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Senior Police Officer Gunned Down

BY LEAH COOPER
 Journal Staff Writer

Police are on a manhunt for the brazen assailant who gunned down a senior police officer yesterday in broad daylight.

He has been identified as Inspector Carlos Blatch, an aide to Governor General Dame Marguerite Pindling.

Assistant Commissioner of Police Clayton Fernander shared with reporters on the scene that shortly after 3pm the victim was



▶ The deceased is identified as Inspector Carlos Blatch (bottom right), an aide to Governor General Dame Marguerite Pindling. Officers are pictured on the scene after the fatal incident occurred. (Journal file photo)

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Man Charged With Weekend Murder

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
 Journal Staff Writer

A man will spend his birthday behind bars.

Dino Pinto, 37, was yesterday arraigned before Chief Magistrate, Joyann Ferguson-Pratt, on murder charges in connection with the September 8th death of Jeremy Petti-Fere.

Petti-Fere was reportedly stabbed to death at a

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Sands Laments Dialysis Unit Issues

BY LEAH COOPER
 Journal Staff Writer

Health Minister Dr. Duane sands said issues surrounding dialysis in The Bahamas is an "ongoing crisis" that has been occurring for over a decade.

Last month, the Public Hospitals Authority (PHA) issued a memo proposing a weekly charge rate of \$150 for transport patients to and from the Dialysis Unit three times a week.

This was hotly debated, but Dr. Sands said the issues surrounding the Dialysis Unit go far beyond that.

"We continue to have significant challenges because we don't have enough nursing, because the equipment requires upgrades, and all of these things we are trying to address to find out what is the appropriate way

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CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK MAKES COURTESY CALL



▶ Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) executives paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister, Dr. the Hon. Hubert A. Minnis, and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, the Hon. K. Peter Turnquest on September 12, 2018 at the Office of the Prime Minister. Pictured are Prime Minister Minnis (second right), Deputy Prime Minister Turnquest (left), CDB President Dr. William Warren Smith (second left) and CDB Director, Projects Department, Daniel Best. (BIS Photo/Yontalay Bowe)

Foulkes To Smith: I Prefer To Wait For The Attorney General

BY LEAH COOPER
 Journal Staff Writer

Labour Minister Dion Foulkes yesterday responded to Attorney Fred Smith QC's warning as the government continues to make provisions to

eliminate shantytowns on the Family Islands.

Mr. Smith this week advised the government that it may be in contempt of court saying that he thought the government showed no respect for the rule of law as it continued

to terrorize the Family Island Haitian communities.

Minister Foulkes said, "I had a very successful meeting, myself, the permanent secretary, my ministry, and others went down to Marsh Harbour

on Saturday. We had a very successful meeting with the Shanty Town Action Task Force committee in Marsh Harbour."

He added, "They are

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▶ Minister of Labour, the Hon. Dion Foulkes

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Sands Laments Dialysis Unit Issues



► Minister of Health, the Hon. Dr. Duane Sands

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forward," he said.

Dr. Sands added that there is not enough treatment time in the Princess Margaret Hospital Dialysis Unit, therefore a number of patients experience a reduction in their treatment time.

A dialysis patient should have three to four hours of treatment for three days a week. However, some may only receive two hours in one sitting.

"These are real problems. We don't have the dialysis nurses to provide

the level of care that we would like to provide, and yet we're mandated to soldier on," he said.

The minister said the issue of nursing and the loss of critical care nurses add to this problem.

Dr. Sands said officials are also seeking to make much needed upgrades to PMH.

"There have been complaints about the lack of availability of CAT scans and imaging, and that is because we are putting in brand new imaging equipment throughout the Radiology Department," he said.

Dr. Sands added that there was a need to continue to do the entire area at once as opposed to conducting renovations in stages, which has created some level of inconvenience for both the public and staff.

"When this is done, certainly by October, we will have a brand-new CAT scan, and we will have brand new imaging equipment," Dr. Sands said.

He said that he expects these face-lifts will dramatically improve the quality of service and technology moving forward.

Man Charged With Weekend Murder

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bar on Tonique Williams Darling Highway.

His alleged killer was not required to enter a plea; neither was he granted bail.

Pinto was remanded to the Bahamas Department of Corrections (BDOC) until October 31st, 2018 for service of a voluntary bill of indictment.

