, the 28th May, 2022 starting at 8:30 a.m.

Registration Section
Orange Walk Town

Block
4

Parcels
4579 & 4580



Being two storey cement house having one bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, living, kitchen, dining, foyer, office and garage on the first floor and 5 bedrooms 5 baths, family room and laundry on the upper floor with a concrete roof together with a fully fenced yard containing 1,249.90 square yards situated in the Dr. George Estate area near Orleander St., Orange Walk Town, Belize the freehold property of Ermelinda Mahitani at 8:30 a.m.

Registration Section
Ann Gabourel

Block
4

Parcel
1473



Being bungalow cement house having three bedrooms, bath, living, kitchen, dining, and the storeroom having 308 square feet together with a fully fenced yard containing 416.61 square yards situated at the Cor. San Joaquin & Yo Creek Streets, Ann Gabourel Layout, North of Orange Walk Town, Belize the freehold property of Roberto Carlos Vasquez at 9:00 a.m.

Registration Section
Ann Gabourel

Block
1

Parcel
18



Being a piece or parcel of land containing 13.28 acres situate in the Ann Gabourel layout about 3 miles in the San Roman road Orange Walk District, Belize the freehold property of Emilcar Burgos at 9:30 a.m.

Registration Section
Corozal North

Block
1

Parcel
2383



Being a three bedroom concrete bungalow house with one bathroom, living, dining, kitchen together with a lot containing 555.56 square yards situated on College Road, Corozal Town, Corozal District, Belize the freehold property of Consuelo Godfrey at 10:00 a.m.

Registration Section
Shipstern/Bulkhead

Block
6

Parcel
17



Being a piece or parcel of land containing 21.995 acres sea front property situate about 12 miles south of Sarteneja Village near Shipstern/Bulkhead area, Corozal District, Belize the freehold property of Rafael Chavez. The bids for this property will take place after the sale of the Consuelo Godfrey property which is at 10:00 a.m. and this one will start at 10:30 a.m.

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PRESS PREDICTIONS

The sports psychic speaks



“Press” Predictions;

Boledo stats thru 20th to 27th May 2022

In Boledo News, 38 finally play after 1 year 1 week and 2 days. These are my lucky numbers for this week: 47-32-08-27-94-18. These are my lucky Jackpot numbers: 5826-7963-2848. These are my lucky Pick-3 number: 932-610-509-723-464-829. Get ready Belize some dinero will be coming our way. 55 is still out for over 1 year 7 months and 5 days. 26 is still out for over 1 year and 4 months this Sunday. 03 is still out since the 12th of February last year, that’s over 1 year 3 months and 1 week exact, 12 is still out since the 22nd of April last year, that’s over 1 year 3 weeks and 5 days now. 47 just join the crowd, out over 1 year 2 weeks 5 days now. Keep your eyes open for 12 and 03. Good luck to all buyers, All ending 9 numbers are completed, 94 is the only number left in the nineties series. The teen’s plays some 17 time already, the ending 2 ball plays some 18 times already. The 2 hottest ending balls are the 2 and 9 ball, 00 and 55 are the only 2 doubles that are left for the year 35 different numbers left to play. Remember to read your Psalms 72-91-75-63, next week more lucky numbers.



The Boston Celtics will beat the Miami Heat in 5 games, NBA Play-off Results and Predictions

In NBA Play-offs actions, the 2 game 7’s were blow outs, the Boston Celtics beat the defending champions. The Milwaukee Bucks 109 to 81. Jason Tatum and Robert Williams were the main men for that massive victory in the TD Garden in Boston. Giannis Antetokounmpo plays his heart out. The Miami Heat advance by beating the Philadelphia 76ers and Joel Embiid in 6 games. In the West, the Dallas Mavericks beat down the Phoenix’s Suns and Chris Paul in Arizona by some 33 points 123 to 90 both Devin Booker and Chris Paul didn’t score in the first half, they was the only team to win 64 games, their



Draymond Green

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fans leave the arena very early. Then the Golden State Warriors beat the Memphis Grizzlies in 6 games, JaMorant missed the last 3 games of the series, the Warriors will beat the Mavericks in 6 games, then the Celtics will beat the Heat in 5 games, Boston have the best defense in basketball, next week some results and the finals predictions.



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The New York Yankees have the best record in Baseball, Baseball Results and Predictions.

In baseball action, the New York Yankees have the best record at 28-9,



Aaron Judge

Aaron Judge with 2 walk off home runs already, the new season got started some 6 weeks ago, the Houston Astros leads their division. The Boston Redsoxs are struggling Miguel Cabre—has his 3,000 hits, he still plays for the Detroit Tigers, he becomes the 30th players to accomplish that statistics. In the National League, the Los Angeles dodgers are always the favorites, but the New York Mets are rolling right now. The Milwaukee Brewers and the St. Louis Cardinals are leading the Central division, the Chicago Cubs are struggling. Their pitching staff is very week. The Arizona Diamond backs are playing very well.



by Gilroy “Press” Cadogan

The San Francisco Giants will have a very good year. The Baseball were upgraded, a lots of players were getting hit by some pitchers, they were blaming the balls, because of the control grip. Next week more results and some predictions get started.



Real Madrid will edge Liverpool 2 to 1

International Football Results.

In international football action, the UEFA Champions of Champions will be next week Saturday afternoon, Real-Madrid will edge Liverpool 2 goals to 1, Kareem Benzema will score one of the 2 goals Rodrigo will score the other, the game will be in France on the 28th of May. Saudio Mane and Mohamed Salah will be 2 marked players by Real Madrid defenders, the game will be very exciting.



Karim Benzema

Real Madrid will win their 14 champions league titles, the most all time. In the Epl the most exciting league in the World. Manchester City have a one point lead over Liverpool 89 to 88 there are only 2 more games left for the season, World Cup is just 6 months away in Qatar, Italy will not be there. They won 4 titles already, alongside Germany, Brazil won 5 the most all-time, next week more stats.

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Ahmadiyya — brutal refereeing, spectacular sportsmanship

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law, people planted it, people peddled it, and people smoked it.

There’s this incredible story that a psychiatrist in the USA declared that he was gay, and all of America decided there was no faulty wiring there, it had to be normal behavior...all because a psychiatrist was into that mischief in his closet. Well, how illogical can you get!

In 2017, having up to 10 grams of weed was decriminalized. Hurray, I understand the records of hundreds of young Belizeans who had run afoul of the old law were expunged. This decriminalization of 10 grams eased the scene for weed smokers some, but it

did not give them license to buy it. Planting it and selling it remained illegal, so users remained as dependent on the scruples of the dealers as they did when it was 100% illegal. An extraordinary law, it was still celebrated because it knocked nothing to hell.

Hmm, following the gay psychiatrist’s precedent, since they have no fear of being jailed, thanks to the decriminalization law, all doctors, lawyers, pastors, magistrates, police officers, politicians, teachers, and psychiatrists who have smoked more than ten joints of marijuana in their lives should come out. Yep, come out!

Governments are duty bound to

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST INDIVIDUAL CONSULTING SERVICES

Institution: Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing

Country: Belize

Project: Climate Vulnerability Reduction Program

Sector: Infrastructure, Environment and Natural Disasters

Abstract: Individual Consulting Services - Technical Specialist

Loan/Credit/Grant No.: 4426/OC-BL

Deadline: **May 26th, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. (Local Belize Time)**

The Government of Belize has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), towards the cost of the Climate Vulnerability Reduction Program (CVRP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include the contracting of a Technical Specialist for one year who will be responsible for leading the supervision of civil works activities for the Climate Vulnerability Reduction Program being executed by the Program Management Unit at the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing.

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 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tel: 501-822-0100/1942
Email: pmupcmow@gmail.com or cvrp.4426.3@gmail.com

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **2:00 p.m. (Local Belize time) on May 26th, 2022.**

Attn: **Mr. Rolando Chan**
Program Coordinator
#1 Power Lane, Belmopan
Cayo District, Belize

Tel: **501-822-0100/1942**

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- (c) Good communication skills and a willingness to uphold the mission of Julian Cho Technical High School.

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- Certified copies of diplomas and certificate/s
- Sealed transcript from all post-secondary institutions attended
- Birth certificate or Passport
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- **Valid Teacher’s License (Secondary level)**
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Application packages must be addressed to:

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Board of Governors
Julian Cho Technical High School
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Toledo District
Belize, Central America

Deadline for applications is Monday May 23, 2022.

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Dated the 29th day of April, 2022.

REYES RETREAGE LLP
Attorneys for Nyasha Rufaro Laing
Administratrix of the Estate of
Edward Arthur Laing

Commonwealth reports setback in malaria fight

The Commonwealth's progress in the fight against malaria has slowed, with the number of cases and deaths increasing for the first time since 2015 in some countries. Only a fifth of its member nations, including Belize, remain on track to halve malaria cases by 2023.

by *Khaila Gentle*

LONDON, United Kingdom, Wed. May 18, 2022

The nations of the Commonwealth account for more than half of the world's malaria cases—despite making up only a third of the global population—and a recent report from the Commonwealth Secretariat has revealed that progress towards reducing the number of malaria cases by half by the year 2023 has slowed significantly.

The Commonwealth Malaria Report is an annual report that gives a snapshot of malaria trends, including cases and deaths across the 54 member nations. This year's report was released on the heels of the 34th Commonwealth Health Ministers Meeting, which included discussions focused on lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic as well as addressing commitments made at the 2018 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in London. One such commitment was to halve the number of malaria deaths and cases in the Commonwealth by the year 2023. But according to the 2022 report, following the emergence of COVID-19, the case incidence and mortality rate of malaria have risen.

Commonwealth Secretary-General, Baroness Scotland, who authored the report's foreword, stated that malaria is still endemic in almost half of the countries in the Commonwealth. While many of those countries, including Belize, Malaysia, and Pakistan, are still on track to halve cases and deaths by next year, just four nations—Mozambique, Nigeria, the United Republic of Tanzania, and Uganda—make up over 60% of the global malaria burden. Additionally, the mortality rate in the Commonwealth as a whole is now higher than it was in 2015.

"If we are to stay true to our words from 2018, the Commonwealth is now tasked with how we return to progress



The female anopheles mosquito transmits malaria-causing P. falciparum (Source: CDC)

in the fight against malaria," said the Secretary-General.

The report also highlighted those nations that are not yet on track but are close to achieving the required progress levels, including Rwanda, the Kingdom of Eswatini, and Kenya.

According to the report, while the Commonwealth still faces rising incidence of malaria, it is also now equipped more than ever before with novel and innovative tools to fight the disease. On October 6 of 2021, the World Health Organization (WHO) gave its approval for the world's first-ever malaria vaccine, Mosquirix, which reduces the risk of getting the disease by 40 percent.

"Using this vaccine in addition to existing tools to prevent malaria could save tens of thousands of young lives each year," the director-general of WHO, Tedros Adhanom, had commented.

This year, both the Kigali Summit on Malaria and NTDs and the 26th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) will focus on reviewing the progress made in the commitment to halve malaria cases and finding new methods to achieve advances in the fight against the disease. The 2022 Heads of Government Meeting will take place in Rwanda.

Malaria is a mosquito-borne disease caused by the parasite *Plasmodium*. Once bitten by an infected female Anopheles mosquito, a person can fall ill with the disease. And even if it does not result in death, continuous reinfection can occur. According to WHO, malaria caused the deaths of 400,000 persons in the year 2019 alone.



VACANCY NOTICE

OMBUDSMAN

Applications are invited from suitable qualified persons to fill the vacant position of **OMBUDSMAN**.

Under section 3 of the Ombudsman Act, Chapter 5 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, the Ombudsman is a Parliamentary Commissioner who is appointed by the Governor-General, acting on the recommendations of both Houses of the National Assembly contained in resolutions passed in that behalf. The Office of the Ombudsman is not deemed to be an office in the public service.

Functions

The main functions of the Ombudsman are the following: -

- (a) To investigate complaints received from the public under the Ombudsman Act about the administrative acts and decisions of the Central Government departments (including the Belize Police Department), local authorities, and other public statutory bodies and State-owned enterprises, involving official corruption or other wrongdoing;
- (b) To make recommendations to the competent authorities for appropriate action against the person (s) responsible, where there is evidence of a breach of duty, or misconduct or the commission of a criminal offence;
- (c) To review the decisions of the authorities in accordance with Part V of the Freedom of Information Act, where access to a document has been refused by a Government Department, or other prescribed authority;
- (d) To perform all other functions assigned to the Ombudsman under the Ombudsman Act or any other law.

Minimum Qualifications and Skills

The candidates should possess the following qualifications and skills: -

- (a) Bachelor's degree in law, business or public administration or other related discipline;
- (b) Experience in complaint investigation and resolution in the public sector;
- (c) Ability to deal with persons from a wide variety of backgrounds and to maintain an objective understating of different perspectives;
- (d) Professional demeanour and impeccable credentials;
- (e) A thorough knowledge of the Ombudsman Act of Belize and the procedure prescribed therein for the investigation of complaints;
- (f) If possible, familiarity with the workings of Ombudsman in other jurisdictions.

The Ombudsman must be non-partisan and a person of integrity and high national standing.

Disqualifications

Under section 5 of the Ombudsman Act, no person is qualified for appointment as Ombudsman if he (a) is a member of the House of Representatives or the Senate; or (b) is a member of a local authority; or (c) is an undischarged bankrupt; or (d) has at any time been convicted of any offence involving dishonesty or moral turpitude.

Age Limit

Candidates should be between 30 and 62 years of age.

Salary

Subject to negotiation and subsequent confirmation by the National Assembly.

Deadline for applications

Interested persons in possession of the requisite qualifications and experience should submit their applications to the **Clerk, National Assembly, Belmopan**, no later than **31st May 2022**.

Sunday Review News Review Talk Show

Host: YaYa Marin Coleman

Date: Sunday, 22 May, 2022 **Time:** 10:30 a.m. to noon

Guest: : Brithney Starr, Un'lmt, Pupa Curly, and Andazi Panton.

Sunday Review will be repeated at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 22, 2022

UDP: kill the bill; BCCI: more consultations needed

While the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry has been dialoguing with GoB about the new Trade Licensing Bill for some years now, it says that the bill needs to be read and reconsidered more thoroughly before being passed. The UDP, however, wants the entire bill to be scrapped.

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. May 19, 2022

“Kill this Bill” were the words uttered by the United Democratic Party’s Orson “OJ” Elrington at this week’s UDP press conference in response to the heavily debated Trade Licensing Bill 2022 that had been presented in the House of Representatives last Friday. The Bill, which would put in place the legislative

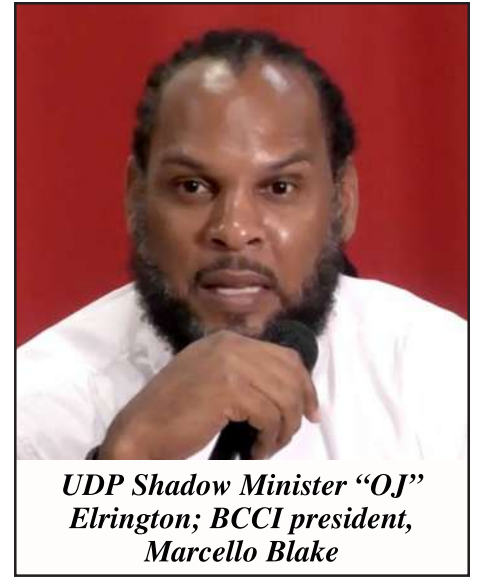
framework for the levying of taxes on various businesses—including entertainment artists, small vendors and craftspersons—through newly introduced trade license fees, has received an onslaught of criticism from the Belizean public.

The heavy blowback that followed the presentation of the bill prompted responses from numerous government officials, including Minister of Education,

Culture, Science and Technology, Hon. Francis Fonseca; and the Ministry of Labor and Local Government, the latter of which released a statement attempting to clarify the terms of the Bill.

In that statement, the Ministry stated that the process of reforming trade licensing in Belize dates back to 2014 (under the previous UDP administration)

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UDP Shadow Minister “OJ” Elrington; BCCI president, Marcello Blake



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TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF MICROSOFT 365 LICENSES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

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Power BI Pro	10
Project Plan 3	60
Project Plan 5	7
Visio Plan 2	70
 - 3b. Program of Works**
The program of work includes:
 - Technical support with license provisioning
 - Activation of licenses and handing over to Central Information Technology Office
 - Issue resolution for the duration of the contract period (12 months)
 - 3c. Schedule**
The licenses are to be provisioned and activated no later than 30 June 2022.
- Copies of this Tender document can be downloaded from the Ministry of Finance Procurement Portal <https://procurement.gov.bz/> or from the CARICOM Public Procurement Notice Board <https://cppnb.caricom.org/epps/home.do>.
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 - The Tenderer should provide evidence of experience deploying Microsoft 365 for business of a comparable size within the past three years.
 - Audited Financial Statements for the past 3 years.
 - Bid-Securing Declaration in the amount of BZD 10,000
 - The Tenderer has availability of liquid assets through either:
 - Access to line of credit of 30% of the bid price
 - Case in bank account of an amount at least 30% of the bid price
- All Tenders shall include the following additional documentation:
 - Business certificates
 - For local Tenderers:**
 - Copies of Certificates of Good Standing from:
 - Belize Tax Service
 - Belize Companies Registry
 - Belize Social Security Board
 - Copy of current Trade License
 - For regional/international Tenderers:** Statement of compliance from Companies' Registry
 - Evidence of past jobs including a copy of the contract or agreement with the client including a copy of the TOR.
 - Two references.
- The contract is subject to Income and Business Tax as per Government Policy as shown below:
 - 25% - for non-Caricom states
 - 15% - for Caricom member states
 - 6% - for companies in Belize.
- Price should be inclusive of General Sales Tax (GST) payment of 12.5%
- Questions and Replies**
Questions shall be type-written in English and shall be sent via email to the following address: MS365tenders2022@cito.gov.bz. The deadline for queries is 9 May 2022. Responses from the CITO will be type-written in English and will be emailed to the requester and may also be made available to other Tenderers subject to confidentiality.
- Submission Tenders** should be emailed to MS365tenders2022@cito.gov.bz with the subject TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF MICROSOFT 365 LICENSES FOR GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE.
The bid response should consist of two password protected files - one technical and one financial. The Technical file will be open first and evaluated.

Only the top 4 bidders that meet the technical merit will have their financial file opened.

To ensure the confidentiality of the submission, the files should be protected via a password. This can be done on the file itself, using zip password protection, or some other means of password protecting the file. The password will be requested at the opening of the tender.
- The deadline for Tender submission** is 23 May 2022. Submissions received after the deadline will be rejected.
- Evaluation Criteria**
Tenders will be evaluated on technical merit and price based on the following criteria:

Evaluation Criteria	Weight (%)
Financial Offer	50%
Technical proposal	50%
Direct technical support from Microsoft.	20%
Access to the portal for managing licenses with the flexibility to increase or decrease licenses throughout the term of the agreement (1-year) at the guaranteed price.	10%
Service delivery models for issue resolution, preferably with English-speaking technical support.	10%
Service delivery experience in provisioning and supporting Microsoft365 for business comparable in the magnitude of this Tender	5%
Financial strength of company demonstrated over past three (3) years	5%
Total	100%
- Opening of the Tenders** will take place online on 23 May 2022 at 2 pm Belize Time and in the presence of the Tenderers or their representatives who wish to attend the Tender opening.
- Evaluation of the Tenders** will be conducted on 25 May 2022.
- The selection of the successful Tenderer will be based on a competitive process that considers Technical and Financial Proposals.
- Incomplete tenders will not be accepted.

UDP: kill the bill; BCCI: more consultations needed

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and has gone through “an extensive iterative process that has included extensive consultation with private and public sector stakeholders across the entire country.”

While many from the entertainment and creative sectors, including numerous musicians and DJs, have pointed out that they were never a part of those consultations, the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry is one entity that was in fact consulted. According to BCCI president Marcello Blake, their dialogue with the Government of Belize has been going on for years, as far back as 2009, and has evolved over time.

“You’ll recall that back in 2013 there were major concerns when the trade license had increased in some cases up to 300% for some of our members, and in those conversations we were able to get the municipalities to hold on a fixed value, so to speak, for a period of time while we worked on improving the

current regime,” he said.

In a press release issued on Monday, the United Democratic Party also highlighted the fact that the bill has been in the works for some time now, pointing out that, back then, it had been “vehemently rejected” by the UDP. The UDP maintained that stance at Wednesday’s press conference, with UDP leader, Hon. Moses “Shyne” Barrow stating that, not only is the timing of the bill poor—considering that many persons are still recovering from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic—but the fees being proposed would significantly impair the earning ability of creatives and small business owners, most of whom make far less than a thousand dollars in one day.

“Is the government truly thinking about the best interest of the people that elected them when we’re not even halfway recovered from COVID-19 and you will start to grab at the little that our people have? Entertainers are underpaid as it is. Entertainers have not been properly

invested in, historically. And now, just as things are starting to open back up, as the recovery is fledgling, you are going to tax the people who already have little?” remarked the UDP leader.

The BCCI—85% of whose membership consists of micro, small, and medium enterprises—believes that rather than levying taxes on businesses and calling it a trade license, a flat fee should be established.

“And so, for us, while in the short and medium term we remain sympathetic to the municipalities and the need for the funding that goes into those municipalities in order for them to offer the necessary goods and services, we are also of the opinion that we must move towards a flat fee rather than the way the calculations are being done currently,” said Blake.

Like the United Democratic Party, the Chamber believes that the timing of the bill is unfortunate. According to the BCCI president, while the Chamber was indeed consulted, their issue with the bill being

taken to the house “so early” is the fact that they were unable to properly review the actual written bill.

“So, conceptually we discussed various elements of the bill in order for us to get to the point where we are, and we must commend the ministry for the steps taken to move us in this direction, and while there is now some element of predictability in the bill, where there is now a three-year review, it does not remove the requests from our end to be able to digest the bill in its written format in as much detail as possible and for us to then go to our members and then be able to consult with the document in hand,” he added.

The Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry has called on the government to continue working out the issues raised regarding the bill before passing it into law. “In doing so we’d then be able to go to our members and have the buy-in of a wider group before this bill is actually passed,” said Blake.



VACANCY

The Community Rehabilitation Department, under the Ministry of Human Development, Families and Indigenous Peoples’ Affairs, is now accepting application for the post of **Program Coordinator** of The Hub Resource and Community Center (The Hub).

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. BACKGROUND

The Hub is a multi-purpose facility geared at providing opportunities for youth and families to engage in various educational, developmental, psycho-social, sporting, cultural and recreational activities. The Hub is a major infrastructural component developed under the Youth and Community Transformation (YCT) Project, through financing from the Caribbean Development Bank, and is currently being implemented by the Ministry of Human Development, Families and Indigenous Peoples’ Affairs. The Hub is managed and operated by the Community Rehabilitation Department.

2. OBJECTIVE/SCOPE OF SERVICES

The successful applicant will coordinate the implementation of all transformational programs and activities of The Hub Community and Resource Center, in conjunction with the Manager and other staff.