Pinto's birthday is September 23rd.

Gov't To Hold Skills Training Symposium

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
Journal Staff Writer

In an effort to address the lack of sufficient skilled Bahamian workers, the Ministry of Labour has partnered with the private sector, educational institutions, labour unions and civil society to hold a national symposium on skills development in The Bahamas.

The symposium titled, "Forging Our Future – Assessing and Analyzing the Skills Gap in The Bahamas" is designed to meet the demands of the current and future needs in the country.

"The longstanding negative impact of the dispar-

ity between employer needs and the available workforce has critically limited growth of the private sector and subsequently the economic development of our nation," said Minister of Labour Dion Foulkes.

"The government recognizes that Bahamian employers regularly struggle to find sufficient staff with proficiency in the necessary technical and soft skills areas.

"Therefore, the National Committee's goal is to create a stronger pathway for job skills' development and greater productivity."

The minister said the government believes the

reduction in the skills gap can provide a critical and necessary step toward improving the ease of doing business, the expansion of the private sector, growth of the gross domestic product and increase in employment.

The symposium is expected to identify key issues, according to Executive Manager in the Ministry of Labour Robert Farquharson.

"Well the idea behind the symposium is to get a comprehensive report and to submit recommendations to the Government of The Bahamas to, if necessary, adjust the technical and vocational train-

ing aspects in the community," he said.

"As well as the tertiary level institutions in The Bahamas, will be able to, once they get this comprehensive report, and the recommendations attached to it, will be able to adjust their programs to make sure that they are providing the skills, the certifications and the competencies needed for Bahamians to fill these skills gaps that are identified."

The symposium is expected to house about 100 participants including the maritime, hospitality, financial services, construction, manufacturing, health and allied services

sectors.

"Each sector is doing a lot to address this issue, but maybe not necessarily as collaboratively or coordinated as possible," said Deputy Co-Chair of the National Committee for Industry & Skills Development Matthew Aubry.

"So, Monday at the symposium becomes an opportunity for us all to get under one roof, to understand what the challenges are, to look at what the educational opportunities are out there, what kind of certifications are being presented," he added.

"These then can be matched up with what the

ministry knows are job gaps, with what private industry realizes and is looking down the line and saying what are those, not only current job skills needed, but more importantly future job skills."

The National Committee for Industry and Skills Development, invites key leaders and groups that haven't been contacted to reach out if they would like to attend.

The symposium will be held on Monday, September 17th beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the National Training Agency, Gladstone Road.

Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis is expected to bring remarks.

Foulkes To Smith: I Prefer To Wait For The Attorney General

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working very hard. There's some 30 persons from the private and government sector and from local government."

"I read Mr. Fred Smith's comments in the dailies this morning and I have to get advice from

the attorney general on exactly what are the legal implications of what he said. I prefer not to offer my opinion as an attorney, but I prefer to wait for the attorney general."

Just last week, the minister told reporters that because of the injunction the New

Providence Shanty Town Action Task Force has been dissolved, thus ending all efforts to demolish these unregulated communities in the capital.

However, he added that their efforts will continue on the Family Islands.

Senior Police Officer Gunned Down

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waiting in his vehicle with his daughter to pick up his son, who attends H.O. Nash Junior High.

"While sitting in the vehicle, he was approached by a lone gunman, who pointed the gun at him and ordered him out of the vehicle. Eventually, the culprit

fired a shot. He was hit on the body," he said.

He added that the gunman pulled the victim out of the car and drove away, and by this time his daughter already left the car seeking assistance.

EMS transported the victim to hospital where he later died, according to police.

The assistant police commissioner said that

this appeared to be an armed robbery.

The victim's blue Hyundai Elantra, license plate #AH2087, was later found on Trelawny Close off Farrington Road.

Mr. Fernander advised the culprit to turn himself in with his weapon or "we will find you".

Police are appealing to the public to assist with their investigations.

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(AMENDMENT) () REGULATIONS, 2011

The public is advised that prices as shown in the Schedule for LEAD FREE GASOLINE sold by Freeport Oil Company Limited (FOCOL) became effective on Wednesday, July 25, 2018.