3. DUTIES INCLUDE:

The Specialist shall:

1. Ensure the implementation of all transformational programs to be run at The Hub.
2. Develop a holistic range of programs to meet the varying needs of the youth and community.
3. Forge links and network with relevant governmental, non-governmental and private organizations to implement vibrant programs to engage participants across the life span.
4. Assist with the recruitment of program staff.
5. Supervise all program staff, including but not limited to teachers/instructors, tutors, life skills facilitators, sports coaches, interns, etc.
6. Develop yearly outreach plan according to program needs and capacity.
7. Maintain database of participants in each program/activity.
8. Organize training seminars to address staff needs and identify relevant external training opportunities.
9. Assists with grant and/or proposal writing as required.
10. Assist in the management of fiscal operations including budget development.
11. Assist in design of performance objectives and implement and monitor programming to meet desired outcomes.
12. Submit periodic programmatic reports.
13. Assist with the development of public relations and communications strategies (including social media platforms) to support program goals and increase community awareness.
14. Assist in the development, implementation and monitoring of unit, departmental and Ministry plans.
15. Assist in the preparation, management and implementation of the program budget for the assigned unit.
16. Perform related duties as required from time to time.
17. Promote programs and activities using social media platforms.

4. QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE:

The applicant selected should have the following characteristics:

Academic Qualification:

Associate’s Degree in Social Work, Education, Youth Development, Psychology, or

other related Social Science OR Associates Degree in Social Work, Education, Youth Development, Psychology or related Social Science with at least five (5) years experience in programme coordination

Experience:

- At least three (3) years previous working experience in programme planning, coordination and implementation
- At least a minimum of five (5) years professional experience working with marginalized youth or similar vulnerable population.
- Experience monitoring and evaluation of programme outputs and outcomes
- Experience with case management
- Experience at a supervisory level

5. COMPETENCIES/SKILLS:

Technical:

Program planning, coordination and implementation; event planning, budget preparation, networking, proposal writing skills, supervisory skills, assessment skills, organizational and communication skills, time management, public relation skills, listening skills, computer literacy, social media savvy.

Behavioural:

Adherence to Social Work values and ethics, integrity, achievement oriented, analytical and conceptual thinking, client service oriented, innovative, effective interactive communication, flexibility, developing others, initiative, organizational commitment, self-confidence, self-control, team leadership, teamwork.

6. SALARY

The successful candidate will be employed on a full-time contractual basis. Compensation is negotiable based on qualification and experience. The initial contract will be for a one (1) year period, renewable based on a satisfactory performance evaluation.

7. Duty Station: The Program Coordinator will be based at The Hub Resource and Community Center located on Lake Independence Blvd. in Belize City.

8. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

The Programme Coordinator will report directly to the Manager of The Hub Community and Resource Center.

Applications must include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, copies of relevant qualifications, a copy of a recent Police record and two (2) letters of recommendation. Applications must be submitted to:

Director

Community Rehabilitation Department
The Hub Resource and Community Center, Lake Independence Blvd
Belize City, Belize
Or via email to: secretary.crd@humandev.gov.bz

Deadline for submissions: May 31st, 2022

PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: PROPERTIES

Gabourel Lane & Comet Street, Belama Phase 4, Belize City

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees, Messrs. The Belize Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo & Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the below described properties. Sales currently running and will expire Monday 23rd May 2022 at the times listed on the website.

1. Parcel No. 1081 Gabourel Lane, Belize City



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Fort George/Pickstock	45	1081

(Being a 2 ½ storey concrete/timber dwelling house containing Ground Floor - 2 one bedroom/bathroom apartment; First Floor - 3 bedrooms + mini office + 1 ½ bathrooms + kitchen; Attic - small conference room TOGETHER with fenced lot [268.330 S.M.] situate on Gabourel Lane, Belize City, the freehold property of Mrs. Sandra Mahler Miguel and Mr. Wilhem Miguel guarantor for Messrs. Bel-Caribe Communications Limited)

2. Parcel No. 3171 Comet Street, Belama Phase 3, Belize City:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Caribbean Shores/Belize	16	3171

(Being an L-shaped concrete bungalow dwelling house 21 ft. X 30 ft. + 14 ft. X 18 ft. (inclusive of 5 ft. X 14 ft. porch) containing 3 bedrooms + 1 bathroom + kitchen + dining area + living room + small laundry TOGETHER with lot [338.962 S.M.] situate on Comet Street, Belama Phase 3, the freehold property of Mr. Raymond Troy Garcia, deceased.)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - www.belizebank.com (foreclosure listing)

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VACANCY FOR LEGAL SECRETARY

A vacancy exists at a law firm in Belize City for a Legal Secretary.

Qualifications and Experience:

Duties shall include:

- Answering calls and responding to general emails;
- Receiving and dealing with legal inquiries
- Maintaining Calendars and schedules for numerous attorneys
- Dealing with incoming and outgoing mail and legal documents for several attorneys
- Preparing correspondences and drafting legal documents;
- Preparing and filing court documents and documents at various government departments;
- Taking notes at meetings with clients;
- Maintaining files fully organized, including copies of all documents and correspondences.

Qualifications:

- Minimum qualifications: An Associate's Degree; previous legal experience or prior legal training would be an advantage
- Must be quick learner and must have excellent communication, organizational and computer skills
- Must be able to work efficiently under pressure and effectively perform tasks in a timely manner.

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Belize City, BELIZE

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SUMMARY PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Contract Title: CONSULTANCY ON NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

Contract reference no.: EU/SFCICP/RSTATS/2022C-PH-C

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat intends to award a service contract for the **Consultancy on National Accounts**. 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 **31 May 2022**.



SUMMARY PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Contract Title: CONSULTANCY ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

Contract reference no.: EU/SFCICP/RSTATS/2022B-PH

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat intends to award a service contract for the **Consultancy on International Trade in Services**. 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 **31 May 2022**.

COMPLIANCE OFFICER

JOB SUMMARY

The Compliance Officer will work with the Assistant General Manager (AGM) Risk and Executive Management to develop, implement and maintain a robust compliance framework including regulatory, Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) and funding agencies' terms and conditions compliance programs.

QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE

1. A Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Accounting, or other related quantitative field.
2. Five years of successful experience in the financial services industry as a Compliance Officer or Auditor, with in-depth knowledge of regulatory requirements and the law and practice of money laundering.
3. An accreditation with an International Certification Program in Compliance would be an asset.
4. Proven experience in drafting, interpretation and implementation of policies and procedures in the field of work, and contribute to decision-making at the Management level.

REQUIRED SKILLS & ABILITIES

1. Dynamic, competent, proactive, goal-oriented, detail-oriented and excellent organizational and time management skills.
2. Superior communication skills – written, verbal, and inter-personal. The incumbent must display a positive attitude and the ability to interact professionally and effectively with members of the Board of Directors, employees at all levels, and external stakeholders including high-level executives with IFIs, government agencies, and other local and international agencies.
3. Mature and independent in judgment, and able to deal with sensitive and confidential matters and situations with a high level of discretion, diplomacy and tact, and work effectively under pressure.
4. Conviction to stand by difficult decisions and be more influenced by policies and procedures. Willing to take the lead in setting the tone for corporate integrity.
5. Knowledge of DFC's role as a development bank and its contribution to national economic development will be an asset.
6. Familiarity with industry practices and professional standards.
7. Proficient in MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook; and familiar with new channels used for mass communication.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Develop, implement and maintain internal systems, policies and controls for effective regulatory, AML/CFT and funding agencies' terms and conditions compliance programs.
2. Investigate reports of violation of rules, regulations, policies and procedures and develop and oversee a system for uniform handling of such violations.
3. Ensure proper reporting of violations or potential violations internally or externally to duly authorized enforcement agencies as appropriate and/or required.
4. Act as the liaison between the Corporation and regulatory, supervisory and other competent authorities and funding agencies in matters relating to regulatory, AML/CFT or funding agencies' terms and conditions compliance.

5. Provide reports to the Board and Senior Management on the operation and progress of compliance efforts.
6. Build risk awareness amongst employees by providing support and training to employees on regulations and industry practices-as it relates to compliance risk.
7. Contribute to the creation of business continuity plans to limit risks.
8. Contribute to the Human Resources Management Function of the Corporation by fostering an employee-oriented company culture that emphasizes quality, continuous improvement and high performance.
9. To represent DFC locally and internationally on AML/CFT related matters.

ACT NOW

1. Letter of Application
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Copy of most recent qualification
4. Three (3) Letters of Recommendation (*no older than six months*) – two of which must be professional references
5. Copy of Social Security Card
6. Police record (*no older than six months*)

Submit application with reference Application for Vacancy:

COMPLIANCE OFFICER

to:

Manager

Human Resources and General Affairs

Development Finance Corporation

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When Pizarro arrived in 1532, the Incas were in division

The Incas' spiritual beliefs were densely constituted and, like other facets of their culture, drew on Andean traditions. Blending animism, oracular divination and ancestor worship, their religion incorporated human sacrifice, especially of children and adolescents. Also central was the veneration of deities representing natural phenomena, such as the sun, moon and thunder. Considered a direct descendant of Inti, the sun god, the Incas' leader—the sapa Inca—was revered as a deity. Inconveniently for the reigning leader, all past emperors were believed to live on after death, still exerting power through their relatives, who retained the emperors' property, cared for their mummified remains and often used their considerable influence to oppose the policies of imperial successors.

The issue of royal succession repeatedly launched the kingdom into crisis. Instead of adopting primogeniture, as European monarchies did, the Incas employed a complicated process that could give several of the sapa Inca's many sons a credible claim to the throne. Treachery and civil war often resulted, including a disastrously timed conflict that helped to bring down the empire.

When Spanish conquistador Francisco Pizarro landed with 167 men in Northern Peru in 1532, the kingdom was tottering. His countrymen had already introduced smallpox to the Andes, and between 1524 and 1525 the disease took a horrific toll, killing nearly half the

population. Among the victims were the reigning Inca, Huayna Capac, and his son and designated successor, Ninan Cuyuchi. Another son, Huascar, claimed the throne, but was challenged by his half-brother Atahualpa, who after a bloody three-year struggle emerged victorious in 1532, the year Pizarro arrived.

Weakened by disease and civil war, challenged by rebellious vassal states and overwhelmed by European weapons, the empire didn't survive the year. On Nov. 16, 1532, in the city of Cajamarca, the conquistadors massacred thousands of Incas and captured Atahualpa, whom they executed after accepting an enormous ransom for his release. Though the Spanish would install a series of puppets on the throne, and though the Incas would resist militarily for another 40 years, the vast empire had ceased to exist.

The Inca is a volume in the **Lost Civilizations** series, which prompts Mr. Lane to wonder: "How lost are the Incas?" He reports that 500 years after the Incas' conquest and marginalization, their descendants retain a vital culture, experiencing a "steadily growing pride and revindication" of their indigenous past, including their language and religion. The Inca empire may have gone the way of all empires, but, like the sapa Inca, who lived on after death, its spirit is very much alive.

(excerpted from a review by Gerard Helferich of Kevin Lane's *The Inca*, published by Reaktion.)

NOTICE

STANN CREEK DISTRICT

STATUTORY NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TITLE TO LAND BY LONG POSSESSION

Pursuant to Supreme Court Practice Direction No. 2 of 2011 AND Section 42 of the Law of Property Act, Chapter 190 of the Laws of Belize, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application for title, on the ground of long possession of the land described in the schedule below, has been filed at the Supreme Court by Petra Leoba Martinez of 2nd New Site, Dangriga Town, Stann Creek District, Belize, the Applicant. Any person/persons objecting to the application must file notice and reason for objection at the Supreme Court no later than the 10th day of June 2022 or attend court on the 13th day of June 2022 at 10:00 a.m. before the Honourable Madam Justice Patricia Farnese for the first hearing of the Application.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land comprising of five acres situate on the Carib Reserve, Stann Creek District, being Block No. 419, bounded and described as shown on Plan No. 77 of 1942 attached to Governors Fiat No. 77 of 1942.

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RUSSIA'S POSIEDON NUCLEAR - Part 2

The following, our dear readers of this column, I find to be of much interest, for the reason that, as I have mentioned before, the analysis is from an American who expresses what he knows publicly not only to the Americans of the United States but also to the world on the issues that are making so much news and that involve NATO, Russia and the People's Republic of China. Here is Part 2 of Chris Sanders' "BIO-BIDEN TIMELINE SINCE 1991 | RUSSIA'S POSEIDON NUCLEAR", which was published on the American News Network's YouTube page on May 6, 2022:

So, they will hit all countries from the West Coast, because then the jet stream will continue to move the nuclear

radiation over the country. So, Ireland, Great Britain, you've gotta watch out about this. They threatened you. Italy, anything with the West Coast. But they're not going to hit stuff like that at home. I'm more concerned with California's West Coast and the fact that there's Russian subs out there. What this is saying is we built up our systems for defeating missiles in the air. But there's nothing that we've developed to take out a radioactive wave. And these waves are like a mile high. And so what are we going to do when this wave of radius?

Now this was a study done with 100 kilotons. Now remember 200 kilotons is what we're looking at. So all of Manhattan, New York, this whole entire

area is gone. And it's something very scary. He's threatening it. They're now on nuclear high alert. In case people want to even see him going on nuclear high alert, it's pretty interesting. But this is something else that you just don't see. So I want to show it to you. And that is this. [video shown]... Now, Israel got into the picture and has been aiding the Azov Battalion. So, we're going to do another little proxy war, but what that did was it ramped up Iran, and what Putin has done is this. He said, you know, if you want to be semi-religious, okay, I guess you're on the side of the LGBTQ Americans, but if you believe in the book, and you don't believe in all that stuff and you're

by Clinton Canul Luna

actually a devout Christian or a Muslim, you're on the side of Russia. And what he did was he unified the Muslim Empire by doing this. And I want you to know that. So, he basically then put his country on nuclear alert. And this is just the other day. He says, "I'm ordering the Minister of Defence and the Chief of the General Staff to put nuclear strategic forces on special alert." And so this has happened. They're on special alert and it's not funny.

And this is real news and again, they're not saving people in Azovstal, that's a phony narrative that you're hearing. The doomsday plane, okay? This thing has been seen flying around and what this is, is that this is the Soviet Central Air Force Command, and so when this is in the air, they're on extra high alert. It's in the air right now And like I said, they talked about hitting all of England the other day. And it's really scary. So, this is from their kind of minister defense and their propaganda department over there, but literally Boris Johnson has really heated up Putin, and he's not in the, you may remember that of Brexit, but nevertheless he's acting pretty stout, and so Putin's chief propagandist says they're going to wipe the United Kingdom right off the map and now the United Kingdom says they have, you know, stuff about Azovstal. Well, I'd like to ask you how? How do you have any news on Azovstal? You have nobody there. There's Chechen soldiers that are there.

Now, this is the guy right here, and this is the actual ad, "A retaliatory strike on Russia". He says, "In general in Britain, they seem to be rambling, okay? Why do they threaten vast Russia with nuclear weapons?" Now, look at this, "When they're only a small island. The island is so small that one Sarmat missile is enough to sink it once and for all." That's not all. "Everything has already been calculated. A single launch, Boris, and there is no England anymore. One and for all. Why do they play games? Another option is to plunge Britain into the depths of the sea using Russia's unmanned underwater vehicle 'Poseidon'. It approaches its target at a speed of 200 kilometers an hour." That's 120 miles an hour. "And there's no way to stop this underwater drone." They have 30 of them. "It has a warhead with the capacity to, [it says 100, but it's 200] megatons and the explosion of this thermonuclear is close to the British Coast will cause a gigantic tsunami wave up to 500 meters high. This wave carries extreme doses of radiation. Having passed over Britain, it will turn what is left of them into a radioactive desert, unfit for anything for a long time."

(To Be Continued)

fincasolan@gmail.com



MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING INVITATION TO QUOTE



PROCUREMENT OF DUMP TRUCKS AND A 15 SEATER VAN

The Government of Belize via the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing (MIDH) intends to procure twelve (12) Dump Trucks and One (1) 15 Seater Van to facilitate Ministry to undertake maintenance of the Public Road Network.

The MIDH now invites sealed quotations from eligible and qualified Suppliers for the supply of the following item:

Twelve (12) Dump Trucks - 15 cubic Yards and One (1) 15 Seater Van.

Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedures (Shopping Procedures).

Interested eligible suppliers may obtain the full Invitation to Quote for the Twelve (12) Dump Trucks and One (1) 15 Seater Van **as of Monday May 13, 2022** from the MIDH's Offices located at #1 Power Lane, Belmopan from Monday through to Friday 8.00 AM – 5.00 PM.

Quotations must utilize forms provided in the Invitation to Quote. One (1) Original and two (2) copies are to be submitted in sealed labelled envelopes to the address indicated below. Quotations by email **WILL NOT** be accepted.

Offers will be submitted on the Quote Submission Sheet including a description of specifications offered, Price Schedule for Goods and Related Services. These templates are annexed in the full Invitation to Quote. All documents must be completed without any alterations in format, and no substitutes shall be accepted. All blank spaces shall be filled in with the information requested. Suppliers are informed that they can only quote for the type of **equipment** specified, and quote for all items in this Invitation. Price quotations will be evaluated for all the items. Price quotations should be **exclusive of both Import Duty and 12.5% General Sales Tax**.

The Purchaser shall award the Contract to the Supplier who complies substantially with the technical specifications and other requirements in these documents and submitted the lowest evaluated price.

All sealed Quotes must be delivered to the address below by **11.00 AM local time on May 30, 2022** and they will be **opened on the same day at 11.15 A.M.**, at the address below. Late bids will be rejected.

1. Victor Espat
Chief Executive Officer
Ministry of Infrastructure Development & Housing
#1 Power Lane
Belmopan, Belize
Tel: 501-822-2136/39
Fax: 501-822-3282
E-mail: ceo.secretary@mow.gov.bz

2. Lennox Bradley
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Prime Minister leaves for Guyana



Hon. John Briceño, Prime Minister of Belize

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Wed. May 18, 2022
 Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño left the country on Tuesday, May 17,

Hon. John Briceño, Prime Minister of Belize, left the country on Tuesday to attend the CARICOM Agri-Investment Forum and Expo in Georgetown, Guyana.

en route to Georgetown, Guyana, to attend the CARICOM Agri-Investment Forum and Expo, which is scheduled to take place from Thursday, May 19, to Saturday, May 21, at the Arthur Chung Convention Center under the theme “Investing in Vision 25 by 2025”.

Seven heads of government of the region will attend the CARICOM Agri-Investment Forum: Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, Dr. Hon. Keith Rowley; Prime Minister of Barbados, Hon. Mia Mottley; Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda, Hon. Gaston Browne; Prime Minister of Dominica, Hon. Roosevelt Skerrit; Prime Minister of Saint Lucia, Hon. Philip Pierre; Premier of Montserrat, Hon. Joseph

Farrell; and Hon. John Briceño, Prime Minister of Belize.

The key area of focus at the event will be the leaders’ shared goal of reducing regional food imports by 25% by 2025 through accelerated and targeted investment in agriculture and food production, along with related business ecosystems, within CARICOM member states.

Through such amplified investment in agriculture and food production, the CARICOM leaders are aiming to reduce the region’s food imports by 6 billion USD—thus achieving the 25% by 2025 food import reduction target.

The event will be centered on promoting engagement and informed

dialogue among key stakeholders along the agri-food value chain.

Prime Minister Briceño is being accompanied by Hon. Jose Abelardo Mai, Minister of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise; and Ambassador Stuart Leslie, Cabinet Secretary, during his visit to Guyana.

While PM Briceño is out of the country, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Natural Resources, Petroleum & Mining, Hon. Cordel Hyde is acting as Prime Minister

Reeks

by Marco A. Lopez

O Land of the Free by the Carib Sea
 Where our indoctrination is so costly
 How am I to not love you
 When this beauty is otherworldly

When your ocean spray is the elixir of life
 And your emerald canopy, a capsule of time
 Housing the hearts of the vilest of men
 Who seek shelter in your glory

And yes, in this beauty
 The sickening rise to ranks of great renown
 And the hearts of love, of life, and peace?
 Left to wander hopelessly, in the sonder


Persistently victims of a system of division and conquer
 That your own turns an enemy and your enemy your own
 Unknowingly enslaved
 Barely surviving on a master’s estate

We capitulate
 Place ourselves on the chessboards of pirates
 In a game where victory eludes us
 We become pawns in paradise

See, the stench of the sewage across the Old Capital has ceased
 Yet, it still reeks
 Reeks loathsome colonized minds
 Reeks of the inaction of you and I

It reeks...

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NOTICE

Electro Mechanic

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the following post in the Mechanic/Electrical Department. In the Port’s continued effort to promote diversity both males/females, able/ differently abled are encouraged to apply for the available post.

Reports to: Technical Manager

Summary of Responsibilities: Electro mechanical technicians are competent in combining mechanical technology with knowledge of electrical and electronic circuits. It includes applying the principles and theories of electronics to the mechanical systems. They utilize their knowledge to devise, test, maintain and repair the any and all electro-mechanical component and machines. The main purpose of the role is to undertake maintenance, repairs and installation to upgrade, maintain and commission mechanical and electrical installations for all Port of Belize equipment and auxiliary systems within the compound..

Job Responsibilities:

- Maintains releases and assists in developing electrical/mechanical drawings, systems designs or engineering documentation and data, by applying Company, industry and governmental standards.
- Read blueprints, schematics, and diagrams to determine the method and sequence of assembly of a part, machine, or piece of equipment.
- Perform corrective, preventative and predictive maintenance on all equipment in regards to both electrical and mechanical.
- Independently performs set up and testing of digital and power electronics hardware.
- Responsible for troubleshooting and documenting test failures.
- Using design tools and prepares documentation and incorporates basic design changes.
- Creates, develops and maintains elementary systems designs.
- Supports engineering system design and functionality validation activities.
- Troubleshoot, maintain and install Mechanical, Electrical (PLC’s), Pneumatic, and Hydraulic systems to provide maximum percentage of uptime possible.
- Supports the development and maintenance of moderately-complex product installation designs and part designs.
- Ensuring all maintenance and installation work is carried out cost effectively, safely and to the highest standard.
- Diagnosing, overseeing and rectifying electrical, electronic and mechanical faults on the port’s container handling equipment as well as maintaining the crane lift assemblies, including routine inspection and testing on boat systems.
- Diagnosing, rectifying and repairing faults on the control and instrumentation and utility equipment including electrical control and distribution systems up to and including 440 volts on the port’s compound, and handling equipment such as Container Stackers, Tractors, and other equipment within the Port compound include non-lifting light motor vehicles and boats.
- Ensuring compliance to all policies, procedures, standard operating practices with recommendations for action and continuous improvements.
- Maintaining the mobile elevating work platforms and other associated personnel carrying apparatus such as forklifts and man lifts.
- Any other duties that may be assigned from time to time

Job Qualifications/Requirement:

- Associates’ degree in Electronics or Post -Secondary Technical Degree with over 5 years of experience in Electrical and Mechanical Marine and Heavy Equipment Repairs.
- Being prepared to undertake sufficient training to ensure familiarization with all equipment in service.
- Working Knowledge of Boats would be an asset.
- Having working knowledge of Control Systems, electronics and electrical systems.
- Intermediate Level knowledge of AutoCAD Studio.
- Computer literate and Intermediate Level Knowledge of Microsoft Office Systems.
- Self-starter, strong problem-solving, decision making and interpersonal skills. A high degree of diplomacy and tact is required to deal with depart heads, telephone requests and operators/office personnel in a pressure environment.
- High sense of responsibility, persistence and confidentiality with strong planning and organizing skills. Discretion in dealing with sensitive matters is of utmost importance and must be able to anticipate unusual situations and project solutions.
- Be able to operate under deadlines, and utilize personal initiative.
- Strong oral and written communication skills.

Required Skills, Knowledge and Characteristics: To be selected applicants must possess the following important characteristics:

- **Mechanical** — Knowledge of machines and tools, including their designs, uses, repair, and maintenance.
- **Computers and Electronics** — Knowledge of circuit boards, processors, chips, electronic equipment, and computer hardware and software, including applications and programming.
- **Engineering and Technology** — Knowledge of the practical application of engineering science and technology. This includes applying principles, techniques, procedures, and equipment to the design and production of various goods and services.
- **English Language** — Strong oral and written skills.

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 report, name and phone number of two(2) previous employers.

Email to:
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PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: PROPERTIES

Orange Walk District: Orange Walk Town; Trial Farm Village; San Jose Palmar Village/ Douglas Village; Belize District: Maskall Village/ San Pedro, Ambergris Caye/ Belize City; Cayo District: Paslow Falls Area; Ontario Village; Stann Creek District: Hope Creek Village; Hummingbird Community; 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 Tuesday 31st May 2022 at the times shown on the website.

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

1. Parcel No. 2990 Mayflower Street, Orange Walk Town:



REGISTRATION SECTION: Orange Walk Town
BLOCK: 4
PARCEL: 2990

(Being three buildings: Building No. 1 – single dwelling house [869 sq. ft.] 2 bedrooms + 1 bathroom + living/dining/ kitchen; Building No. 2 - a concrete structure [57 sq. ft. + open area 65 sq. ft.] laundry room; Building No. 3 – concrete structure [43 sq. ft.] lavatory TOGETHER with Lot [454.510 S.M.] situate at Parcel No. 2990 Mayflower Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District, the freehold property of Mr. Gabriel Pate)

2. Parcel No. 285/1 Trial Farm Village, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION: Trial Farm
BLOCK: 4
PARCEL: 285/1

(Being a concrete bungalow dwelling house [583 sq. ft.] containing 2 Bedrooms + 1 Bathroom + Living/Dining/Kitchen TOGETHER with Lot [1190.95 sq. yds. (995.780 S.M.)] situate in Trial Farm Village, Orange Walk District, the leasehold property of Mr. Harold Flowers)

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



REGISTRATION SECTION: Indian Hill East
BLOCK: 4
PARCELS: 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)

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



REGISTRATION SECTION: Orange Walk Town
BLOCK: 4
PARCEL: 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)

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



REGISTRATION SECTION: San Jose Palmar
BLOCK: 4
PARCEL: 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.)

6. 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: Douglas Rural
BLOCK: 4
PARCEL: 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

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



REGISTRATION SECTION: Belize Rural North 1
BLOCK: 11
PARCEL: 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)

8. 2 Acres San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Belize:



REGISTRATION SECTION: North San Pedro
BLOCK: 7
PARCELS: 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.)

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



REGISTRATION SECTION: San Pedro
BLOCK: 7
PARCEL: 2112

(Being a 3-story 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.] situated in D.F.C Housing Site, San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, the freehold property of Mr. Thomas Santos)

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



REGISTRATION SECTION: Queen Square
BLOCK: 45
PARCEL: 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: Paslow Falls Area; Ontario Village

11. 10 Acres of Land situate near the Mopan River, Paslow Falls Area, Cayo District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land Block No. 6 (+/- 10 acres) being a portion of Lionel Balan subdivision survey of Grant No. 505 of 2007 comprising 20.86 acres of land and the survey of a strip of National Lands comprising 1 acre situate along the Mopan River, Paslow Falls Area, Cayo District TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon. (Being +/- 10 acres of vacant land with high vegetation and numerous trees, the freehold property of Ms. Mary Carridi)

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



REGISTRATION SECTION: Society Hall
BLOCK: 24
PARCEL: 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.)

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



REGISTRATION SECTION: Society Hall
BLOCK: 24
PARCEL: 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: Hope Creek Village; Hummingbird Community; Dangriga

14. Lot No. 132 Hope Creek Village, Stann Creek District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land containing 1388.89 square yards being Lot No. 132 situate in Hope Creek Village, Stann Creek District TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon. (Being a 2-storey concrete/timber dwelling house [1,001 sq. ft.] containing Ground Floor: 2 bedrooms + living room + kitchen; First Floor 2 bedrooms + 1 bathroom apartment and lot [1388.89 square yards] situate in Hope Creek Village, Stann Creek District, the freehold property of Mr. Eduardo Saravia)

15. Lot No. 54 Hummingbird Community, Stann Creek District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land containing 785.259 square meters being Lot No. 54 situate in the Hummingbird Community Village, near Mile 25 Hummingbird Highway, Stann Creek District TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon. (Being an elevated timber dwelling house [751 sq. ft.] containing 2 bedrooms + 1 bathroom + living/dining/kitchen + storeroom TOGETHER with lot [785.259 S.M.] situate in the Hummingbird Community Village, Mile 25 Hummingbird Highway, Stann Creek District, the freehold property of Mr. Armando Coye)

16. Parcel No. 1294 Canal Street, Dangriga, Stann Creek District



REGISTRATION SECTION: Dangriga South
BLOCK: 31
PARCEL: 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

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



REGISTRATION SECTION: Big Fall/Golden Stream
BLOCK: 42
PARCEL: 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).

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Government of Belize
Basic Needs Trust Fund Tenth Project (BNTF10)

Consultancy Services to Undertake Design Review and Supervision of Infrastructure Works
Services for the Proposed Gales Point Government Preschool Substitution and Primary School
Rehabilitation Sub-project, Gales Point, Belize District, Belize

Request for Expressions of Interest

The Government of Belize (GOBZ) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to US\$5,031,000.00 towards implementing the BNTF10 Country Project and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds to eligible payments under a contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of GOBZ and upon approval by CDB, and will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawal from the financing account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than GOBZ shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF), the Executing Agency (EA), now wishes to procure consultancy services to undertake design review and supervision of infrastructure works services for the proposed Gales Point Government Preschool Substitution and Primary School Rehabilitation Sub-project, Gales Point, Belize District, Belize (*Medium Sub-project*).

The objective of the consultancy is to provide technical support to the EA during the implementation of the BNTF 10 Country Project. Consulting firms will be required to review existing designs and estimates; advise on scope and adequacy of sub-project intervention; and provide detailed revised designs, revised summary estimates, and revised priced activity schedules. The work must consider thematic areas such as gender and environmental assessments and shall seek to integrate disaster mitigation measures into revised designs. Consulting firms will also be required to provide technical inspection of construction works. The duration of the assignment is expected to be for a period of approximately twenty-four (24) months.

The BSIF now invites interested eligible **consulting firms** to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) indicating qualifications and experience required to provide these Consultancy Services.

Consultants shall be eligible to participate if:

- (a) in the case of the body corporate, it is legally incorporated or otherwise organized in an eligible country, has its principal place of business in an eligible country and is more than 50% beneficially owned by a citizen(s) and/or bona fide resident(s) of an eligible country(ies) or by a body(ies) corporate meeting these requirements;
- (b) in the case of unincorporated firms, the persons are citizens or bona fide residents of an eligible country; and
- (c) in all cases, the consultant has no arrangement and undertakes not to make any arrangements, whereby any substantial part of the net profits or other tangible benefits of the contract will accrue or be paid to a person not a citizen or bona fide resident of an eligible country.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB. Consultants are advised to review the detailed eligibility criteria detailed in Section 4 and conflict of interest provisions in Section 5 of the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January, 2021), as published on CDB's website (caribank.org).

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to consulting firms' technical competence, qualifications and experience in relation to providing detailed design and supervision services on education infrastructure projects, as well as local and regional experience, financial capability and existing commitments. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

All information must be submitted in English. Further information may be obtained from the first address below between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday (Belize Time), except on Public Holidays.

The Expression of Interest must be received electronically at the first (BSIF) and second (CDB) address below no later than **2:00 p.m. (Belize time) on Monday, June 20, 2022**. The subject line of the email containing each submission shall be clearly marked "**BNTF10 - Expressions of Interest – Consultancy Services to Undertake Design Review and Supervision of Infrastructure Works Services for the Proposed Gales Point Government Preschool Substitution and Primary School Rehabilitation Sub-project, Gales Point, Belize District, Belize**".

Following the assessment of submissions, a short-list of not less than three (3) and not more than six (6) applicants will be provided with full terms of reference and invited to submit technical and financial proposals to undertake the assignment. Following the submission of proposals, a Consultant shall be selected by utilizing the Least Cost Selection (LCS) method. GOB reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not short-listing any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest.

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GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

BELIZE SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND (BSIF)

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER FOR BSIF

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REQI)

The Government of Belize (GOB) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards implementing the Belize Social Investment Fund Loan III and the Basic Needs Trust Fund Tenth Programme and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under a contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of GOB and upon approval by CDB, and will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawal from the financing account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than GOB shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) the Executing Agency, now wishes to procure consultancy services for **Social Development Officer**.

The objective of the consultancy is the enhancing the knowledge and skills of staff in accessing the social dimensions of development, identifying community needs and resources, and designing and implementing projects. The Social Development Officer will also conduct project appraisals, supervision, and monitoring, and will serve as a resource person for BSIF in conducting social and institutional appraisals. The duration of the assignment is expected to be a period of two (2) years, extendable by mutual agreement in accordance with prevailing Belize legislation as well as results of his/her performance appraisal.

Further details can be found in the Terms of Reference, which can be obtained from Address 1 below.

BSIF now invites interested eligible individual consultants to submit Expressions of Interest indicating qualifications and experience required to provide these consultancy services.

Consultants shall be eligible to participate if:

- (a) the persons are citizens or *bona fide* residents of an eligible country; and
- (b) in all cases, the consultant has no arrangement and undertakes not to make any arrangements, whereby any substantial part of the net profits or other tangible benefits of the contract will accrue or be paid to a person not a citizen or *bona fide* resident of an eligible country.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB.¹ Consultants are advised to review the detailed eligibility criteria detailed in Section 4 and conflict of interest provisions in Section 5 of the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January, 2021), as published on CDB's website.

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to qualifications and experience on similar assignments.

All information must be submitted in English. Further information may be obtained from the first address below between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (Belize Time) hours Monday to Friday.

The Expressions of Interest must be received electronically at the first address (BSIF) and second (CDB) below no later than **Monday, June 20, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. (Belize Time)**. The subject line of the email containing each submission shall be clearly marked "**Expression of Interest – Consultancy Services for Social Development Officer for BSIF**".

Following the assessment of submissions, the most technically capable and appropriately experienced applicant will be invited to negotiate a contract to provide the consultancy services. GOB reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not engaging the services of any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest.

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¹ Occasionally contracts may be financed out of special programs that would further expand or restrict eligibility to a particular group of member countries. When this is the case, it should be mentioned in this paragraph.

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Guatemalan Attorney General placed on US list of corrupt actors



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Consuelo Porrás (right) was sworn in today as the new Guatemalan Attorney General by President Alejandro Giammattei.

by Marco Lopez

BELIZE CITY, Wed. May 18, 2022

On Monday, Consuelo Porrás was re-elected Attorney General of Guatemala and sworn in with the blessing of President Alejandro Giammattei, who said that she met all professional and constitutional requirements to hold the high office. The United States, however, has moved to ban Porrás and her family from entering the country after designating her a “corrupt actor.”

The State Department of the United States and the US Secretary of State, Antony Blinken, have publicly outlined the US’s position on the re-election of Porrás. The State Department commented via Twitter, “The new nomination of Porrás deeply undermines confidence in Guatemala’s commitment to combat corruption and strengthen the rule of law.” And Blinken said that the decision to oppose the re-election of Porrás is a move which “sends a strong signal that the United States stands with all Guatemalans to foster accountability, transparency, and respect for the rule of law.”

The US claims Porrás has used her office to obstruct anti-corruption investigations within the country to protect political allies. She was first placed on the list of anti-democratic and corrupt actors presented to Congress in September 2021. On May 16, this Monday, the US State Department issued a release saying that they are considering additional

designations against Porrás.

Guatemala’s Public Ministry, of which Porrás is also head, responded with a Twitter post which stated that the Prosecution’s Office is autonomous and “not subordinated to any international entity.”

Last July, hundreds took to the streets in protest of Porrás’ sacking of Washington-backed Juan Francisco Sandoval, from his position as the head of an anti-corruption unit in Guatemala. He has sought asylum in the United States, where he has been living since leaving Guatemala shortly after his removal. There are also reports that anti-corruption lawyers have been arrested under Porrás’ command.

On Tuesday, in response to the U.S.’s public stance of opposition to Porrás’ re-election and following the imposition of a ban on her entry into the U.S., the Guatemalan president announced that he will not attend the Summit of the Americas this June in Los Angeles, and demanded that the US respect the country and its sovereignty.

Other states in Latin America, such as Mexico and Bolivia, have made their attendance at the Summit conditional on the inclusion of all countries in the Americas. Also, according to current CARICOM Chairman, Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño, CARICOM has indicated that the regional body might not be attending the Summit unless all states in the Americas, including Cuba, are invited.

Rap On Trial Bill Passes New York Senate, Carves Path For Systemic Change

Leslie D. Rose

Wed, May 18, 2022, (news.yahoo.com)

A first-of-its-kind rap music-influenced legislation has passed in the New York Senate. Senate Bill S7527, known as the Rap Music on Trial bill, soared through a May 17 senate session with a 38-23 vote.

The bill, which has significant support from artists like Jay-Z, Meek Mill, Big Sean, Tinashe and Kelly Rowland, among others, still needs to pass the state assembly before it becomes law. Sponsored by New York

Sens. Jamaal Bailey and Brad Hoylman, this bill seeks to amend state criminal procedure law to strictly limit the use of a defendant’s lyrics or other forms of creative expression as evidence or character assessments, as Blavity previously reported.

The historic passage sets a precedent for future bills

This victory gives hope to legislative supporters, celebrity endorsers and criminal justice advocates alike,

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Government of Belize
Basic Needs Trust Fund Tenth Project (BNTF10)

Consultancy Services for the Design and Supervision of Infrastructure Works for the Proposed Santa Elena Government Preschool Substitution Sub-project, Santa Elena Town, Cayo District, Belize

Request for Expressions of Interest

The Government of Belize (GOBZ) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to US\$5,031,000.00 towards implementing the BNTF10 Country Project and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds to eligible payments under a contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of GOB and upon approval by CDB, and will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawal from the financing account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than GOBZ shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF), the Executing Agency (EA), now wishes to procure consultancy services for the design and supervision of infrastructure works for the proposed Santa Elena Government Preschool Substitution Sub-project, Santa Elena Town, Cayo District, Belize (*Medium Sub-project*).

The objective of the consultancy is to provide technical support to the EA during the implementation of the BNTF10 Country Project. Consulting firms will be required to review existing designs and estimates (where available); advise on scope and adequacy of sub-project intervention; and provide detailed designs, summary estimates, and priced activity schedules. The work must consider thematic areas such as gender and environmental assessments, and shall seek to integrate disaster mitigation measures into designs. Consulting firms will also be required to provide technical inspection of construction works. The duration of the assignment is expected to be for a period of approximately twenty-four (24) months.

The BSIF now invites interested eligible consulting firms to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) indicating qualifications and experience required to provide these Consultancy Services.

Consultants shall be eligible to participate if:

- in the case of the body corporate, it is legally incorporated or otherwise organized in an eligible country, has its principal place of business in an eligible country and is more than 50% beneficially owned by a citizen(s) and/or bona fide resident(s) of an eligible country(ies) or by a body(ies) corporate meeting these requirements;
- in the case of unincorporated firms, the persons are citizens or bona fide residents of an eligible country; and
- in all cases, the consultant has no arrangement and undertakes not to make any arrangements, whereby any substantial part of the net profits or other tangible benefits of the contract will accrue or be paid to a person not a citizen or bona fide resident of an eligible country.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB. Consultants are advised to review the detailed eligibility criteria detailed in Section 4 and conflict of interest provisions in Section 5 of the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January, 2021), as published on CDB’s website (caribank.org).

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to consulting firms’ technical competence, qualifications and experience in relation to providing detailed design and supervision services on education infrastructure projects, as well as local and regional experience, financial capability and existing commitments. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

All information must be submitted in English. Further information may be obtained from the first address below between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday (Belize Time), except on Public Holidays.

The Expression of Interest must be received electronically at the first (BSIF) and second (CDB) address below no later than **2:00 p.m. (Belize time) on Monday, June 20, 2022**. The subject line of the email containing each submission shall be clearly marked “BNTF10 - Expressions of Interest – Consultancy Services for the Design and Supervision of Infrastructure Works for the Proposed Santa Elena Government Preschool Substitution Sub-project, Santa Elena Town, Cayo District, Belize”.

Following the assessment of submissions, a short-list of not less than three (3) and not more than six (6) applicants will be provided with full terms of reference and invited to submit technical and financial proposals to undertake the assignment. Following the submission of proposals, a Consultant shall be selected by utilizing the Least Cost Selection (LCS) method. GOB reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not short-listing any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest.

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Government of Belize
Basic Needs Trust Fund Tenth Project (BNTF10)

Consultancy Services for the Design and Supervision of Infrastructure Works for the Proposed Santa Cruz Government Preschool and Primary School Substitution Sub-project, Santa Cruz Village, Orange Walk District, Belize

Request for Expressions of Interest

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The Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF), the Executing Agency (EA), now wishes to procure consultancy services for the design and supervision of infrastructure works for the proposed Santa Cruz Government Preschool and Primary School Substitution Sub-project, Santa Cruz Village, Orange Walk District, Belize (*Large Sub-project*).

The objective of the consultancy is to provide technical support to the EA during the implementation of the BNTF10 Country Project. Consulting firms will be required to review existing designs and estimates (where available); advise on scope and adequacy of sub-project intervention; and provide detailed designs, summary estimates, and priced activity schedules. The work must consider thematic areas such as gender and environmental assessments, and shall seek to integrate disaster mitigation measures into designs. Consulting firms will also be required to provide technical inspection of construction works. The duration of the assignment is expected to be for a period of approximately twenty-four (24) months.

The BSIF now invites interested eligible consulting firms to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) indicating qualifications and experience required to provide these Consultancy Services.

Consultants shall be eligible to participate if:

- in the case of the body corporate, it is legally incorporated or otherwise organized in an eligible country, has its principal place of business in an eligible country and is more than 50% beneficially owned by a citizen(s) and/or bona fide resident(s) of an eligible country(ies) or by a body(ies) corporate meeting these requirements;
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In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to consulting firms' technical competence, qualifications and experience in relation to providing detailed design and supervision services on education infrastructure projects, as well as local and regional experience, financial capability and existing commitments. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

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Following the assessment of submissions, a short-list of not less than three (3) and not more than six (6) applicants will be provided with full terms of reference and invited to submit technical and financial proposals to undertake the assignment. Following the submission of proposals, a Consultant shall be selected by utilizing the Least Cost Selection (LCS) method. GOB reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not short-listing any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest.

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GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

BELIZE SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND (BSIF)

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR TECHNICAL UNIT COORDINATOR FOR BSIF

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

The Government of Belize (GOB) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards implementing the Belize Social Investment Fund Loan III and the Basic Needs Trust Fund Tenth Programme and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under a contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of GOB and upon approval by CDB, and will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawal from the financing account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than GOB shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) the Executing Agency, now wishes to procure consultancy services for **Technical Unit Coordinator**.

The objective of the consultancy is the responsibility for the efficient operations of the Technical Unit. He/She will coordinate the work of the Technical to ensure that all projects presented to the BSIF Board of Director (BOD) are properly appraised, and that they conform to the policies established by the Fund. The duration of the assignment is expected to be a period of two (2) years, extendable by mutual agreement in accordance with prevailing Belize legislation as well as results of his/her performance appraisal.

Further details can be found in the Terms of Reference, which can be obtained from Address 1 below.

BSIF now invites interested eligible individual consultants to submit Expressions of Interest indicating qualifications and experience required to provide these consultancy services.

Consultants shall be eligible to participate if:

- the persons are citizens or *bona fide* residents of an eligible country; and
- in all cases, the consultant has no arrangement and undertakes not to make any arrangements, whereby any substantial part of the net profits or other tangible benefits of the contract will accrue or be paid to a person not a citizen or *bona fide* resident of an eligible country.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB.¹ Consultants are advised to review the detailed eligibility criteria detailed in Section 4 and conflict of interest provisions in Section 5 of the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January, 2021), as published on CDB's website.

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to qualifications and experience on similar assignments.

All information must be submitted in English. Further information may be obtained from the first address below between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (Belize Time) hours Monday to Friday.

The Expressions of Interest must be received electronically at the first address (BSIF) and second (CDB) below no later than **Monday, June 20, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. (Belize Time)**. The subject line of the email containing each submission shall be clearly marked "**Expression of Interest – Consultancy Services for Technical Unit Coordinator for BSIF**".

Following the assessment of submissions, the most technically capable and appropriately experienced applicant will be invited to negotiate a contract to provide the consultancy services. GOB reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not engaging the services of any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest.

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¹ Occasionally contracts may be financed out of special programs that would further expand or restrict eligibility to a particular group of member countries. When this is the case, it should be mentioned in this paragraph.

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Let Us Rise To Destiny Together: Let Us Make Belize Shine

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Within the past two months it has been further impressed on our minds that the world of humanity has merged into a global village, in fact into a neighbourhood, and that humanity's fundamental desire for a world of wellbeing, peace, security and justice remains intact. This reassurance has been evidently brought about by the war in Ukraine, Eastern Europe.

It is clear to every thinking human being that what essentially separates humanity from the virtuous, virtue-based world we all desire is unreserved commitment to building it for the benefit of all: wellbeing, peace, security and justice are a few of the basic elements of the World Order desired by people from all over the world regardless of cultural, economic, religious background, gender or ideological persuasion. Having a country to consciously set an example of building a virtue-based society will more and more become a recognized need. It is here that Belize can certainly help, particularly given the national and constitutional value and protection of the diversity of its spiritual capital. The relatively small, but highly culturally diverse population of Belize can be an advantage in this regard.

The peoples and nations of the world, in various ways, have demonstrated their dislike, and even fear, for war, and such is justified for various evident reasons, in addition to the possibility of widespread nuclear disaster. It is apparent, however, that humanity will not be able to build a virtuous world, a world of wellbeing, of peace, of security and of justice unless and until individuals, institutions and communities – local, national, regional and international — commit to true unity, a condition that is essentially grounded in each person recognizing the innate nobility of every other person and committing to treating others as he or she would like to be treated, a condition promulgated by every World Religion and every concerned citizen of the world conscious that justice is an indispensable element of a united, healthy, progressive and civilized society. "The light of men is Justice. Quench it not with the contrary winds of oppression and tyranny. The purpose of justice is the appearance of unity among men"¹ (Bahá'u'lláh, Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh, p. 28—29). It is laudable that this verity is indicated by the constitutions of the various countries of the world and other documents intended to enhance the proper functioning of humanity, such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

At times when our discussions veer towards the desire for a virtuous world, it may be regarded or referred to as mere utopia. However, such a perspective is bound to change when we realize that the desire for such a world, in the last analysis, is a basic characteristic of every human being, including every Belizean, regardless of background and orientation, and that there are signs in the world and in humanity's history that human beings are capable of high levels of true civilization and divine or spiritual character. When we ask people what are the qualities of the people they would like to have in their Desired World, their specific words may vary, but in the last analysis the answer is the same: people, in truth, desire to build and inhabit a virtue-based world, a world governed by divine qualities. A close look at the writings of the various World Religions, including Judaism, Christianity, Islam and the Baha'i Faith, convey the understanding that one of their main purposes is the establishment of a world that predominantly operates on the basis of divine virtues and standards. The Baha'i writings explicitly state that every human being has been "created to carry forward an ever-advancing civilization"² (Bahá'u'lláh, Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh, p. 215) and that each person "has individual endowment, power and responsibility in the creative plan of God"³ ('Abdu'l Bahá, The Promulgation of Universal Peace, p. 76). An essential question in this regard is this: If people naturally desire to build and inhabit a virtue-based world, why have not we built such a world to date? There are certainly many answers to this question. Suffice it to say that, in addition to the absence of unreserved commitment to build such a world, one of the other main reasons humanity has not yet built the virtue-based world it desires is that there is not yet an adequate appreciation of the far-reaching social and spiritual value of justice and other virtues of humanity, and hence the indispensable role of divine virtues in generating human happiness, that is, including social and economic wellbeing, is not yet well-recognized. Humanity is in need of recognizing that every good experience one has may be linked to a divine virtue. For example, when a person helps another, what is being exercised is the virtue of helpfulness; when a person tells the truth, that individual is practicing of the virtue of truthfulness; when a person makes an effort to resolve conflicts that have arisen among people, we can say that that person is exercising the virtues of peace and unity. All these virtues, we are informed by Divine Teachings, are present within the human soul; what is important is to give due attention to developing and practicing them. In essence, the world is not yet what we would like it to be, because we have not yet adequately appreciated our true reality, our divine reality, and our natural celestial aspirations: "Were man to appreciate the greatness of his station and the loftiness of his destiny he would manifest naught save goodly character, pure deeds, and a seemly and praiseworthy conduct"⁴ (Bahá'u'lláh, Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh, p. 172).

It is apparent that, generally speaking, we need to go beyond the thought that human beings are merely realities such as sinners and consumers, and back to exploring the revealed thoughts that "God is love"⁵ (1 John 4:8) and that

human beings are created in the image and likeness of God. It is here that the character of Belize as a country becomes very important, for such an exploration may be carried out more easily in a predominantly spiritually oriented country. This is not to say that this same conversation cannot take place in other countries. However, in a secular country the entry point of the conversation may need to be more universal in nature, and then lead into exploring the direct spiritual implications thereof. Most people in Belize believe in the existence of a Creator and belong to a certain religious community. Christians, Muslims, Baha'is, Hindus inhabit Belize. This is the basis of the diverse and high spiritual capital of Belize; therefore, the exploration of our natural desire for a virtue-based world can be more direct.

The exploration of our true reality, our spiritual reality, and natural divine aspirations, can have as their foundation the following thoughts:

If we accept that "God is love"⁶ (1 John 4:8) and that He created us in His image and likeness, it follows that we are embodiments of divine love, not merely animals, sinners and consumers, or bad people. It is written that "anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love"⁷ (1 John 4:8).

The idea that love is the sum of all divine virtues, given that God is love, supports seeing our soul as a carrier, as a mirror, of all the virtues of God:

"In a word, the image and likeness of God constitute the virtues of God, and man is intended to become the recipient of the effulgences of divine attributes. This is the essential foundation of all the divine religions, the reality itself, common to all. Abraham promulgated this; Moses proclaimed it. Christ and all the Prophets upheld this standard and aspect of divine religion"⁸ ('Abdu'l Bahá, The Promulgation of Universal Peace, p. 404).

As we will see, learning to convert love-born virtues into wholesome behaviour and lifestyle is of utmost importance if virtues are to be appreciated for what they really are: indispensable elements of a functional and healthy life. The following statements provide insights and implications in this regard:

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails"⁹ (1 Corinthians 13:4-8).

"Love is the one means that ensureth true felicity both in this world and the next. Love is the light that guideth in darkness, the living link that uniteth God with man, that assureth the progress of every illumined soul"¹⁰ ('Abdu'l Bahá, Selections from the Writings of 'Abdu'l Bahá, p. 27).

Self-image certainly has much to do with the lifestyle that a person lives and the kind of decisions a person is bound to make. It follows that if we accept that we are sinners, we will be prone to carrying out actions that are contrary to our divine nature, contrary to divine love. In fact, by accepting that we are sinners, without knowing or intending it, we set the foundation to live a sinful lifestyle, a lifestyle bound to chaos, confusion and distress, not only to ourselves but also to others and society. In a widely distributed letter written by the Universal House of Justice, the supreme governing Body of the Baha'i Faith, to the peoples of the world entitled The Promise of World Peace (1985), that institution states the following:

"Indeed, so much have aggression and conflict come to characterize our social, economic and religious systems, that many have succumbed to the view that such behavior is intrinsic to human nature and therefore ineradicable"¹¹ (The Universal House of Justice, October 1985 – To the Peoples of the World, p. 2).

In that same letter, however, speaking of the role of virtues (referred to as "spiritual principles" and "human values") in humanity's governance and decision-making, the House of Justice made the following statement:

"There are spiritual principles, or what some call human values, by which solutions can be found for every social problem. Any well-intentioned group can in a general sense devise practical solutions to its problems, but good intentions and practical knowledge are usually not enough. The essential merit of spiritual principle is that it not only presents a perspective which harmonizes with that which is immanent in human nature, it also induces an attitude, a dynamic, a will, an aspiration, which facilitate the discovery and implementation of practical measures. Leaders of governments and all in authority would be well served in their efforts to solve problems if they would first seek to identify the principles involved and then be guided by them"¹² (The Universal House of Justice, October 1985 – To the Peoples of the World, p. 9).

These foregoing words indicate that disharmony at the level of the individual, which is, not committing to treating others with the same virtues that one would like to

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experience, can multiply and have far-reaching negative effects on the stage of the world. Given that the world continues to merge, forming one social reality, the failure to act on the basis of justice in this Age can lead to immeasurable distress and devastation. Consider the ease with which nukes can be used and the possible devastating outcome. It follows that one of the best ways that an individual can contribute to the building of a virtue-based world, a world of peace, of fairness, of truthfulness, of care, is to strive on a daily basis to be an unreserved and steadfast example of the divine virtues he or she greatly values, and to make daily practical and intellectual effort for the betterment of the world. We can do this by committing to treat our family members, neighbours, community members and all with whom we come into contact with the one, two or three virtues we would like all in our Desired World to always express. It is only by doing so that we reflect harmony with our having been created as embodiments of divine love, the sum of all virtues.

Merely blaming each other for wrongs committed will not solve problems, but taking decisive steps to bring into being that country and world grounded in what make human beings noble is a sure way to establish the Divine Civilization for which every Belizean and every human soul aspires. It is best to avoid any compromises in this regard, for such compromises weaken the capacity and determination required to sustain a united, healthy, functional and orderly society.

It does well to keep in mind that the words “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven,”¹² (Matt. 6: 9—10, New International Version) clearly imply that divine virtues are not only to be applied to interpersonal relationships, but are to pervade every aspect and stratum of society: every family, every neighborhood, every village, every town, every city, every educational, legal, scientific, technological, financial and other institutions of the society. In brief, for humanity’s wellbeing, peace, and security, the practice of divine virtues needs to become a basic standard of the lifestyle of each individual, every citizen; every human being has capacity to advance along this noble path. That the various World Religions call upon us to behave towards others as we would like others to behave towards us indicates the capacity of every individual to live a just, a virtue-based lifestyle. The practice of justice is indispensable for the health and proper functioning of the human spirit and society. Belize can certainly take a lead in this regard.

Given humanity’s history and much of present-day experience, it is easy to neglect the role of virtues in our daily life and decision-making. Nonetheless, our collective history and present-day situation demonstrate that if a decision that we make is not virtue-based, such a decision is bound to manifest its weaknesses and limitations as the circumstances it has given rise to unfold, thereby clearly demonstrating the following:

“The primary purpose, the basic objective, in laying down powerful laws and setting up great principles and institutions dealing with every aspect of civilization, is human happiness; and human happiness consists only in drawing closer to the Threshold of Almighty God, and in securing the peace and well-being of every individual member, high and low alike, of the human race; and

the supreme agencies for accomplishing these two objectives are the excellent qualities with which humanity has been endowed”¹³ (‘Abdu’l Bahá, The Secret of Divine Civilization, p. 60).

From all that has been shared, the far-reaching wisdom of the following is made clear: “We must ... labour to destroy the animal condition, till the meaning of humanity cometh to light”¹⁴ (Bahá’u’lláh, The Seven Valleys And the Four Valleys, p. 34) and recognize that humanity’s desire for a virtue-based world is one of the many signs of humanity’s natural love for God. In fact, it is written that “the love of God is the inmost reality of the virtues of the world of humanity”¹⁵ (‘Abdu’l Bahá, Additional Tablets, Extracts and Talks, <https://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/abdu-baha/additional-tablets-extracts-talks/852330138/1#790710735>).

As a Belizean who grew up in Belize, Dangriga in particular, and having had the opportunity to interact with many Belizeans and train leaders across the country, I am keenly aware of the extent to which the Belizean people tend to be inclined to align with Divine Standards. This is a crucial element of being truly civilized; it is a quality fit enough to be eternally grateful for. It is fitting that we do not shy away from identifying ourselves as believers in God, but stand firm in our belief knowing that, given that it is God’s Will, humanity will evolve to the point of manifesting, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that every soul was created in the image and likeness of God:

“The reality of man shall develop and come forth as the image of God, his Creator. The thoughts of man shall take such upward flight that former accomplishments shall appear as the play of children, for the ideas and beliefs of the past and the prejudices regarding race and religion have ever lowered and been destructive to human evolution”¹⁶ (‘Abdu’l Bahá, The Promulgation of Universal Peace, p. 234).

As every country in the world, Belize is going through the birth pangs associated with the birth of a better society, a better world. It does well in this regard that we not only count our blessings, but use the blessings born of divine wisdom as our launching pad into the future. As a spiritually oriented country, Belize has a high spiritual capital. Let us invest that capital into continuing the building of the country we desire, a country characterized by individuals, institutions and communities whose decision-making framework is virtue-based, conducive to peace, to security, to justice, to happiness and unity. This is the best way that we can together rise to our destiny and help the world to do the same.

Let us strive on a daily basis to let our spiritual light shine and let the divine radiance of Belize illumine the community of nations, and thereby quicken the rise of a better, safer, more peaceful world.

Written by Catharino James Elijo, Master in Leading Innovation and Change (MALIC), 2 May, 2022.

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Rap On Trial Bill Passes New York Senate, Carves Path For Systemic Change

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including Alex Spiro, an attorney leading the charge.

“We expect this to have a significant impact across the country,” Spiro told Blavity following the passage.

He previously told Blavity that New York felt like the right state to introduce the bill because of its rich history in hip-hop, but also because it’s more progressive than other states.

“New York is the birthplace [of rap] and the right place to start. And, you know, we have the so-called sort of liberal way of thinking about things and a progressive criminal justice system in New York compared to other parts of the country. It’s hard to think that, but we do by comparison,” Spiro previously told Blavity.

As for the bill itself, Spiro has hopes that it will be replicated in other parts of the country because it highlights the true

value of free speech and creativity.

“It speaks to two fundamental issues that are supposed to be part of America, which are that people have the freedom to speak and express themselves how they want, and we should all be treated equally. We all have that human dignity — we all deserve to be treated equally. So if you believe in those two things, then you believe in this bill, that’s the bottom line,” he said.

It could have changed this rapper’s life

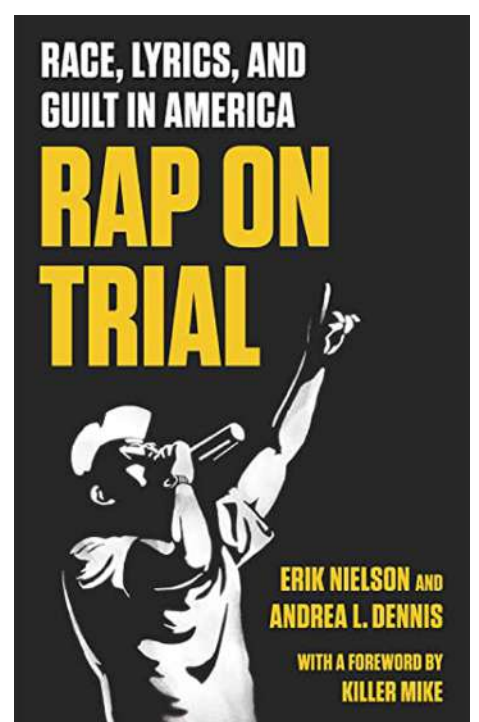
Former No Limit rapper Mac Phipps has been a champion of the Rap on Trial legislation, even from Louisiana, where no such bill has been introduced. His special interest in the passage of SB S7527 stems from his 2001 manslaughter conviction, for which he served two decades of a 30-year prison sentence. Significant evidence points to him having been wrongfully convicted. However, without the use of core

evidence in the case, the prosecution utilized Phipps’ lyrics as somewhat of a character witness to villainize him on trial.

“I can vividly remember the prosecutor came across to where I was sitting and he wanted to make a show. He wanted me to hear it. He said something to my lawyer. I can’t remember his exact words, but the gist of what he said was like, ‘yo, I have all of his lyrics right here.’ Like, he had a folder with both of my albums in it. And he was like, ‘I’m ready for him to get on the stand — I’m ready for him to testify. I got him. I got enough things within the words of his song to get him.’ That’s basically what he told my lawyer,” Phipps recalled of his case to Blavity.

He was granted clemency in 2021 and has since been a vocal advocate for criminal justice reform.

“Criminal cases should be tried on factual evidence not the creative



expression of an artist, but unfortunately hip-hop has been held to a very different standard in the criminal justice system within the last three decades,” Phipps said in a press release. “The passage of

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Friday, May 20th to Thursday, May 26th 2022

FRIDAY

- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Documentary: Jose Marti - The Canary's eye
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 8:00 p.m. Documentary: Champion For Life - WBA
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

SATURDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Documentary: Larger Than Life
- 10:33 a.m. Documentary: Jose Marti - The Canary's eye - film
- 12:41 p.m. Documentary: Safari Africa
- 2:08 p.m. Movie: A Question of Faith
- 4:00 p.m. Documentary: Life On Us: A Microscopic Safari
- 5:41 p.m. Movie: Harriet
- 8:00 p.m. Music Videos

SUNDAY

- 10:30 a.m. **Sunday Review (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. Movie: Like Mike
- 1:39 p.m. Documentary: Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome (PTSS)
- 3:22 p.m. Movie: First Kid
- 5:00 p.m. Documentary: How To Become a Memory Master
- 5:30 p.m. **Sunday Review (repeat)**
- 7:00 p.m. Sunday Jazz
- 8:00 p.m. Music Videos

MONDAY

- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Movie: The Hate You Give
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 8:00 p.m. Documentary: Vibrations Interview with Shahrazad Ali WFSU-TV 1991
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

TUESDAY

- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Movie: The Main Event
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 8:00 p.m. Documentary: The Spanish Flu - How the World Recovered
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

WEDNESDAY

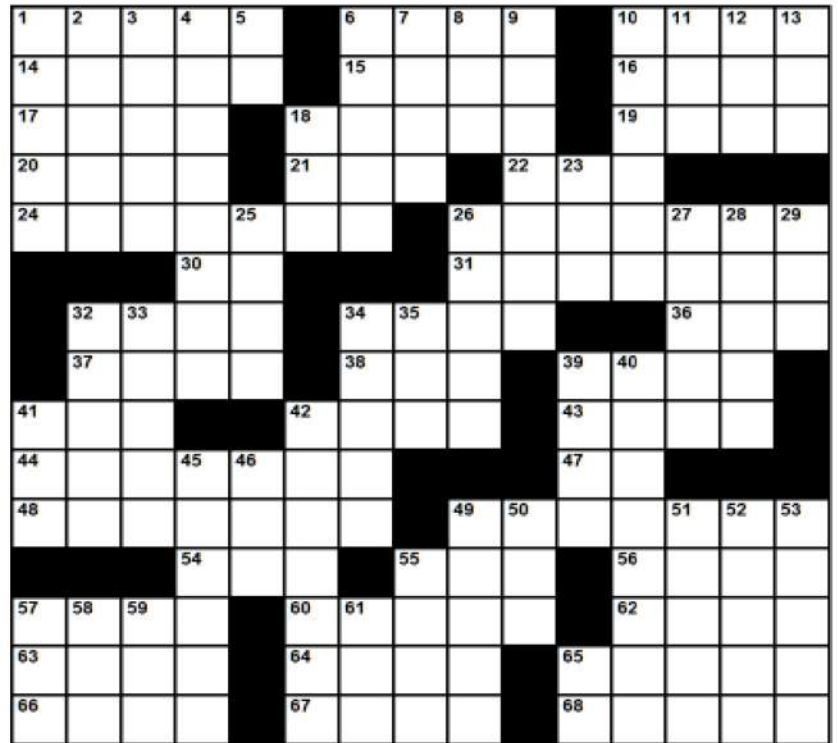
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- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Documentary: The Social Dilemma
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 8:00 p.m. Documentary: 2Pac - The Lost Interview 1995
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

THURSDAY

- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Movie: The Tiger Rising
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 8:00 p.m. Documentary: Amanda Gorman - Activist and National Youth Poet Laureate: Amanpour and Company
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**



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Across

- 1. Forest's trees
- 6. Fill full
- 10. Allot
- 14. Keep away from
- 15. Colliery entrance
- 16. Moslem prayer leader
- 17. Dissembler
- 18. Move through mud
- 19. Beer servers
- 20. Air duct
- 21. Possessive pronoun
- 22. Antiquity
- 24. Burial urn
- 26. Strange
- 30. Atop
- 31. Famous person
- 32. Altar area
- 34. Authenticate
- 36. Acorn bearer
- 37. Front of a ship
- 38. A pop
- 39. Bed of coal
- 41. Angora call
- 42. Position of leadership
- 43. Preposition
- 44. Like a certain property of radiation
- 47. You and I
- 48. Foursomes
- 49. Key in text
- 54. Unity
- 55. Angry state
- 56. Colts' mom
- 57. Exuberance
- 60. Fertile spots
- 62. Botanical prickles
- 63. Wife of a raja
- 64. Frightful
- 65. Divvy out
- 66. Big story
- 67. Bishopricks
- 68. Exotic fish

Down

- 1. Military salute
- 2. Boston and poison
- 3. Temporary funds
- 4. Skilled player
- 5. Product promotion
- 6. Laced with profanity
- 7. Big flaps
- 8. Deck the Halls word
- 9. Grain alcohol
- 10. Silk tree
- 11. Cassowary cousin
- 12. Child's game
- 13. Font widths
- 18. Address for the general
- 23. Eviscerate
- 25. From the top
- 26. Render harmless
- 27. Das Boot craft
- 28. 1836 battle site
- 29. Albanian currency
- 32. With dispatch
- 33. Brooklyn school
- 34. Blueprint data
- 35. Adult elver
- 39. Ladled lunch
- 40. Coordinated outfits
- 41. Airborne vampire
- 42. Ugly
- 45. Having a funny twist
- 46. A Darling dog
- 49. Deuce toppers
- 50. Affirmative reply
- 51. Waterfall or rapids
- 52. Baseball flub
- 53. Seed coat
- 55. Atlas dot
- 57. Antecedent
- 58. Baby's seat
- 59. Cuckoo
- 61. Aquarius, e.g.
- 65. On the spot

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 Printable Crossword Puzzle - 05-11-2022 - Answers



Belize makes it to PanoGramma Semis

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Wed. May 19, 2022

Following three days of prelims on May 6, 7 and 8, twenty steel pannists from across the globe have been selected to progress to the semifinals of the online steel pan competition known as PanoGramma, including Belize's Alexander Evans who made it into the top 10.

Evans, who performed his arrangement of the song "Love Nwantiti," the popular Afrobeats song by Nigerian artist Ckay, spoke with AMANDALA and told us that he's happy to be providing some visibility for Belize.

"It's something that means a lot to me,

Rap On Trial Bill Passes New York Senate

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the New York bill gives me hope that situations like the one that I faced will be prevented from happening to other artists in the future."

This is a major step forward

Author and professor Erik Nielson has long championed the absolute use of free speech and creative authority for artists. He co-authored the book, *Rap On Trial: Race, Lyrics, and Guilt in America*, and has testified in cases where rap lyrics have been used as evidence.

"This first of its kind legislation will provide long-overdue protections for rap artists, whose lyrics are unjustly used against them in courts across the country," Nielsen said in a press release.

He told Blavity that the bill's passage is a major step forward.

"If nothing else, it demonstrates that Rap on Trial is a major problem in need of a solution," Nielsen told Blavity. "This is important because another branch of government is weighing in. We just aren't seeing the progress we'd hope for by working with, and trying to educate, actors within the criminal justice system alone. A statutory intervention, which will place the burden on prosecutors to demonstrate the relevance/probative value of rap as evidence, will hopefully limit the practice."

While there is hope, however, Nielsen, who spent extensive time studying the topic, believes much more work is needed.

"This bill, even if passed by the assembly and signed by the governor, won't end the practice entirely. It still allows for rap lyrics/videos to be introduced as evidence under certain circumstances, and it is state-specific. We still have 49 other states to contend with, as well as the federal government," Neilson said.

Still, he is grateful to see progress.

"The New York senators who initially sponsored this have entered uncharted territory and deserve credit for understanding the potentially grave consequences of criminalizing creative expression, particularly that of young Black and Latino artists. We need other legislators to follow their lead."

No date has been given on when SB S7527, now known as Assembly Bill A8681, will be heard by the New York Assembly.

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you know, to kind of offer a little bit more visibility in that Caribbean space for Belize," he said in an interview earlier this month, noting how, quite often, Belize is overlooked in Caribbean spheres.

PanoGramma made history in April of 2020, when it became the first ever online steel pan competition. And on Sunday, May 29 at 6:00 p.m., twenty pannists will be heading to this year's semifinals. They represent a total of eight countries: The United States, Canada, France, Trinidad & Tobago, Antigua & Barbuda, Belize, Saint Lucia and Grenada.

The list of top performers for this year's prelims was published shortly after the final day of performances on May 8. In first place was David Yundi of the United States and in second place was Canada's Gabriel Chartrand. While France's Mathieu Borgne and Trinidad & Tobago's Shaquille Forbes tied for third place, the latter nation had pannists placing 5th, 6th and 7th as well as 10th. Malik Smith from Antigua & Barbuda tied for 7th place with Christopher Neale, and



Alexander Evans performs "Love Nwantiti" by Ckay (via PanoGramma)

Alexander Evans placed 9th.

The three main judges for the upcoming semifinals are Dr. Mia Gormandy-Benjamin, an assistant professor of music at the University of Trinidad & Tobago, Professor Liam Teague of Northern Illinois University, and

adjunct professor of music at George Mason University, Victor Provost.

The final night of performances will be on June 12 after which it will be revealed which pannist will take home prizes worth around \$6,000 USD, including an all-expenses paid trip to the Bahamas.



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- High School Diploma
- Holder of a valid Class A driver's license
- Be able to operate standard transmission and 4x4 type off-road vehicles
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Skills and Competencies:

- Excellent written & communication skills
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- Must be able to legally carry and use firearms during course of their duties

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Human Resources Manager
P.O. Box 29, Tower Hill, Orange Walk
Or email
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UDP leader on village council elections: We are “holding ground.”



UDP leader Hon. Moses “Shyne” Barrow

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. May 19, 2022
While the Government of Belize’s controversial Trade Licensing Bill was

at the forefront of the United Democratic Party’s second press conference for the month, another topic of discussion was this past Sunday’s commencement of the 2022 village council elections. At the press conference, held on Wednesday, UDP leader, Hon. Moses “Shyne” Barrow, addressed the party’s less-than-optimal performance so far in the elections and the People’s United Party’s claim that it won 17 out of a total 21 contested seats and that it split the councils “in the only two villages where the UDP-affiliated [teams] managed to win”.

According to Barrow, however, the UDP managed to secure victories in seven villages (Chan Chen, Caledonia, Carolina, Hopkins, Silk Grass, Sittee River and Double Head Cabbage), and he congratulated all of those purportedly UDP victors on Tuesday

and referred to them as “UDP-affiliated slates”.

Of note is that the Double Head Cabbage election was won by an independent slate. And while Hon. Barrow claimed that the independent slate is “UDP-affiliated”, the People’s United Party claimed that the slate is in fact an affiliate of their party in a press release issued on Monday, in which it stated that “the other two villages were won by Independent teams also affiliated with the PUP.”

Nevertheless, the results of this year’s elections have, so far, been less than favorable for the UDP—with the party having claimed only seven out of a total of twenty-one seats on Sunday—but Barrow says that the party is doing well and “holding ground”.

“As a matter of fact, we have held ground. In 2019, when the swing

started against us, we won 10 of the 29 villages that were contested this Sunday past, and we have held onto seven of those. So, given the circumstances where we only won five seats in the House of Representatives in 2020, and we lost 65 of the 67 municipal seats last year in 2021, I think that we are off to a great start, and this week we will continue to hold and we will continue to fight,” he stated.

When asked about the low UDP voter turnout as well as the large number of uncontested elections, he suggested that some persons may be reluctant to come out due to a fear of political victimization.

“When you have the instances of people not offering themselves in certain villages, I must confess there is a lot of intimidation and victimization taking place—a lot of fear-mongering and people who feel that it is too early for them to take the lick that they will take if they come out. That is understandable. That is why you have some people running independent,” said Barrow.

According to the newly selected UDP leader, despite the challenges that the party has faced over the past two years, it is doing “extremely well” and the village council results are a testament to that.

“As I said to you a few interviews ago, I made it clear that we are rebuilding. We just selected a new leader. Before that, there was two years of turmoil and a leadership crisis. And in that context we have done extremely well to hold on to seven of the ten that we won in 2019, and we will continue to do better, cause what you don’t talk about is the fact that I’m in every village every day, so no one can say that I am not working hard, the party chairman is not working hard, our caretakers are not working hard,” he said.

Hon. Barrow also urged voters to come out and “send a message”, calling the elections a negotiation tool. He stated that Belizeans, “whether red or blue” are dissatisfied with the government’s performance and also noted that the government “should be embarrassed” that the UDP has not lost further ground but is holding steady.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The US Government-funded Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) has selected Belize as one of only two countries in the world for a five-year government to government grant to fund a program aimed at reducing poverty and stimulating economic growth.

The Government of Belize (GOB) through the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development, and Investment, intends to contract a team of individual consultants to form a MCC Compact Development Team in Belize that will work together with a U.S.-based MCC Team to conduct a diagnosis of the constraints to economic growth, prepare concept notes, develop project proposals, and plan for project implementation.

The Belize Compact Development Team will be led by a National Coordinator who will lead these efforts and process by managing the detailed day-to-day work of the specialized staff of the Compact Development Team and by engaging the key stakeholders across government ministries and agencies, the business community and civil society organizations. The Program Coordinator is expected to be a full time equivalent, working closely with the US based MCC Leader and Team to ensure that the project outputs of the Belize Compact Team are well planned, implemented and presented throughout the entire compact development process, i.e., Constraint Analysis, Concept Notes, Concept Projects, program logic, and project designs.

Vacant Post
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Subsequently the top 3 applicants for the post will be interviewed.

Deadline for application is **31May 2022 at 4:00pm**. Application can be sent via email to: econdev@med.gov.bz or hand delivered to the address indicated below:

Chief Executive Officer
Ministry of Economic Development
Sir Edney Cain Building
Ground Floor, Right Wing
Belmopan City, Belize C.A.

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REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
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Being a piece and parcel of land containing 2.37 acres situated in Seine Bight Village with lagoon frontage and just a stone throw away from the Itz'ana Belize Resort & Residencies. The parcel is situated approximately 5 Miles from Placencia Village, Stann Creek District, Belize, being the freehold property of Erix Oswaldo Tobar.

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Military personnel from 22 countries...

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transnational organized criminals among other live simulations.

The Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams was also present for Thursday's activities.

"While yes, Tradewinds may appear to be a military exercise, it does have law enforcement components, and based on that we were able to benefit from a number of courses offered during this time. Some of the courses that we benefited from are house clearing and searching of vehicles, intelligence gathering, and public order training," he stated.

Such training, said the COMPOL, will be especially beneficial in addressing gang-related issues as well as cross-border activities and other operations that require gathering of intelligence.

Other exercises being carried out during Tradewinds 2022 include Riverine Training at the Bacalar Lagoon in the Mexican Riviera, Underwater Search Technique Training off the coast of Belize, Explosive Ordinance Disposal, Small Tactical Movement, and Countering Transnational Criminal Organizations (TCO) and Violent Extremist Organizations (VEO).

This year is Belize's fifth time hosting Tradewinds, having previously hosted in 1998, 2007, 2010, and 2015. Mexico first participated in the exercise in 2015; this is the first year that it has served as a host.

Ahmadiyya — brutal refereeing...

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protect the health of citizens, and leaving marijuana smokers at the mercy of persons who are daring enough to flout the law does not speak well of our leaders. Generally, crooks are not to be in charge of anything, especially products that citizens put in their bodies. That is the situation that exists when governments ill-advisedly ban products that many people want. If the government law that makes recreational weed legal, triumphs, the control of the drug will be legitimate.

The government is about taking it a step further. Apart from fully legalizing weed for recreational use, the GOB is after markets abroad. In a number of quarters there has been some blowback on the exportation of marijuana/marijuana products for fear that it could negatively impact our banking system. And that should be a question all by itself on the ballot, if it comes to a referendum.

Two sides to this trade license bill

I don't have the space here to share my full take on this trade license bill, because I'm too concerned about protecting the fundamental rights of people who want to smoke weed, but I think I have space for a few sentences. There's a cry against the proposed fees, and even though all the fees mentioned are the maximum that can be charged, it is natural that eyebrows are raised. The fees aside, there's a train-load of positives that will come out of this.

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Belize Sugar Industries Ltd.
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- Must have the ability to read, analyse and interpret technical procedures and standards
- Able to write reports, business correspondence, and procedure manuals
- Able to effectively present information and respond to questions from managers, designers, and engineers
- Able to work with mathematical concepts, differential equations and advanced engineering calculations.

Qualifications and Experience

- Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering
- Experience in the Food industry
- Fluency in English and Spanish will be an asset

Summary of Duties and Responsibilities:

- Perform chemical analysis and physical property testing of materials and products
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- Assist in scheduling and coordinating work to tight deadlines and within financial budgets
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Letter of application accompanied by a Resume, Police Record, recent transcript and two letters of reference should be submitted to:

Human Resources Manager
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Week 7 scores in the NSC Recreation & Wellness Basketball Tournament

BELIZE CITY, Mon. May 16, 2022

The National Sports Council (NSC) Recreation and Wellness Basketball Tournament 2022 continued with Week 7 games on Friday night, May 13, at the Marion Jones Sports Complex in Belize City.

In the opener on Friday, Digi defeated Belize Healthcare "Shooting Stars", 71-31. Digi was led by Kyle Young with 20 points, while Sekani Tillett had 16 pts for Healthcare "Shooting Stars."

Next was the Belize City Council "Dragons" prevailing, 50-43, over Belize Defence Force "Snipers". The top scorer for BCC "Dragons" was Gregory Rudon with 14 pts, while BDF "Snipers" was led by Shaqueem Valerio with 12 pts.

And in the nightcap, it was Customs & Excise Department gaining a 58-42 victory over Belize Tax Services "Kollectaz". Glency Lopez was high man for Customs with 21 pts, while Ron Nicholson netted 9 pts for the "Kollectaz".

GROUP A	GP	W	L
Belize Healthcare "Shooting Stars"	4	1	3
Belize Tax Services "Kollectaz"	4	1	3
Belize Defence Force "Snipers"	4	1	3
Digi	4	2	2
Belize City Council "Dragons"	4	4	0
Customs & Exercise Department	4	3	1

GROUP B	GP	W	L
Department of Youth Services	3	0	3
KHMH "Injectors"	3	1	2
National Sports Council "Valley"	3	2	1
Central Bank	3	0	3
BWS	3	3	0
Bowen & Bowen "Belikin Brewers"	3	3	0

Upcoming Week 8 schedule:

Friday, May 20, all Group-B games

6:00 p.m. – Central Bank vs Department of Youth Services

7:15 p.m. – BWS vs National Sports Council "Valley"

8:30 p.m. – Bowen & Bowen "Belikin Brewers" vs KMHM "Injectors"

BDFA 1st Division Tournament Week 2 update

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. May 19, 2022

The Belize District Football Association (BDFA) quietly kicked off its 2021-2022 Closing Season a couple weekends ago at the MCC Grounds and kindly provided us with the following updates.

Week 1 results, Sunday, May 9

In game 1, Eagles won, 3-1, over HUYSC (Hattieville). Goal scorers for Eagles were Dylan Flores (33'), Keron Sutherland (58') and Anthony Arnold (80'); while Michael Myvette (65') got the lone goal for HUYSC.

Game 2 ended in a 4-4 draw between Port Loyola and Pickstock. Goals for Port were by Ken Galvez (36'), Akeem Sutherland (46' & 65') and Kenroy Linarez (86'); while Pickstock scorers were Keydenshay Bowen (5') and Traveyon Martinez (22', 49' & 60').

In game 3, Stars Academy edged out Ladyville Rising Stars, 2-1, with goals from Shemar Gillett (38') and Shemar Thompson (44'), while Alex Croft (70') scored for Ladyville.

Game 4 was a rematch of last season's finals, and it saw Kelly Street Bombers defeating Lake-IFC, 2-1, with a goal apiece from Steven Baizar (55') and Francis Andrews (60'), after Lake-I had taken the early lead through Francis Arana (25').

Week #2 results, Sunday, May 16

In the scheduled game 1, Ebony Lake won by default over Ladyville Rising Stars.

Game 2 saw Kelly Street Bombers grab the 2-1 win over Stars Academy. Kelly Street got a goal each from Lemar Whyte (47') and Steven Baizar (83'), while Shemar Thompson (72') scored for Stars Academy.

In game 3, after a scoreless first half, Kenroy Linarez (57') scored the only goal of the match to give Port Loyola FC a 1-nil victory over Hattieville United SC.

And in game 4, Lake-I FC took the lead twice, and twice did Eagles SC

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Over-40 football kicks off this Saturday at the MCC

by Rudolph "Bolo" McKoy

BELIZE CITY, Wed. May 18, 2022

The Westline Over-40 Health and Wellness Football Tournament kicks off on Saturday, May 21, at the MCC Grounds. Five teams are participating in this year's tournament – Belize Defence Force Veterans, Pickstock Lake, Plaza United, Kulture Yabra, and Hattieville.

The tournament will have a double round-robin format, where each team will play each other home-and-away. All games will be played at the MCC.

So, as it stands now, each club will play a total of 8 games in the regular season. The top two teams will then play in the finals for a cash prize of \$3,000.00 to the winner and \$1,000.00 to the runner-up. The finals will be a

two-game series; any tiebreaker will be determined by overtime, and then penalties if necessary.

Most games will be played on Saturdays, but there will also be some Sunday and Friday night games.

The mission is to promote not just sports, but a healthful way of living for our mature athletes.

Entrance fee for most games will be \$5.00 for adults, and \$2.00 for kids.

Sponsors for the Westline Over-40 Tournament 2022 are: Westline Ltd., Public's Supermarket, National Sports Council, and Yabra Football Club.

Week #1 schedule:

Saturday, May 21

2:00 p.m. – Plaza United vs Pickstock Lake

4:00 p.m. - Kulture Yabra vs Belize Defence Force Veterans

OWFA 1st Division reg. season ends



Progresso FC



Guinea Grass FC

by Alex Palacio

ORANGE WALK TOWN, Mon. May 16, 2022

The Orange Walk Football Association (OWFA) 1st Division Amateur Tournament 2021-2022 Closing Season completed its regular competition schedule with Week 7 games on Saturday and Sunday, May 14 & 15, at the Louisiana Football Field. Knockout rounds will follow to determine which teams will make it to the quarterfinals.

The scheduled opener on Saturday night saw Young Ballers winning by default over Trial Farm Jaguars. And in the nightcap, it was Guinea Grass Lazio FC gaining the 1-nil win over Carmelita FC with a penalty conversion by Brian Westby.

Five games were played on Sunday,

starting at 9:00 in the morning.

In game 1 on Sunday, Galacticos FC dropped Louisiana FC, 3-0, with goals from Jeffrey Herrera (4' & 36') and Jose A. Cassanova (54').

Game 2 was a 2-2 draw after a see-saw affair between Charles Cave Tubing and San Antonio FC that saw Cave Tubing taking an early lead and then having to come from behind with a late goal to salvage the draw. Netting a goal apiece for Charles Cave Tubing were Erandy Tzul (12') and Aroldo Palomo (88'), while San Antonio got a goal each from Axel Jones (41') and Milton Pineda (53').

Game 3 was another 2-2 tie, this one between Palmar FC and Caribbean Rum Boyz FC. Brandon Amaya got a brace (31' & 49') for Palmar, while the

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BELIZE CITY, Thurs. May 19, 2022

On Wednesday, we received an email from the president of the Belize Athletics Association (BAA) with the full official results of this past weekend's National Senior Athletics Championships which were held on Saturday and Sunday, May 14 & 15, at the Marion Jones Sports Complex track. There are too many events for us to give adequate attention to all the winners, which is why it is so important to have a large fan turnout to witness the outstanding performances of some of our best athletes.

Below is the list of medal winners in the various events:

100m Female – 1st Hilary Gladden (12.29, Gold); 2nd Tridean Martinez (13.46, Silver); 3rd Thaysse Alvarez (13.77, Bronze).

100m Male – 1st Shaun Gill (10.31, Gold); 2nd Gianni Jones (10.73, Silver); 3rd Gary Neal (10.87, Bronze).

200m Female – 1st Ashantie Carr (26.34, Gold); 2nd Tridean Martinez (28.4, Silver); 3rd Latisha Ramirez (29.09, Bronze).

200m Male – 1st Shaun Gill (21.69, Gold); 2nd Fredrick Usher (22.69, Silver); 3rd Gianni Jones (22.87, Bronze).

400m Female – 1st Ashantie Carr (1:01.92, Gold); 2nd Latisha Ramirez (1:06.81, Silver); 3rd Javiannie Vernon (1:13.30, Bronze).

400m Male – 1st Gary Neal (51.19, Gold); 2nd Shaun Gill (52.41, Silver); 3rd Mario Vivas (52.47, Bronze).

800m Female – 1st Mallory Meyers (2:27.80, Gold); 2nd Ana Camp (2:40.40, Silver); 3rd Mirtha Welch (2:57.70, Bronze).

800m Male – 1st Daniel Meyers (2:02.28, Gold); 2nd Mario Vivas (2:03.72, Silver); 3rd Albert Davis (2:05.44, Bronze).

1500m Female – 1st Mallory Meyers (5:08.11, Gold); 2nd Ana Camp (5:23.69, Silver); 3rd Mirtha Welch (6:15.31, Bronze).

1500m Male – 1st Albert Davis (4:20.66, Gold); 2nd Daniel Meyers (4:21.45, Silver); 3rd Andre Armstrong (4:27.23, Bronze).

3000m Female – 1st Ana Camp (11:49.09, Gold); 2nd Mallory Meyers (11:59.22, Silver); 3rd Rossy Guardado (14:20.43, Bronze).

5000m Male – 1st Albert Davis (17:04.30, Gold); 2nd Demetrie Meyers (17:05.21, Silver); 3rd Ardel Avila (17:54.92, Bronze).



Belize's fastest, 100m & 200m champ, Shaun Gill (left) and 100m runner-up Gianni Jones (right)



Meyers family, (l to r) Daniel, Mallory, Demetrie and dad Greg Meyers

BAA National Senior Championships 2022 winners

110mH (hurdle)
Male – 1st Rupert Cardinez (15.9, Gold). (No other finisher)

Long Jump - Female – 1st Ashantie Carr (5.31m, Gold); 2nd Shanika Augustine (4.70m, Silver); 3rd Thaysse Alvarez (4.42m, Bronze).

Long Jump - Male – 1st Joas Mejia (6.54m, Gold); 2nd Kirk Elrington (6.42m, Silver); 3rd Kevin Jones (6.36m, Bronze).



Carr family, (l to r) Ashantie (l), mom Shelmadine (c) and Ashantie Carr (r)

Triple Jump - Female – 1st Ashantie Carr (11.72m, Gold); 2nd Shanika Augustine (9.91m, Silver); 3rd Thaysse Alvarez (9.88m, Bronze).

Triple Jump - Male – 1st Joas Mejia (14.13m, Gold); 2nd Kirk Elrington (13.84m, Silver); 3rd Kevin Jones (13.24m, Bronze).

High Jump - Male – 1st Kerwin Palacio (1.95m, Gold); 2nd Kevin Jones (1.90m, Silver); 3rd Israel Cruz (1.85m, Bronze).

Javelin - Female – 1st Thaysse Alvarez (16.40m, Gold); 2nd Jada Logan (12.20m, Silver). (No other)

Javelin - Male – 1st Arlen Pou (45.50m, Gold); 2nd Martin Flowers (43.25m, Silver); 3rd Kevin Jones (22.31m, Bronze).

Shotput (4K) - Female – 1st Mia Sylvester (13.84m, Gold); 2nd Gina Tejada (7.85m, Silver); 3rd Kia Awaro (7.84m, Bronze).

Shotput - Male – 1st Cojac Smith (12.65m, Gold); 2nd Arlen Pou (10.80m, Silver); 3rd Kevin Williams (7.96m, Bronze).

Discus - Female – 1st Mia Sylvester (35.00m, Gold); 2nd Kia Awaro (17.25m, Silver). (No other)

Discus - Male – 1st Kevin Williams (35.32m, Gold); 2nd Ally Fernandez (26.32m, Silver). (No other)

4x100m Relay - Female – 1st (Ashantie Carr, Ashantie Carr, Tridean Martinez, Hilary Gladden – 51.22, Gold); 2nd (Javiannie Vernon, Emanie Sandoval, Keely Faux, Latisha Ramirez – 58.35, Silver); 3rd (Shanika Augustine, Thaysse Alvarez, Krisha Avilez, Tonyalee Nunez – 1:02.42, Bronze).

4x100m Relay - Male – 1st (Shaun Gill, Hance Card, Fredrick Usher, Rahim Monsanto – 43.96, Gold); 2nd (Haleem Palacio, Brandon Flores, Rackeem Augustine, Devin Arzu – 44.65, Silver); 3rd (Gary Neal, Gianni Jones, Joas Mejia, Mario Rivas – 45.02, Bronze).

4x400m Relay - Female – 1st (Keely Faux, Ashantie Carr, Jada Logan, Latisha Ramirez – 4:46.36, Gold); 2nd (Byanka Castillo, Javiannie Vernon, Georgianna Andrews, Kianne Elijio – 5:24.46, Silver); 3rd (Lucelly Ramos, Ana Lopez, Mirtha Welch, Rossy Guardado – 5:45.83, Bronze).

4x400m Relay - Male – 1st (Andre Armstrong, Gary Neal, Mario Vivas, Orlando Velasquez – 3:49.06, Gold); 2nd (Rupert Cardinez, Albert Lemus, Kamrone Sainsbury, Ardel Avila – 4:02.71, Silver). (No other)

B DFA 1st Division Tournament Week 2 update

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B DFA 1st Division 2021-2022 Closing Season Standings at Week 2, Sunday, May 15, 2022								
TEAM NAMES	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Diff	Pts
Kelly Street Bombers	2	2	0	0	4	2	2	6
Eagles SC	2	1	1	0	5	3	2	4
Port Loyola FC	2	1	1	0	5	4	1	4
Pickstock Ebony	2	1	1	0	4	4	0	4
Stars Academy	2	1	0	1	3	3	0	3
Lake-I FC	2	0	1	1	3	4	-1	1
Ladyville Rising Stars	2	0	0	2	1	3	-2	0
Hattieville United YSC	2	0	0	2	1	4	-3	0

Upcoming Week 3 schedule:
Sunday, May 22, MCC Grounds
 10:00 a.m. – Stars Academy vs Port Loyola FC
 12:00 noon – Hattieville United SC vs Lake-I FC
 2:00 p.m. – Ladyville Rising Stars vs Kelly Street Bombers
 4:00 p.m. – Eagles SC vs Pickstock Ebony

OWFA 1st Division reg. season ends

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In game 4, Yo Creek La Ceiba FC crushed San Jose Pumas FC, 4-1, with a goal apiece from Zamir Bonilla (38'), Edimir Carillo (48'), Allison Torres (50') and Allen Castillo (86'); while the sole tally for San Jose was by Eved Corado (67').

And in game 5, after a scoreless first half, Rigoberto Cardenas (79') got the only goal of the match, to give Progreso FC the 1-0 victory over Guinea Grass FC.

With completion of regular season, the top two teams from each group have automatically qualified to the quarterfinals. Those are Young Ballerz FC and San Antonio FC from Group A, and Caribbean Rum Boyz FC and Progreso FC from Group B.

Week 8 & 9 are Knockout Rounds.

Week 8 schedule:

Sunday, May 22, Louisiana Field

10:00 a.m. – Galacticos FC vs San Jose Pumas

12:00 noon – Carmelita FC vs Guinea Grass FC

2:00 p.m. – Charles Cave Tubing vs Palmar FC

4:00 p.m. – Guinea Grass Lazio FC vs Yo Creek La Ceiba FC

San Vicente's water supply poisoned

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from their pipes that alerted them that something was amiss.

According to John Bodden, Principal Health Inspector in the Ministry of Health and Wellness, "The bottle was found in the area and the scent was there and so Public Health immediately started to get in action in terms of what needs to be done to control and safeguard the population. So at that time the immediate closure of the system was ordered and the chairman of the Water Board was contacted and they were notified that the system should not be operated until it is clean and has been tested and is found

to be safe for use again."

Bodden told 7News earlier this week that they were carrying out chemical and bacterial testing of samples of water from the village's two water tanks, but he pointed out that the Health Ministry does not have the capacity "to test malathion specifically in terms of the chemical sampling" and it thus sought the assistance of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority (BAHA) to get that type of testing done.

Malathion is used largely in citrus orchards in southern Belize and has a distinctly pungent aroma that could make a person nauseous through mere inhalation. Accidental ingestion in the

past has caused severe illness, and there have been instances in which such ingestion led to the hospitalization of some farmers, who almost lost their lives.

According to Principal Health Inspector Bodden, this particular insecticide is a regulated chemical, but he noted that "San Vicente is close to the border and people can actually go across the border and purchase the insecticide." "From time to time we find out that people have it, who should not have that in their possession," he said.

While it is not clear how the villager who poisoned the village's water supply was able to obtain the insecticide,

Bodden told 7News that they had "notified the police so that they can do their investigation and of course there are some leads that they are looking at that will be taken care of by the police."

The Police Department has since detained the villager who is believed to have poured the chemical into the large tanks which supply the entire village with fresh water.

"With the ministry's assistance, community leaders reported the incident to police, who immediately responded and detained one person suspected of carrying out this heinous act," a release

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TENDER



REPAINTING OF FACILITIES AT BEL'S CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS COMPOUND

BEL invites tenders for the repainting of all structures and fixed items at its Corporate Headquarters compound in Belize City.

The bidding documents, which outline all the duties and responsibilities of the contract, are available on BEL's website at www.bel.com.bz/Tenders.aspx

Bids must be submitted via email to bidsubmittal@bel.com.bz no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 17, 2022. The email should include the bid number and details located on the respective bid form.

A mandatory site visit is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 9, 2022 at BEL's Corporate Headquarters compound located at 2 ½ Miles Philip Goldson Highway, Belize City, Belize.

For more information or queries, send email to bidboxrequest@bel.com.bz

Cost incurred for preparation of the tender document is the sole responsibility of the bidder. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

Distraught St. Luke's teacher says she's been victimized

In response to one emotionally distraught primary school teacher's account of the alleged victimization that she has endured at the hands of her administrators, the BNTU has denounced all forms of injustice being imposed on its teachers.

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principal and manager of the school against her — all while she was in the midst of an apparent emotional breakdown that was triggered by the abuse — has sparked equal amounts of outrage and sympathy across public spheres this week. The 14-minute-long video shows the schoolteacher, Joanne Ysaguirre, in tears as she gives an emotional account of what she has been experiencing at the hands of her superiors at the school.

“You know, you go to school, with your mind made up that you’ll do your job, do your best—I’ve always been that type of teacher. I’ve never found myself to be a teacher weh nuh want do ih job, or have problem doing her job, or not doing it to the best of ih ability ‘cause that da nuh me,” said the teacher, who wrote in the caption of her video that she felt broken as a result of being bullied.

“I can’t keep quiet about what denya people di do to me and how they di break me down so harshly,” she added.

According to the teacher, she’d been called up to the Principal’s office, where she was confronted by the Principal, the Vice Principal, and an individual who she believes is one of the school’s local managers. She outlined during the video that the animosity to her during the exchange stemmed from her past decision to consult with a lawyer in regard to a previous matter, after which she had signed a letter from that attorney, which had been sent to the school. Her actions had been prompted, she said, by what she felt was the school’s unfair treatment of her.

“She started to talk about the letter and me sign the letter from the lawyer and the lawyer mih wrong and how me ah go tell the lawyer a blatant lie that we had to call the office fi use bathroom, but that da noh blatant lie, dah mi di truth,” she stated.

Throughout the video, the primary school teacher can be seen struggling to contain her emotions, but she appeared to be experiencing a breakdown as she proceeded to detail how the confrontation and the subsequent mistreatment escalated.

After having been berated by the administrators, Ysaguirre said, she forced herself to suppress a panic attack and to continue teaching her class before finally going home, where she could no longer maintain her composure.

In response to the video, the Belize National Teachers Union (BNTU) has issued a press release in which it expresses “zero tolerance” for the “unconstitutional actions” of some of those who lead in the country’s education sector.

“The Belize National Teachers’ Union is gravely disturbed by the video in which one of our members shared her experience regarding a matter at her

school. We will ensure than an investigation is conducted in a manner that safeguards due process to ensure that justice prevails,” it said, noting that, under the Education (Amendment) Rules 2021, management and administrators of schools can be sanctioned or disciplined.

According to the BNTU, however, despite the “blatant atrocities brought against teachers by some Managements and Administrators”, the Ministry of Education has failed to act on those rules.

The union went on to highlight the fact that the mental health of teachers has for far too long been ignored, and it called upon the Education Ministry to be cognizant of teachers’ workload and to revisit the structures that were implemented due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Providing counselling to our teachers is no longer to be as an expense, but rather a necessity for the good of our nation,” stated the release.

The BNTU also addressed its teachers, stating that many have been suffering in silence and asking those who need assistance to reach out to the union so that their issues can be addressed.

“We take this opportunity to remind all in leadership positions that they must be transformational leaders and not leaders who believe they have any authority to belittle, humiliate, bully or disrespect those under their leadership,” concluded the BNTU.

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Upon seeing the testimony of the distraught teacher on social media, BNTU president Elena Smith said she felt frustrated. According to Smith, many teachers go through similar experiences, but they usually say nothing—often out of fear of losing their job or any other repercussions.

“It was a really and truly painful testimony to listen to. Actually, I cried with her. I mean, you actually shed tears with that teacher just to hear, because you know that it’s the truth. Unfortunately, it’s the truth that many people try to hide, but that’s the reality of many of our teachers,” she said.

Smith told local media that what thousands of persons saw on the video on social media, is the culmination of what, not just Ysaguirre, but her colleagues as well have been going through.

“The group of teachers came to us in February...they came to us in February with these complaints. The union was working with them to address these matters. And we won’t go into the details, but we had reached out to the administration to provide some advice on the matter. We provided

Fourth COVID-19 wave in Belize

A new sub-variant of Omicron BA.2, known as BA.2.12.1, has already been named the dominant strain in the USA as its predecessor causes a spike in Covid-19 cases in Belize.

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indication of an emerging COVID-19 wave that the Ministry has attributed to the spread of this sub-variant.

“The Omicron BA.2 is a sub-variant of Omicron. Persons affected are presenting primarily headache, sore throat, and fever; however, other symptoms like cough, difficulty breathing, body pain, and aches have also been reported,” the release from the Health Ministry states.

Last week, medical professionals from the Ministry of Health and Wellness warned of possible clusters in the Belize and Cayo districts based on the uptick in cases observed in those areas. The ministry identified 31 new cases in Belize City yesterday, with a total of 80 cases being recorded countrywide for that day. The positivity rate yesterday was thus 8.33%, and the number of persons infected with the virus as of yesterday totaled 619—eight of whom are presently hospitalized.

In view of the current number of cases, the Ministry of Health and Wellness has declared a new COVID-19 wave. “As is evident from the increase in the positivity rate over the last few days, Belize is currently experiencing another wave of COVID-19 and must work together as a community to help control the spike and contain the spread,” it stated in its recent release.

This afternoon, Dr. Melissa Diaz-Musa, the country’s Director of Public Health and Wellness, confirmed that the country is seeing a new wave of COVID-19 infections. She further mentioned that “sweeps” have been conducted at some businesses/workplaces in an effort to contain the spread.

“We have now embarked on enhanced surveillance, and enhanced surveillance general means that we will not be sitting down waiting at the clinic for sick people to come in, but now we are starting to go back out into the community, into public places. Whoever calls us or any company that needs our help, we go in and we do what we call a sweep. We swab as many persons who would like to be swabbed, and this helps us, enhanced surveillance always helps us to detect cases early. If we detect cases early, we isolate cases early, and of course that helps with the containment of spread and

the reduction of transmission of the disease.” Dr. Diaz-Musa explained.

She additionally noted that with almost 70% of our target population vaccinated and the natural immunity gained from the previous waves, a huge spike in hospitalizations is not yet being seen, nor is such a spike expected, since this sub-variant affects mainly the upper respiratory system.

The Ministry of Health and Wellness is currently monitoring the increased number of cases and is urging citizens to practice preventive measures in order to curb the impact of this new wave. It is to be noted that following government’s lifting of the stricter measures almost one month ago, members of the community, many of whom have ceased practicing preventive measures such as mask-wearing, have seemingly become cavalier about the risk of virus transmission.

Despite this, the Ministry says that they are not planning on reinstating those measures at this time. While GoB has announced an increase in surveillance measures in business and public places, the administration has given no indication that any of the previously implemented prevention protocols will be reinstated nationally via a new SI.

“I think we progressively lifted many of the measures. At this point I think that we try reiterate to the general public the importance of responsibility, responsibility to your family and to the community...we are appealing to the general public to please continue to use your mask over nose and mouth when you are indoors or in crowded spaces, and try to avoid very overcrowded spaces, especially indoors. It’s where we strike the balance at this point and how can we move on as a country and a community while still trying our best to contain, control and protect the vulnerable people in our country.” Dr. Diaz-Musa said.

Members of the community are thus being asked to reinstate the public health measures on a personal level, and to practice as much social distancing as possible. “There is no mandate in place, but we continue to urge persons to take on the responsibility that they should now. The decision has to be as well an individual decision with regards to,

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advice to the teachers on the matter, and thereafter we didn’t hear anything else, and so we thought that the matter was resolved. And then, apparently it seems that this matter was rehashed a week prior to this teacher coming out,” said the BNTU president, who said that they became aware of the new development only when the video came out.

AMANDALA reached out to the

Methodist Church District & Schools Office for comment but we were told that the Manager is out of the country and the Bishop is currently unavailable. It is expected that a statement will be issued by the office later this week.

Since posting her video, the schoolteacher has reportedly checked herself into the hospital in order to receive treatment for her agitated mental state.

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It appears that a relative of the Magistrate, who reportedly knows persons connected to the local gangs, learned of the planned hit and alerted authorities, who commenced an operation to “neutralize that plot” and possibly apprehend the woman who sought the deaths of two persons at the highest levels of local enforcement.

When interviewed by reporters, Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams indicated that the woman who hired gang members to kill him is in fact known to police, and was wanted for questioning.

“I’m not going to disclose much about it, because like I said, there are certain things we are doing to ensure that the threat is neutralized, and the person in question who we believe is behind the hit, we are also looking at that individual, and whenever the time is right for us to bring that person in, we’re going to bring that person in,” said Commissioner Williams.

He also explained, “I have tasked CIB and Commander Operations to do certain things, because the person who actually put out the hit known to us and those that we were told are the ones being hired to do the hit — we also know who they are, and so they are being monitored by the police. What needs to be done will be done. At the end of the day, as the Commissioner of Police I have a job to do, and I’m not going to be deterred from doing my job, because of some

persons who may be aggrieved of whatever may have been done to them.”

He further stated, “.. We do understand the person’s motivation as to why they may want to do certain things and with the hope to get myself and the particular magistrate out of the equation, things are going to be better for them, but that’s not true.”

The Police Commissioner pledged that the Caye Caulker resident, who, according to recent reports is a North American woman, would be picked up by police in due time.

Tonight, we understand that Jasmine Hartin, accused murderer of Henry Jemmott, has been detained by police for questioning in connection with the planned hit. She told local media that she is being blackmailed and set up by a man she claims is her former maintenance worker. The man, Lionel Neal, filed a counter-report in which he claimed that they have been lovers for nearly 7 months.

Hartin said that Neal sexually assaulted her before saying that he would tell police that she murdered Henry Jemmott and plotted to order a hit on three other persons. She said that upon making her report she told police officers of Neal’s intention. He was today arraigned in the Belize City Magistrates Court, where he was read charges of burglary with intent to rape and using threatening words. He pleaded not guilty and was granted bail of \$2500 plus a surety of the same amount, which he met this afternoon.

Neal was ordered to stay away from Hartin and off Caye Caulker. He claims that Hartin used cocaine regularly and at one point did make threats against prominent officials.

Armed burglars shoot two cops during getaway

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had been well-planned and that the property was being observed by the robbers, who apparently knew what they wanted to steal, prior to the burglary, since according to the maintenance worker at Kukulkan residence (formerly a resort), Micias Tzib, 38, into whose quarters the five armed men stormed on Tuesday night just before 11:00 p.m., the men specifically asked, “Where’s the white Prado?”

The vehicle to which they referred, however which is actually a 2022 Toyota Land Cruiser, belonged to the manager of the property, who was reportedly on leave, and thus the vehicle was not on the premises.

Isai Figueroa, the brother of the property manager, however, was on the premises. He and his two daughters—one 6 years old, the other 11 years of age, were in the main house on the premises at the time. That house would later be raided by the robbers, but fortunately for Figueroa, he had spotted the men when they first entered the premises

and entered the maintenance worker’s quarters, and he quickly exited the home with the children, and they reportedly hid in the bushes after climbing over the back porch.

During the raid, the robbers, who had taken the keys to another vehicle on the property—a Nissan Rogue—also stole a laptop, a cellphone and other electronic items. There are also reports that they stole over \$300,000 in cash.

They then fled from the residence in the stolen Nissan Rogue, but Figueroa, who had been hiding from the burglars, called police immediately after they left, and the officers were approaching the property when they saw the Nissan Rogue speeding away. They attempted to quickly set up a checkpoint to stop the car, but instead of stopping, the robbers proceeded full-speed ahead—firing at the officers as they continued speeding along toward the Guatemalan border.

As they passed the checkpoint, the Nissan Rogue they were driving hit one officer, Corporal Daniel Che,

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from the ministry said. That person’s identity has not yet been revealed, and there is no indication if any charges have yet been filed against the individual.

It is to be noted that the water supply system in San Vicente lacks some security features that could have prevented the villager from contaminating the village’s water. According to Bodden, “It’s a rudimentary water system. It’s a platform elevated about 12 feet above the ground, a cement platform with 2 water tanks on the top and then that water is fed to the community.” There is apparently no enclosure surrounding the tanks that would prevent the entry of a person seeking to do mischief or cause harm.

“There are a number of things we are looking at in terms of recommendation. Of course, one of them — the standard construction of one of these water systems is to have a perimeter boundary around the area, so that nobody can actually get close to it and then it would have a gate that is locked and controlled. In the other systems, you can put a lock unto the system, but unfortunately this

one is not that type, so it can still be accessed by individuals, because it’s just a screw lid on the top,” Bodden said.

It is to be noted that both reservoirs have been flushed out, but it has been reported that the ministry is in the meantime providing fresh water to the villagers, as they continue to flush the system and test for any traces of the contaminants.

Why a village member of San Vicente would want to potentially poison the entire village is still unclear.

“The ministry strongly condemns the deliberate contamination of community residents’ drinking water, which endangers their lives,” stated the release from the Health Ministry.

This afternoon, Dr. Melissa Diaz Musa from the MOHW shared that health inspectors have given the all-clear. “From what we know, the water has been cleaned, they’ve done everything that needs to be done including in the wells and the reservoirs and it is now safe again to use and the Ministry of Health is working with the Ministry of Rural Development as well and our public health inspectors had gone to do the visit at the village and confirmed that the water is safe again.”

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you know, your illnesses, you know your vulnerabilities, and if you know you are a poorly controlled diabetic, you are hypertensive, you are obese, avoid crowded spaces, avoid going especially into indoor, crowded spaces. For event planners, our recommendation is outdoors, large spaces, limited crowds if possible. Hand-sanitizing, you know; still have some measure in place that can control spread. We know that if you are outdoors, the spread is less likely than if you are in an air-conditioned room.” Dr. Diaz- Musa said.

“Also, if you are in these areas, it is important to wear your mask over your nose and mouth, talk to your friends and family that you are going to whichever event with : is

anybody sick, is anybody at your home being isolated presently, have you been in contact with anybody at your workplace that you are concerned that you have been exposed to? Then, if the answer yes, then don’t go, don’t go to that function,” she added.

It is being hoped that such preventive measures will be practiced at such events as the National Agricultural Show, Lobster Fest, and Carnival 2022.



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who tried to avoid being knocked down by jumping into the bushes, and the shots they fired injured one female officer, WCP Jacklyn Guzman, near the knee.

At some point during their frenzied dash to the border, however, they made a wrong turn and instead of reaching the Guatemalan border, they turned onto the Benque Road and ended up at the Calla Creek hammock bridge, where a police car that had been trailing not too far behind approached them. The

robbers then fled from the car, reportedly leaving the keys in the ignition.

The stolen vehicle was reportedly then taken by police to the San Ignacio Police Station.

Corporal Daniel Che, who received a head injury and body abrasions, was treated at the hospital and has since been released. WCP Jacklyn Guzman, who was wounded in her left leg, near her knee, is currently in a stable condition at the Western Regional Hospital.



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He also explained, “I have tasked CIB and Commander Operations to do certain things, because the person who actually put out the hit known to us and those that we were told are the ones being hired to do the hit — we also know who they are, and so they are being monitored by the police. What needs to be done will be done. At the end of the day, as the Commissioner of Police I have a job to do, and I’m not going to be deterred from doing my job, because of some

persons who may be aggrieved of whatever may have been done to them.”

He further stated, “.. We do understand the person’s motivation as to why they may want to do certain things and with the hope to get myself and the particular magistrate out of the equation, things are going to be better for them, but that’s not true.”

The Police Commissioner pledged that the Caye Caulker resident, who, according to recent reports is a North American woman, would be picked up by police in due time.

Tonight, we understand that Jasmine Hartin, accused murderer of Henry Jemmott, has been detained by police for questioning in connection with the planned hit. She told local media that she is being blackmailed and set up by a man she claims is her former maintenance worker. The man, Lionel Neal, filed a counter-report in which he claimed that they have been lovers for nearly 7 months.

Hartin said that Neal sexually assaulted her before saying that he would tell police that she murdered Henry Jemmott and plotted to order a hit on three other persons. She said that upon making her report she told police officers of Neal’s intention. He was today arraigned in the Belize City Magistrates Court, where he was read charges of burglary with intent to rape and using threatening words. He pleaded not guilty and was granted bail of \$2500 plus a surety of the same amount, which he met this afternoon.

Neal was ordered to stay away from Hartin and off Caye Caulker. He claims that Hartin used cocaine regularly and at one point did make threats against prominent officials.

Armed burglars shoot two cops during getaway

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had been well-planned and that the property was being observed by the robbers, who apparently knew what they wanted to steal, prior to the burglary, since according to the maintenance worker at Kukulkan residence (formerly a resort), Micias Tzib, 38, into whose quarters the five armed men stormed on Tuesday night just before 11:00 p.m., the men specifically asked, “Where’s the white Prado?”

The vehicle to which they referred, however which is actually a 2022 Toyota Land Cruiser, belonged to the manager of the property, who was reportedly on leave, and thus the vehicle was not on the premises.

Isai Figueroa, the brother of the property manager, however, was on the premises. He and his two daughters—one 6 years old, the other 11 years of age, were in the main house on the premises at the time. That house would later be raided by the robbers, but fortunately for Figueroa, he had spotted the men when they first entered the premises

and entered the maintenance worker’s quarters, and he quickly exited the home with the children, and they reportedly hid in the bushes after climbing over the back porch.

During the raid, the robbers, who had taken the keys to another vehicle on the property—a Nissan Rogue—also stole a laptop, a cellphone and other electronic items. There are also reports that they stole over \$300,000 in cash.

They then fled from the residence in the stolen Nissan Rogue, but Figueroa, who had been hiding from the burglars, called police immediately after they left, and the officers were approaching the property when they saw the Nissan Rogue speeding away. They attempted to quickly set up a checkpoint to stop the car, but instead of stopping, the robbers proceeded full-speed ahead—firing at the officers as they continued speeding along toward the Guatemalan border.

As they passed the checkpoint, the Nissan Rogue they were driving hit one officer, Corporal Daniel Che,

San Vicente’s water supply poisoned

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from the ministry said. That person’s identity has not yet been revealed, and there is no indication if any charges have yet been filed against the individual.

It is to be noted that the water supply system in San Vicente lacks some security features that could have prevented the villager from contaminating the village’s water. According to Bodden, “It’s a rudimentary water system. It’s a platform elevated about 12 feet above the ground, a cement platform with 2 water tanks on the top and then that water is fed to the community.” There is apparently no enclosure surrounding the tanks that would prevent the entry of a person seeking to do mischief or cause harm.

“There are a number of things we are looking at in terms of recommendation. Of course, one of them — the standard construction of one of these water systems is to have a perimeter boundary around the area, so that nobody can actually get close to it and then it would have a gate that is locked and controlled. In the other systems, you can put a lock unto the system, but unfortunately this

one is not that type, so it can still be accessed by individuals, because it’s just a screw lid on the top,” Bodden said.

It is to be noted that both reservoirs have been flushed out, but it has been reported that the ministry is in the meantime providing fresh water to the villagers, as they continue to flush the system and test for any traces of the contaminants.

Why a village member of San Vicente would want to potentially poison the entire village is still unclear.

“The ministry strongly condemns the deliberate contamination of community residents’ drinking water, which endangers their lives,” stated the release from the Health Ministry.

This afternoon, Dr. Melissa Diaz Musa from the MOHW shared that health inspectors have given the all-clear. “From what we know, the water has been cleaned, they’ve done everything that needs to be done including in the wells and the reservoirs and it is now safe again to use and the Ministry of Health is working with the Ministry of Rural Development as well and our public health inspectors had gone to do the visit at the village and confirmed that the water is safe again.”

Fourth COVID-19 wave in Belize

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you know, your illnesses, you know your vulnerabilities, and if you know you are a poorly controlled diabetic, you are hypertensive, you are obese, avoid crowded spaces, avoid going especially into indoor, crowded spaces. For event planners, our recommendation is outdoors, large spaces, limited crowds if possible. Hand-sanitizing, you know; still have some measure in place that can control spread. We know that if you are outdoors, the spread is less likely than if you are in an air-conditioned room.” Dr. Diaz- Musa said.

“Also, if you are in these areas, it is important to wear your mask over your nose and mouth, talk to your friends and family that you are going to whichever event with : is

anybody sick, is anybody at your home being isolated presently, have you been in contact with anybody at your workplace that you are concerned that you have been exposed to? Then, if the answer yes, then don’t go, don’t go to that function,” she added.

It is being hoped that such preventive measures will be practiced at such events as the National Agricultural Show, Lobster Fest, and Carnival 2022.



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who tried to avoid being knocked down by jumping into the bushes, and the shots they fired injured one female officer, WCP Jacklyn Guzman, near the knee.

At some point during their frenzied dash to the border, however, they made a wrong turn and instead of reaching the Guatemalan border, they turned onto the Benque Road and ended up at the Calla Creek hammock bridge, where a police car that had been trailing not too far behind approached them. The

robbers then fled from the car, reportedly leaving the keys in the ignition.

The stolen vehicle was reportedly then taken by police to the San Ignacio Police Station.

Corporal Daniel Che, who received a head injury and body abrasions, was treated at the hospital and has since been released. WCP Jacklyn Guzman, who was wounded in her left leg, near her knee, is currently in a stable condition at the Western Regional Hospital.



VACANCY NOTICE: ARCHITECT II



MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

Applications are invited from suitable qualified persons to fill one (1) vacant position of Architect II, Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing.

Basic Purpose of Position

The basic purpose of the Post is to

- (i) To build capacity and provide general technical support to the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing (MIDH) in respect to Architectural design, assessment of civil works and construction supervision and maintenance of roads and drainage systems which falls under the legislated portfolio of the MIDH.
- (ii) Provide a range of architectural services required in the design, selection of contractors and suppliers, quality control monitoring of construction materials and geotechnical investigations in respect of the civil works and other activities to be implemented by the Government. These functions shall be carried out in accordance with the Public Service Regulations, Stores and Financial Orders and the Finance and Audit Reform Act of 2005.

Qualifications/Experience

The Architect II should be in possession of a Bachelor of Science Degree in Architecture or Architectural Engineering with a minimum of 6 years relevant experience in providing architectural services particularly, architectural design, layout and construction supervision of buildings and related Works. The Architect II must be a professional Architect registered with the Association of Professional Architect of Belize or other accredited international institution recognized by the Government of Belize.

Essential Skills:

Possess the following essential skills:

- (i) Able to lead and inspire staff to work hard and to take personal responsibility for his own decisions and work
- (ii) Have competency in using a total station, an RTK and Automatic Level Instruments to perform various types of land surveys
- (iii) Assist draughtmen with preparing plans showing findings of his field surveys. diagnosis and to present them verbally to his supervisor

Responsibilities and Duties:

The Architecture II shall provide the following services:

1. Prepare bill of quantities, architectural drawings and approvals for proposed public housing developments;
2. Supervise building construction inspectors & monitor the construction of houses under the low-income housing program within the Southern Zones (Cayo, Stann Creek and Toledo Districts);
3. Conducts on-site field reviews and inspections in conjunction with the Central Building Authority and Municipal Authorities as it relates to community zoning regulations to ensure compliance to building codes and standards;
4. Prepare draft contracts for building contractors;
5. Issue Work Order and Certificates by phases for payment of construction work;
6. Prepare Inspection reports, progress reports, completion reports at assigned sites for management meeting and for Director of Housing;
7. Serves as a Urban Planner/Designer on assigned community development projects as well as housing improvement projects for urban and rural communities;
8. Coordinate work assignments of building inspectors and building maintenance personnel for housing improvement projects, for the different housing programs initiated by the Ministry;
9. Serves as a liaison with the public by responding to requests for information on building plans and processes;
10. Exercise functional and technical supervision over assigned technical staff;
11. Liaise and inform other government agencies, departments on matters for urban planning and development matters;
12. Arrange formal communication channel with public utilities: Belize Electricity Limited (BEL), Belize Water Services Limited (BWSL), Public Utilities Commission (PUC) as regards community housing program; (Southern Zone)
13. Update on modern Technology & Innovation in the housing sector;
14. Represent Ministry at workshops and meetings;
15. Disaster Management Duties;
16. Any other duties assigned from time to time.

Reporting Responsibility

The Architect II will report to the Chief Engineer.

Salary

Government Payscale 16 of \$25,154 x \$1179 - \$49,555 per annum.

Interested Persons in possession of the required qualifications and experience and who have the aptitude for the post are to submit their application, with copies of qualifications, resume and two (2) references to the Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing, #1 Power Lane, Belmopan, Belize, **no later than Friday, 3rd June 2022.**



VACANCY NOTICE: SENIOR ARCHITECT

MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

Applications are invited from suitable qualified persons to fill one (1) vacant position of Senior Architect, Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing.

Basic Purpose of Post

The Basic Purpose of the Post is to provide the following:

- (i) To build capacity and provide general technical support to the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing (MIDH) in respect to Architectural design, assessment of civil works and construction supervision and maintenance of roads and drainage systems which falls under the legislated portfolio of the MIDH.
- (ii) Provide a range of architectural services required in the design, selection of contractors and suppliers, quality control monitoring of construction materials and geotechnical investigations in respect of the civil works and other activities to be implemented by the Government. These functions shall be carried out in accordance with the Public Service Regulations, Stores and Financial Orders and the Finance and Audit Reform Act of 2005.

Qualifications/Experience

The Sr. Architect should be in possession of a Bachelor of Science Degree in Architecture or Architectural Engineering with a minimum of 6 years relevant experience in providing architectural services particularly, architectural design, layout and construction supervision of buildings and related Works. The Sr. Architect must be a professional Architect registered with the Association of Professional Architect of Belize or other accredited international institution recognized by the Government of Belize.

Essential Skills:

The essential skills are as follows:

- (i) Lead and inspire staff to work hard and to take personal responsibility for their own decisions and work
- (ii) Read, comprehend and summarize verbally or in writing complex reports
- (iii) Prepare and interpret contract documentation for buildings and civil works
- (iv) Have competency to interpret complex designs, specifications and drawings
- (v) Write clear comprehensive reports, and to present them verbally to superiors and non-technical groups
- (vii) Competent in making all measurements and calculations relating to repairs and maintenance of Building Structures
- (ix) The Sr. Architect, during the performance of his services, shall work closely with the Chief Engineer, MIDH on all technical matters for successful delivery of services.
- (x) The Sr. Architect will be required to do field visits to all sites of works and activities during the performance of his contractual obligations as set out in the TOR

Duties and Responsibilities

- (i) Develop and prepare architectural designs for environmentally friendly buildings in accordance with internationally accepted codes and standards and reflecting the client needs
- (ii) Design Architectural Layouts based on Client's needs
- (iii) Conduct structural assessment of building structures in accordance with internationally accepted codes and standards
- (iv) Conduct valuation of a building structure in accordance with internationally accepted codes and standards for the purposes of valuation, determination of its structural integrity and maintenance needs
- (v) Prepare Bill of Quantities for any maintenance works, renovation, retrofitting or new construction of buildings identified by the Ministry.
- (vi) Prepare construction drawings for various types of building structures and related civil works.
- (vii) Supervise construction of buildings and related civil works. Prepare and maintain inspection and engineering reports and records to adequately document the progress and performance of the works.
- (viii) Evaluate contractors' price proposals offered through direct contracting and/or a competitive bidding process and present the findings in a tender evaluation report to the Chief Engineer.
- (ix) Submit monthly updates to the Chief Engineer on the progress of the works, the contractor's performance, quality of works and the project's financial status and forecasts.
- (x) Attend and participate in all meetings convened by the Ministry
- (xi) Examine and make recommendations on all claims from contractors for time extensions, extra compensations, work or expenses or other similar matters and recommend the issuance of variation orders as necessary.
- (xii) Furnish timely assistance and direction to contractors in all matters related to the interpretation of the contract documents, ground survey controls, quality control testing, and other matters relating to contract and progress of the Program.
- (xiii) Advise the Ministry with regards to any matter which may be the subject of arbitration, inquiry or litigation and, when requested, assist the Ministry before any court or in any arbitration or at any inquiry dealing with any matter arising from or in connection with the execution of the works.
- (xiv) Conduct field measurements and compute quantities of approved and accepted work and materials, check and adjust as necessary and certify the contractor's interim and final payment certificates.
- (xv) Review all contractors' working drawings, shop drawings, erection drawings, and drawings for temporary works and act as appropriate thereon.
- (xvi) Inspect the safety and environmental protection aspects (as defined in Belizean Laws) of construction works and methods to ensure that every reasonable measure has been taken to protect life, environment and property.
- (xvii) Perform any and all other items of works not specifically mentioned above, but which are necessary and essential to successfully supervise and control the construction activities in accordance with the plans, specifications and terms of contract.
- (xviii) Make himself available and respond to emergency call-out by the Chief Engineer for matters pertaining to the Ministry's legislated portfolio and having to do with protection of life, public safety and its public infrastructural assets.
- (xix) Make himself available and respond to emergency call-out to assist the Ministry and the Government of Belize with Disaster duties whenever the National Emergency Management Organization of Belize is activated.

Location of Work:

Place of Employment will be Belmopan.

Reporting Responsibility

The Sr. Architect will report to the Head of Engineering and Planning.

Salary

Government Payscale 21 of \$34,296 x \$1480 - \$62,416 per annum.

Interested Persons in possession of the required qualifications and experience and who have the aptitude for the post are to submit their application, with copies of qualifications, resume and two (2) references to the Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing, #1 Power Lane, Belmopan, Belize, **no later than Friday, 3rd June 2022.**



VACANCY NOTICE: EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

Applications are invited from suitable qualified persons to fill three (3) vacant positions of Executive Engineer, Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing.

Basic Purpose of the Post

The basic purpose of the post is to provide the following:

- (i) To build capacity and provide general technical support to the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing in respect to structural design, assessment, supervision and maintenance of buildings and bridges which falls under the legislated portfolio of the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing
- (ii) Provide a range of engineering services required in the design, selection of contractors and suppliers, quality control monitoring of construction materials in respect of the civil works and other activities to be implemented by the Government. These functions shall be carried out in accordance with the Public service Regulations, Stores and Financial Orders and the finance and Audit Reform Act of 2005.

Qualifications /Experience

The Executive Engineer should be in possession of a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil or Structural Engineering with a minimum of 6 years relevant experience in providing technical and civil engineering services particularly, design, analysis and construction supervision of public buildings and bridges. The Executive Engineer must be a professional engineer registered with the Association of Professional Engineers of Belize or other accredited international institution recognized by the Government of Belize.

Essential Skills:

The essential skills are as follows:

- (i) Lead and inspire staff to work hard and to take personal responsibility for their own decisions and work
- (ii) Able to read, comprehend and summarize verbally or in writing complex reports;
- (iii) Prepare and interpret contract documentation
- (iv) Able to read and interpret for others complex designs, specifications and drawings
- (v) Write clear comprehensive reports, and to present them verbally to superiors and non-technical groups
- (vi) Fully competent in the theory and design of timber, steel and concrete building structures
- (vii) Competent in making all measurements and calculations relating to design and analysis of bridges and building structures
- (viii) Competent in making all measurements and calculations relating to repairs and maintenance of bridges and building structures
- (ix) The Executive Engineer, during the performance of his services, shall work closely with the Chief Engineer, Ministry of on all technical matters for successful delivery of services.
- (x) The Executive Engineer will be required to do field visits to all sites of works and activities during the performance of his duties as set out in the TOR.

Responsibilities and Duties:

The Executive Engineer shall provide the following services:

1. Design of building structures in accordance with internationally accepted codes and standards and prepare all engineering drawings or sketches that may be required for the works.
2. Inspect and conduct a detail assessment in accordance with internationally accepted codes and standards of Public Building for the purposes of valuation, determination of its structural integrity and maintenance needs.
3. Inspect and conduct a detail assessment of bridges in accordance with internationally accepted codes and standards for the purposes of valuation, determination of its structural integrity and maintenance needs.
4. Prepare Bill of Quantities for any maintenance works, renovation, retrofitting or new construction of buildings and bridges identified by the Ministry.
5. Supervise and monitor any maintenance works, renovation, retrofitting or new construction of buildings or bridges as directed by the Chief Engineer. Prepare and maintain inspection and engineering reports and records to adequately document the progress and performance of the works.
6. Evaluate contractors' price proposals offered through direct contracting and/or a competitive bidding process and present the findings in a tender evaluation report to the Chief Engineer.
7. Submit monthly updates to the Chief Engineer on the progress of the works, the contractor's performance, quality of works and the project's financial status and forecasts.
8. Attend and participate in all meetings convened by the Ministry;
9. Examine and make recommendations on all claims from contractors for time extensions, extra compensations, work or expenses or other similar matters and recommend the issuance of variation orders as necessary.
10. Furnish timely assistance and direction to contractors in all matters related to the interpretation of the contract documents, ground survey controls, quality control testing, and other matters relating to contract and progress of the Program.
11. Advise the Ministry with regards to any matter which may be the subject of arbitration, inquiry or litigation and, when requested, assist the Ministry before any court or in any arbitration or at any inquiry dealing with any matter arising from or in connection with the execution of the works.
12. Conduct field measurements and compute quantities of approved and accepted work and materials, check and adjust as necessary and certify the contractor's interim and final payment certificates.
13. Review all contractors' working drawings, shop drawings, erection drawings, and drawings for temporary works and act as appropriate thereon.
14. Inspect the safety and environmental protection aspects (as defined in Belizean Laws) of construction works and methods to ensure that every reasonable measure has been taken to protect life, environment and property.
15. Perform any and all other items of works not specifically mentioned above, but which are necessary and essential to successfully supervise and control the construction activities in accordance with the plans, specifications and terms of contract.
16. Be available to respond to emergency call-out by the Chief Engineer for matters pertaining to the Ministry's legislated portfolio and having to do with protection of life, public safety and its public infrastructural assets.
17. Be available to respond to emergency call-out to assist the Ministry and the Government of Belize with Disaster duties whenever the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) of Belize is activated.

Reporting Responsibility

The Executive Engineer will report to the Chief Engineer.

Salary

Remuneration depends on qualification and experience.

Interested Persons in possession of the required qualifications and experience and who have the aptitude for the post are to submit their application, with copies of qualifications, resume and two (2) references to the Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing, #1 Power Lane, Belmopan, Belize, **no later than Friday, 3rd June 2022.**



VACANCY NOTICE:

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

Applications are invited from suitable qualified persons to fill two (2) vacant positions of Executive Engineer, Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing.

Basic Purpose of Post

The basic purpose of the post is to provide the following:

- (i) To build capacity and provide general technical support to the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing (MIDH) in respect to design, assessment of civil works and construction supervision and maintenance of roads and drainage systems which falls under the legislated portfolio of the MIDH.
- (ii) Provide a range of engineering services required in the design, selection of contractors and suppliers, quality control monitoring of construction materials and geotechnical investigations in respect of the civil works and other activities to be implemented by the Government. These functions shall be carried out in accordance with the Public Service Regulations, Stores and Financial Orders and the Finance and Audit Reform Act of 2005.

Qualifications/Experience

The Executive Engineers should be in possession of a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil, Highway, Hydraulic or Transportation Engineering with a minimum of 6 years relevant experience in providing technical and civil engineering services particularly, design, analysis and construction supervision of Roads and Drainage Systems. The Executive Engineer must be a professional engineer registered with the Association of Professional Engineers of Belize or other accredited international institution recognized by the Government of Belize.

Essential Skills:

The essential skills are as follows:

- (i) Able to lead and inspire staff to work hard and to take personal responsibility for their own decisions and work;
- (ii) Able to read, comprehend and summarize verbally or in writing complex reports
- (iii) Able to prepare and interpret contract documentation
- (iv) Able to read and interpret for others complex designs, specifications and drawings
- (v) Able to write clear comprehensive reports, and to present them verbally to superiors and non-technical groups
- (vi) Fully competent in the theory and design of paved and unpaved roads, Urban Traffic Control Systems, and road drainage systems.
- (vii) Competent in making all measurements and calculations relating to design and analysis of Roads and Drainage Systems.
- (viii) Competent in making all measurements and calculations relating to repairs and maintenance of roads and drainage systems.
- (ix) The Executive Engineer, during the performance of his services, shall work closely with the Chief Engineer, MIDH on all technical matters for successful delivery of services.
- (x) The Executive Engineer will be required to do field visits to all sites of works and activities during the performance of his contractual obligations as set out in the TOR.

Duties and Responsibilities:

The duties and responsibilities of the Executive Engineers shall be as follows:

1. Design roads and drainage systems in accordance with internationally accepted codes and standards and assist with preparing all engineering drawings or sketches that may be required for the works.
2. Inspect and conduct a detail assessment of roads and drainage systems in accordance with internationally accepted codes and standards for the purposes of determination of its structural integrity and maintenance needs.
3. Prepare Bill of Quantities for any maintenance works, renovation, retrofitting or new construction of roads, bridges and drainage works identified by the Ministry.
4. Supervise and monitor any road maintenance, rehabilitation or new construction of roads and drainage systems as directed by the Chief Engineer. Prepare and maintain inspection and engineering reports and records to adequately document the progress and performance of the works.
5. Coordinate, plan and assist with Geotechnical Investigations and have a good working knowledge to interpret results of Laboratory and Field Tests.
6. Evaluate contractors' price proposals offered through direct contracting and/or a competitive bidding process and present the findings in a tender evaluation report to the Chief Engineer.
7. Submit monthly updates to the Chief Engineer on the progress of the works, the contractor's performance, quality of works and the project's financial status and forecasts.
8. Attend and participate in all meetings convened by the Ministry;
9. Examine and make recommendations on all claims from contractors for time extensions, extra compensations, work or expenses or other similar matters and recommend the issuance of variation orders as necessary.
10. Furnish timely assistance and direction to contractors in all matters related to the interpretation of the contract documents, ground survey controls, quality control testing, and other matters relating to contract and progress of the Program.
11. Advise the Ministry with regards to any matter which may be the subject of arbitration, inquiry or litigation and, when requested, assist the Ministry before any court or in any arbitration or at any inquiry dealing with any matter arising from or in connection with the execution of the works.
12. Conduct field measurements and compute quantities of approved and accepted work and materials, check and adjust as necessary and certify the contractor's interim and final payment certificates.
13. Review all contractors' working drawings, shop drawings, erection drawings, and drawings for temporary works and act as appropriate thereon.
14. Inspect the safety and environmental protection aspects (as defined in Belizean Laws) of construction works and methods to ensure that every reasonable measure has been taken to protect life, environment and property.
15. Perform any and all other items of works not specifically mentioned above, but which are necessary and essential to successfully supervise and control the construction activities in accordance with the plans, specifications and terms of contract.
16. Be available to respond to emergency call-out by the Chief Engineer for matters pertaining to the Ministry's legislated portfolio and having to do with protection of life, public safety and its public infrastructural assets.
17. Be available to respond to emergency call-out to assist the NEMO, Government of Belize with Disaster duties whenever the National Emergency Management Organization of Belize is activated.

Reporting Responsibility

The Executive Engineer will report to the Chief Engineer.

Salary

Government Payscale 16 of \$27,154 x \$1,179 - \$49,555 per annum.

Interested Persons in possession of the required qualifications and experience and who have the aptitude for the post are to submit their application, with copies of qualifications, resume and two (2) references to the Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing, #1 Power Lane, Belmopan, Belize, **no later than Friday, 3rd June 2022.**



VACANCY NOTICE:

ASSISTANT LAND SURVEYOR

MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING



Applications are invited from suitable qualified persons to fill one (1) vacant position of Assistant Land Surveyor, Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing.

Basic Purpose of Position

The basic purpose of the Post is to build capacity and provide general support with conducting engineering, topographical and cadastral surveys for expeditious to facilitate project management, execution and supervision of civil works undertaken by the MIDH Team. This will involve carrying out traverses and various surveying operations to ensure high degree of accuracy is obtained major horizontal and vertical control work operations.

Qualifications/Experience

The Assistant Land Surveyor should preferably be in possession of a Higher National Diploma with three (3) years relevant experience, or alternatively, an Associate Degree in Building and Civil Engineering with at least (5) years' experience in carrying out engineering, topographical and cadastral surveys.

Essential Skills:

Possess the following essential skills:

- (i) Able to lead and inspire staff to work hard and to take personal responsibility for his own decisions and work
- (ii) Have competency in using a total station, an RTK and Automatic Level Instruments to perform various types of land surveys
- (iii) Assist draughtmen with preparing plans showing findings of his field surveys. diagnosis and to present them verbally to his supervisor

Responsibilities and Duties:

The Assistant Land Surveyor shall provide the following services:

- (i) Coordinate, plan and conduct engineering, topographical and cadastral surveys on assignments approved by the Chief Engineer
- (ii) Assist draughtmen with preparing plans showing findings of survey field work
- (iii) Assist with setting out of approved projects
- (iv) Assist with monitoring of works done through MIDH or on contractual basis.
- (v) Supervise survey technicians and workmen under his charge.
- (vi) Prepare time sheets for those under his charge
- (vii) Attend and participate in all meetings convened by the Ministry
- (viii) Collaborate with peers and motivating team members to provide outstanding dependable and high-quality products and service.
- (ix) Be available to conduct field visits to all sites countrywide when directed by his supervisor.
- (x) Be available to respond to emergency call-out for matters pertaining to the Ministry's legislated portfolio.
- (xi) Be available for emergency call-out to assist the NEMO with Disaster duties whenever the National Emergency Management Organization of Belize is activated.

Reporting Responsibility

The Assistant Land Surveyor will report to the Chief Engineer.

Salary

Remuneration depends on qualifications and experience.

Interested Persons in possession of the required qualifications and experience and who have the aptitude for the post are to submit their application, with copies of qualifications, resume and two (2) references to the Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing, #1 Power Lane, Belmopan, Belize, **no later than Friday, 3rd June 2022.**

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**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 Tillet.



**Block 7, Parcel 1196/1
San Pedro**

All that piece or parcel of land being Parcel #1196/1, Block #7, San Juan Area, San Pedro Town. Building 1 is a 2-story building having 6 one bedroom and one-bathroom units on the lower floor and 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, living, dining, kitchen and porch on the upper floor with an area of 1746sq.ft. Building 2 is a 2-story building with 8 one-bedroom units with an area of 1349sq.ft. and a porch of 266sq.ft. This property has a total area of 532.00sq.yds.

The property is held by a Leasehold title (Freehold Interest) in the name of Tomasito Paz.



**Block 7, Parcel 1988/1
San Pedro**

All that piece or parcel of land being Parcel #1988/1, Block #7, Boca Del Rio Area, San Pedro Town. Building 1 is 2 storeys with 7 one bedroom units with an area of 1795sq.ft. Building 2 is a single-story building with 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, living, dining and kitchen with an area of 520 sq. ft. Building 3 is an external lavatory with an area of 64sq.ft. The entire property has a total area of 416.67 sq. yds.

The property is held by a Leasehold title (Freehold Interest) in the name of Tomasito Paz.



**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 100,
Hopeville, Punta Gorda**

All that piece or parcel of land being Parcel #100, Block #42, Punta Gorda Town, Toledo District, Belize comprising of a bungalow residence with four bedrooms, one bathroom, living, dining, kitchen, and utility, with a large porch in front. The house has an area of 850 sq. ft. The porch is 224 sq. ft. This land has a total area of 657.25 sq.yds.

The property is held in the Freehold Interest in the name of Maria Roches.



**Block 3, Parcel 604
Sarteneja Village, Corozal**

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #3, Parcel 604, Sarteneja Village, Corozal District, Belize; comprising of 1,519.8 sq. m. together with a concrete bungalow on the lot having two bedrooms, one shared bathroom, living, kitchen, and dining rooms, and a large front porch. The building has an area of 1,475 sq. ft. and porch of 5 ft by 25 ft and a back section with dimensions of 12 ft by 22 ft.

The subject property is held as a Land Certificate Interest in the name of Carol Cobb.



**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 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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PUBLIC AUCTIONS SALES: PROPERTIES & VEHICLES

Countrywide

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees, The Belize Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the below described properties and vehicles. Sales currently running until 30th June 2022 with expiration dates and times appearing on the website.

N.B. Properties and vehicles will remain on this website with bi-weekly sales until conclusion.

1. Bacab Eco Park, Ridge Lagoon Residential Estate, Burrell Boom Road, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Ladyville/Lord's Bank	16	64
The freehold property of Mr. Francis Smith & Maria Smith/Messrs. BACAB Eco - Park.		

2. Parcels Nos. 4278 & 4279 Teakettle Village, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Ladyville/Lord's Bank	16	6969
The freehold property of Ms. Stella Marie Rudon		

3. Parcels Nos. 4278 & 4279 Teakettle Village, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCELS
Society Hall	24	4278 & 4279
The freehold properties of Ms. Mishell McKenzie.		

4. Parcel No. 2125 Breadnut Street, Belama Phase 2, Belize City, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Caribbean Shores	16	2125
The freehold property of Mr. Arleigh Gough & Ms. Olga Urbina.		

5. Parcel No. 2891 1st subdivision south of Airstrip, west side, Placencia Road, Placencia Village, Stann Creek District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Placencia North	36	2871
The freehold property of Ms. Dawn Anderson & Mr. Hector Tut		

6. 147.228 Acres, San Marcos Agricultural Area, Toledo District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being 147.228 acres situate in the San Marcos Agricultural Area, Toledo District. Freehold properties of Mr. Marcial Mess.

7. Parcel No. 2911 Cedar Street, Santiago Juan Layout, San Ignacio, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Ignacio North	23	2911
The freehold property of Ms. Adelita Zaiden.		

8. Lot No. 400 Savannah Road, Independence Village, Stann Creek District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 400 situate along Savannah Road, Independence Village, Stann Creek District TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon. The freehold property of Ms. Maria J. Rodriguez)

9. Parcel No. 418 Corner 3rd Avenue & 5th Street North, Corozal Town, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Corozal Central	4	418
The freehold property of Mrs. Guadalupe & Mr. Edmund Longworth.		

10. Parcel No. 461 George Price Highway, Unitedville, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Society Hall	24	461
The freehold property of Mr. Ulric L. Willoughby.		

11. Lot No. 59A Pomona Village Extension, Stann Creek District:



Lot No. 59A, comprising 696.567 square metres situate in Pomona Village Extension, Stann Creek District, Belize. Freehold property of Mr. Thurman Williams.

12. Parcel No. 410 Seine Bight Village, Placencia Peninsula, Stann Creek District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Placencia North	36	410
The freehold property of Mr. Kent Roland Francis and Ms. Silvana Andrea Garcia.		

13. Parcel No. 2275 Seine Bight Village, Placencia Peninsula, Stann Creek District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Placencia North	36	2275
The freehold property of Mr. Lammey Alvarez.		

14. Parcel No. 1710 Mahogany Street, Punta Gorda Town, Toledo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Punta Gorda	4	1710
The freehold property of Ms. Elizabeth Borland.		

15. No. 315 San Estevan Village, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Estevan	1	315
The freehold property of Mr. Augusto Angel Blanco.		

16. Parcel No. 1523 Seine Bight Village, Placencia Peninsula, Stann Creek District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Placencia North	36	1523
The freehold property of Ms. Sherlette Augustine.		

17. Parcel No. 4111 Blue Bird Street, Alta Mira, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Corozal North	4	4111
The freehold property of Mr. Raleigh Rivas and Ms. Olga Rivas		

18. Parcel No. 1142 Phillip Goldson Highway, San Jose Palmar, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Jose Palmar	4	1142
The freehold property of Ms. Marisa Perera & Mr. Carlos Perera		

19. Parcel No. 2708 Phillip Goldson Highway, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Orange Walk Town	4	2708
The freehold property of Mr. Gustavo Gongora & Ms. Rubicela Mai		

20. Parcel No. 2492 Oak Street, Halls Layout, Corozal Town, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Corozal North	1	2492
The freehold property of Mr. Yasin Shoman & Ms. Ruth Shoman		

21. Parcel No. 158 Sunset Park, 8 1/2 Miles George Price Hwy, Western Paradise, Belize District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 158 containing 1,013.39 S.M. situate at Mile 8.5 Northern Side of Hector Creek Road, Western Highway, Belize District of Belize, the freehold property of Mr. Lawrence Ellis and Mrs. Kimberly Ellis)

22. Parcel No. 2842 first subdivision south of Placencia Airstrip, Placencia Village, Stann Creek District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Placencia North	36	2842
The freehold property of Mr. Ajinder Singh Garcha		

23. Parcels Nos. 639 & 640 San Estevan, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCELS
San Estevan	1	639 & 640
The freehold property of Mr. Manuel Jesus Blanco and Mr. Augusto Blanco)		

24. Parcel No. 853 San Jose Drive, San Jose Palmar, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Jose Palmar	4	853
The freehold property of Mr. Freddy Orlando Tun		

25. Parcel No. 16/1 San Estevan Village, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Estevan	4	16/1
The leasehold property of Ms. Irma Olivera		

26. Parcel No. 244 Caledonia Village, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Caledonia Village	1	244
The freehold property of Messrs. Chico's Company Limited		

27. Parcels Nos. 21, 42 & 280 Libertad Registration Section, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCELS
Libertad	1	21 & 42
The freehold properties of Mr. Leonard Folgarait		

28. 200.35 Acres Eastern Side Southern Lagoon, Manatee Area, Belize District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land containing 200.35 acres situate along the eastern side of Southern Lagoon and 3 1/4 miles north of Gales Point, Manatee Village, Belize District, Belize, the freehold property of Mr. Arnaldo Pena.

29. Lot No. 13 Santa Cruz Village, Stann Creek District:



All that piece of land containing 836.013 square meters being Lot No. 13 situate in Santa Cruz Village, Stann Creek District TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon. The freehold property of Mr. Jose O. Raudales & Ms. Rixy G. Ramirez.

30. Parcels 1682, 1683 and 1684 Linda Vista Estate, off George Price Highway, Belize City, Belize:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCELS
St. Martin de Porres West	45	1682, 1683 & 1684
The freehold property of Mrs. Marissa Sosa & Mr. Godfrey Sosa.		

31. No. 1 Cor. Talawalla & Edwin Park Streets, Lord's Bank Village, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Ladyville/Lords Bank	16	3806
The freehold property of Mr. Kevin Enriquez & Mrs. Andrea Enriquez.		

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Development Finance Corporation (DFC) establishes relations with Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI)

On May 5, 2022 a signing ceremony for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was held in Belize City, between the Development Finance Corporation (DFC) and the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), formalizing the establishment of relations between the two institutions. The MOU seeks to formalize a framework for cooperation to facilitate collaboration on financial and technical projects by the two institutions.

Headquartered in Honduras, CABEI is a multilateral development financial institution of an international nature, established to promote the economic integration and the balanced economic and social development of the Central American region, which includes founding countries and non-founding regional countries, of which Belize is a non-founding member. DFC's mandate, as Belize's only development bank, is the economic and social development of Belize. The MOU is the precursor for the facilitation of joint activities for innovative projects that can be implemented in Belize for greater social and economic impact.

Signing on behalf of the DFC was General Manager, Mrs. Natalie Ewing Goff and on behalf of CABEI, was Mr. Elan Tabora, Chief Country Representative for Honduras and Belize.

In his remarks at the ceremony, Mr. Tabora reiterated CABEI's desire to collaborate with DFC in helping CABEI to expand its economic and social footprint in Central America through greater participation of developmental projects in Belize, with benefits accruing to both organizations.

DFC's Chairman, Mr. Henry N. Anderson also delivered remarks, sharing that, "the DFC does a subset at the national level, of what CABEI does at the regional level. DFC can help CABEI, as it seeks to establish a footprint in Belize, to understand the economic and social forces at play and also serve as a link to the wider CARICOM region." "CABEI," Chairman Anderson stated, "can provide technical collaboration for DFC to grow."

Immediately following the signing ceremony, representatives of the DFC, comprising directors and senior executives, met to discuss areas of cooperation that will be pursued further.

DFC expresses sincere gratitude to CABEI's President Dr. Dante Mossi, and his Board of Directors for seeing the opportunities for collaboration. The DFC's also thanks Mr. Tabora, who has already commenced the process of collaboration with DFC's management. The DFC also thanks the Government of Belize, CEO, Dr. Osmund Martinez and the staff of the Ministry of Economic Development, for facilitating an initial meeting with CABEI in January 2022, which resulted in the signing of this CABEI – DFC Memorandum of Understanding.



L to R: Vanessa Burke, Corporate Secretary, DFC | Natalie Ewing Goff, General Manager, DFC | Elan Tabora, Chief Country Representative, Belize & Honduras, CABEI | Henry N. Anderson, Chairman, DFC



Signing of Memorandum of Understanding
L to R: Natalie Ewing Goff, General Manager, DFC | Elan Tabora, Chief Country Representative, Belize & Honduras, CABEI



L to R: Warren Coye, Director, DFC | Luis Ruiz, Ag. Manager, Credit Delivery, DFC | Judith Leslie, Ag. Assistant General Manager, Lending Operations, DFC | Vanessa Burke, Corporate Secretary, DFC | Natalie Ewing Goff, General Manager, DFC | Elan Tabora, Chief Country Representative, Belize & Honduras, CABEI | Trecia Miguel, Executive Assistant, DFC | Henry N. Anderson, Chairman, DFC | Wayne Piper, Director, DFC | Raineldo Guerrero, Director, DFC



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Atlantic Bank Ltd. is pleased to invite applications for the position of Branch Manager. The post offers solid career opportunities in a well-established financial institution, in a growing, modern, and dynamic working environment.

Applicants should be self-motivated individuals who possess excellent team and leadership skills, integrity, and are open to innovation. If you are desirous of joining the team of Atlantic Bank Branch Managers, please submit your application and resume no later than May 27th, 2022 to:

Chief Human Resources Officer
Human Resources Department
smorales@atlabank.com
Email subject: Branch Manager Application
Atlantic Bank Ltd.
Cor. Cleghorn Street / Freetown Road,
P.O. Box 481, Belize City, Belize

NOTICE TO SUPPLY CORN FORAGE FOR SHEEP & GOAT

Sheep and Goat Project, Central Farm, Cayo

The Sheep and Goat Project is seeking to procure a weekly supply of 4,400 lbs corn forage for the National Sheep and Goat Breeding Center in Central Farm.

Farmers are invited to submit a price quotation that includes all fees for 129,800 lb. of Corn Forage.

A tendering letter by interested farmers including quotation in Belize Dollars is to be emailed to h.y.huang@icdf.org.tw before 4:00 p.m. Thursday March 24th, 2022. Late bids will not be accepted. Bids received on time will be opened on Thursday March 24th, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. for evaluation and selection. The bidder whose offer has been determined to be the lowest evaluated quotation and is qualified to satisfy the contract shall be awarded the purchase order. For further details on the tendering process please contact Sheep & Goat Project via telephone number 832-8187 or email at h.y.huang@icdf.org.tw.

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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 Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at 12:00pm.

TERMS: 10% DEPOSIT. BALANCE IN 14 DAYS



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 Cabrera.



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 42, Parcel 420/1
Punta Gorda

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #42, Parcel #420/1, Punta Gorda Town, Toledo District, Belize; comprising of 450 sq. yds. together with all erections thereon being a single storey residence having three bedrooms, two bathrooms, living, dining, kitchen, utility room, and an enclosed garage. The building has an area of 1,588 sq. ft.

The subject property is held as a Leasehold Interest in the name of Maria Roches.



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, Orange Walk District; comprising a total area of 1635.8 sq.m. 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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PUBLIC SERVICE UNION OF BELIZE VACANCY CLERICAL ASSISTANT

Vacant Post: Clerical Assistant

Location: Belmopan

Working Hours: Mondays to Thursday 8AM-12PM & 1PM-5PM and Fridays 8AM-12PM & 1PM-4:30PM

1. PURPOSE OF POSITION: We are looking for a detail-oriented individual to join our team as a Clerical Assistant. The individual will perform a variety of noncomplex, general clerical, typing, data entering and/or office support duties.

2. ANALYSIS OF POSITION

I. Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Answer and direct calls, taking messages, and making phone calls.
2. Check and compare data for accuracy and completeness.
3. Complete data entry and prepare reports in Excel.
4. Complete assignments and projects according to instructions from supervisors.
5. Enter data into computer system.
6. Gather specified information and compile routine reports.
7. Maintain inventory on office supplies.
8. Reconcile monthly membership, rebates, insurance & loans monthly
9. Sort, file and maintain alphabetical, numerical, and subject filing systems.
10. Type forms, correspondence, memos, and other materials.
11. Use office equipment to check emails, make copies, and update computer database.
12. Work with other team members/departments to carry out projects
13. Perform related job duties as required.
14. Hold over other desks when officer is out.
15. Any other related duties from time to time

II. Requirements:

Qualifications/Experience

1. Associate's Degree in Business or Accounting or relevant field
2. Advanced level knowledge & use of Quickbooks
3. Advanced level knowledge & use of Microsoft Office, especially Word, Excel, Powerpoint & Access
4. Advanced level knowledge & use of Google Workspace, Google Docs, Sheets, Drive, Forms etc
5. A minimum of 1 year office experience, including administrative and data entry preferred. Completion of an administrative course may be advantageous.

Skills/Competencies

1. Ability to follow processes and procedures, but conscientious about improving and creating more efficient and effective workflows
2. Ability to stay focused while doing repetitive tasks
3. Ability to work remotely with reliable internet access
4. Comfortable working with spreadsheets and workflow software
5. Competency with computers, physical and digital filing systems, and typing.
6. Excellent project management and organizational skills
7. Professionalism, discretion, and the ability to work with minimal supervision
8. Strong written and verbal communication skills
9. Other skills include Creativity, Critical thinking, Dependability, adaptability, Attention to detail, Resourcefulness, teamwork, flexibility, Good problem-solving skills, great computer skills, initiative, interpersonal, and math skills, Time-management skills

3. REPORTING RESPONSIBILITY - The Clerical Assistant reports to the Secretary General & the President.

4. SALARY - \$14,400.00 per annum

Deadline: Wednesday, June 1, 2022

Kindly send application letter, resume and two (2) recent letters of reference to info@psubelize.org addressed to:

Mr. Dean Flowers
President
Public Service Union of Belize
South End, Governor General's Field
City of Belmopan
Cayo District



PUBLIC SERVICE UNION OF BELIZE VACANCY INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS OFFICER

Vacant Post: Industrial Relations Officer

Location: Belmopan

Working Hours: Mondays to Thursday 8AM-12PM & 1PM-5PM and Fridays 8AM-12PM & 1PM-4:30PM

1. PURPOSE OF POSITION: We are looking for a motivated individual to join our team as an Industrial Relations Officer. The individual will assist the union and its members in the coordination of all issues relating to Industrial Relations.

2. ANALYSIS OF POSITION

I. Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Attend Grievance Committee meetings, collective bargaining negotiation meetings and any other meeting on the request of the Council of Management.
2. Collaborate with the Union's Public Service Commission Member
3. Conduct training sessions on grievance handling among other things.
4. Consult with the Research Committee and provide advice to the Council of Management on legislation and regulations that can have adverse effects on members.
5. Drafting of collective bargaining agreements, negotiating and amending the collective bargaining agreement after each negotiation meeting.
6. Prepare a monthly report on grievances for submission to Council of Management.
7. Prepare a weekly itinerary of activities to be undertaken for each subsequent week.
8. Prepare an annual report on grievances for submission to General Membership.
9. Prepare information bulletins for circulation to members
10. Prepare an article for the Vanguard newsletter as required.
11. Receive and investigate all grievances from union members in all branches in consultation with the Branch Chairpersons.
12. Review and make recommendations on the grievance system and provide advice on industrial relations matters to enhance the overall efficiency of the grievance machinery.
13. Any other related duties from time to time

II. Requirements:

Qualifications/Experience

1. Bachelor's Degree in Human Resource Management (HRM), Public Sector Management, Industrial and Labour Relations or equivalent qualification and training;
2. Five (5) years' experience in an HRM/IR capacity;
3. Advanced level knowledge & use of Microsoft Office, especially Word, Excel, Powerpoint & Access
4. Knowledge of acts, regulations, procedures and policies governing the public service
5. Knowledge of preparing Case files and working knowledge of dispute resolution, arbitration and mediation would be an asset
6. Specialized training in industrial relations would be an asset.

Skills/Competencies

1. Ability to conduct investigations and produce reports accordingly
2. Ability to interpret & document information
3. Computer Literate in Microsoft Office Suite including Word, Excel, PowerPoint;
4. Research, Critical and Analytical skills
5. Demonstrate the ability to work independently
6. Excellent conflict management & interpersonal skills;
7. Excellent written and oral communication skills;
8. Good knowledge of Labour Laws and Industrial Relations practices;
9. Good time management, planning and organizing skills;
10. In depth knowledge of employment legislations
11. Prior experienced in employee relations or industrial relations
12. Professionalism, discretion, and the ability to work with minimal supervision
13. Proper command of the English Language
14. Strong problem solving, negotiation & influencing skills
15. Team Building Skills

3. REPORTING RESPONSIBILITY - The Industrial Relations Officer reports to the Secretary General & the President.

4. SALARY - \$33,400.00 per annum

Deadline: Wednesday, June 1, 2022

Kindly send application letter, resume and two (2) recent letters of reference to info@psubelize.org addressed to:

Mr. Dean Flowers
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May 18 2022

Press Release

The Public Sector Workers Trust (PSWT) was created via an agreement between the Public Service Union, Belize National Teachers' Union and the Government of Belize to create projects for those individuals whose increments were frozen from 1995 to 1997. The Trust has launched its first project which is the Preventative Healthcare Project, which aims to provide a complete range of modern diagnostic tests to all its beneficiaries, inclusive of laboratory tests and a consultation with a physician to discuss the test results. For beneficiaries who opt not to access these services, an alternative option is a health care credit which provides a specific sum to their preferred medical provider to defray costs of services and medication.

The PSWT has now signed agreements with the Belize Healthcare Partners, Belize Medical Associates and Northern Medical Specialty Plaza.

All beneficiaries of the PSWT who would like to access the project to contact the PSWT at 223-7799/223-2877/ 673-7798 to set an appointment. A list of beneficiaries has been published on the PSWT website at <https://pswt.org.bz/new-publications/#>. Beneficiaries are asked to kindly review the list to determine if their names are there to access the service. In the event that a beneficiary's name is not on the list certified documents must be submitted to the office of the PSWT for verification before these services can be accessed.

Finally, the health project will be extended to the western and southern part of the country on a phased basis.

Ends

FOUR STEPS TO ACCESS PSWT HEALTH CARE

1. Check PSWT website at <https://pswt.org.bz/new-publications/#>. to ascertain if name if on the list
2. If name is on list, call PSWT Offices at 223-7799/223-2877/ 673-7798 to schedule appointment to obtain the required forms
3. After obtaining forms, visit the medical provider of your choice
4. If name is NOT of the list, certified documents are to be provided to the Trust Office including but not limited to an employment declaration provided by the Belize Social Security Board, years of service document signed by management/ ministry or any other documentation that provides proof you were working with GOB during the period 1995-1997.

A: NGO Crescent, Belize City
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Vacant Post Radiographer

Job Description

Primary Responsibilities:

- Performs general, portable (ward), theatre and emergency radiography.
- Performs shift duties after office hours, weekends and public holidays; as well as standby duties.
- Performs duties in advanced imaging modality in which they are trained.
- Assists Radiologist in fluoroscopic procedures and other procedures as required.
- Adheres to safe work practices especially in radiation safety and infection control.
- Responsible for the safety and welfare of the patient.
- Responsible for explaining the procedure to the patient.
- Responsible for general housekeeping of procedure rooms and work areas.
- Produces radiographs of diagnostic value.
- Applies the ALARA principle for all procedures.
- Guides and teaches junior radiographers in their respective areas of work.
- Ensures efficient running of their area of responsibility.

Job Requirements

- Degree or Diploma in Diagnostic Radiography
- Compassionate and good patient care
- Good interpersonal and communication skills
- Customer and service oriented
- Good team player

Submit Your Application
Info@belizehealthcare.com



VACANCY - SALES OFFICER BELMOPAN BRANCH

Interested applicants must possess the following skills and qualifications:

Education and Experience:

- Bachelor's Degree or Associates Degree in Business Administration, Marketing or Accounting or other business-related fields with three years experience in banking or a similar financial discipline.
- Marketing experience is an asset.

Knowledge, Skills, and Competencies:

- Maintain good relations with the team leader, team members, and customers.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Excellent customer service, time management, and interpersonal skills.
- Knowledge of the Bank's products and services.
- Highly dedicated, motivated, and proactive.
- Work well under stressful conditions.
- Good use of discretion.
- Possess a valid driver's license.

General Responsibilities:

- Educate customers on all the bank's products and services.
- Analyze and inform customers on the best options that are beneficial to their business.
- Prepare and conduct presentations of the bank's products and services to customers and non customers.
- Receive and review all customers' queries and complaints and respond with a solution in a timely manner.
- Research best possible solutions for implementation to retain and increase customer base.
- Train all staff members about the current and new products and services.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 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

University of Belize



CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR RENOVATION OF DORMITORY, CENTRAL FARM CAMPUS

The University of Belize intends to renovate four single storied, low-cost cement/steel roof building with the following specifications:

- 5,900 square feet
- Includes bedrooms, bathrooms, common area, kitchen area.

The University of Belize now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the construction works in the aforementioned area.

Bidding will be conducted through a Competitive Bidding Process and is open to all eligible bidders in Belize.

Interested, eligible bidders may obtain further information from the University of Belize at the following address:

Mr. Francis Burns
Director of Physical Plant
University of Belize
Hummingbird Avenue | P.O. Box 340 | Belmopan, Cayo District
Tel: 822-3680
E-mail: fburns@ub.edu.bz

A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased by interested bidders upon payment of a non-refundable fee of BZ\$100.00. (One Hundred dollars). Payment should be deposited to:

Account Name: University of Belize
Bank Name: Belize Bank Ltd.
Account Number: 134789010120027

Deposit slip must be shown when receiving Bidding Documents.

Deadline for bids submission is June 10, 2022, 4:00 pm. at the University of Belize, Hummingbird Avenue, P.O. Box 340, Belmopan Cayo District. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. The bid validity period is 90 days.



Sealed bids in a hand delivered, manila envelope must be addressed to:

Office of the President,
Hummingbird Avenue
City of Belmopan, Belize
P.O. Box 340

Contact: drobinson@ub.edu.bz, 822-3680 ext 193

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY JUNE 10, 2022