SCHEDULE

PLACE	ARTICLE	MAXIMUM WHOLESALE SELLING PRICE PER U.S. GALLON		MAXIMUM RETAIL SELLING PRICE PER U.S. GALLON (VAT INCLUSIVE)
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ACTING PERMANENT SECRETARY

BDB Past Managing Directors Meet During 40th Year Activities



Managing Director, Dave S. Smith

Newly appointed Managing Director, Mr. Dave S. Smith treated the former Managing Directors to lunch, to celebrate the Bank's 40th anniversary; also in attendance was the Honorable Minister Peter Turnquest, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance.

During this auspicious occasion Minister Turnquest discussed how the Bank could further facilitate economic development throughout The Bahamas. This also provided the former Managing Directors the opportunity to discuss the Bank's challenges over the years and also reminisce about the many success stories enabling the development of the Bahamian

economy in various sectors.

Mr. Benjamin Rahming, former Managing Director shared one of his fond memories of how the Bank made a tremendous impact on the Bahamian economy over the years. One sector impacted was Tourism as a number of resorts were financed on New Providence and Family Islands. The Bank also provided funds to fisherman to secure boats and other equipment resulting in increased revenue and employment.

Mr. Anthony Woodside, commented that the Bahamas Development Bank has impacted Transportation as a number of mail boats were financed by

the Bank over the years. The services provided by mail boats remains critical in assisting residents throughout The Bahamas supporting inter-island transit, goods, materials and passengers.

Mr. Smith acknowledged the importance of listening to those who he has taken over the reins from, as he executes the strategic plan for the Bahamas Development Bank. Since 1974, the Bank has been the Government's catalyst in facilitating and stimulating economic expansion and diversification of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and thereby creating employment and increasing opportunities for exports. In our Strategic Plan,

"Roadmap To Economic Growth & Diversification 2018-2020" the Bank continues its focus on targeted economic sectorial development, expanding the bank's MSME funding center and provision of other services.

The BDB continues to collaborate with various Government ministries and industry associations to execute its principle functions which include; promotion of industrial, agricultural and commercial development via financing and investing in approved enterprises; encouraging citizens of The Bahamas to participate in business ownership, and promoting economic development of The Bahamas.

CIBC FIRSTCARIBBEAN'S ANGUILLA OPERATIONS TO CLOSE

CIBC FirstCaribbean International Bank today announced that it has made the decision to close its Anguilla office early in the new year.

Managing Director of Barbados and the EC Islands, under which the Anguilla business falls, Donna Wellington, noted, "We conducted a strategic review of our business across the region and given the growth path we

have identified we have made the difficult decision to close our operations in Anguilla.

"Our operation in Anguilla is a small one accounting for just 5 per cent of overall market share there. Since the economic downturn, our business in Anguilla has been experiencing operational losses. Given the continuing economic climate, we have therefore

taken the difficult decision to close our office there."

CIBC FirstCaribbean has held discussions with the Government of Anguilla and the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank, as the regulator, and all parties have agreed to work in close coordination to ensure that the transition can take place in an orderly manner and that all are committed to

ensuring continued financial stability in Anguilla.

The bank's employees in Anguilla will be offered separation packages consistent with the bank's policy.

Ms. Wellington added that branch operations will cease on Thursday, 31st January 2019 and the bank was requesting all account holders to close their accounts and transfer their business to another

commercial bank in Anguilla. As it prepares for the closure of its Anguilla branch the bank will not be transacting any new business with immediate effect.

The regional bank is also making arrangements with National Commercial Bank of Anguilla Ltd, to allow clients with loan facilities and credit cards to service their debts to completion.

Ms. Wellington asserted, "We have met with our staff in Anguilla to apprise them of our decision and we are fully committed to supporting our employees and customers through this process."

She noted: "Additionally, we will be communicating with our clients to offer them the support they need in winding up their business with us."

Rubis Partners with JCNP as Gold Sponsor

Rubis Bahamas Limited has increased its commitment to cultural preservation in The Bahamas by partnering with the Junkanoo Corporation of New Providence (JCNP) as a Gold Sponsor for the next three years. Through its sponsorship, Rubis will provide needed funding support to the JCNP for the coordination of the annual Boxing and New Year's Day Parades.

According to Sales & Marketing Manager, Latia Duncombe "Rubis has sponsored at the group level and it is expected that this new

partnership will contribute to this expression of Bahamian cultural heritage in another meaningful way."

"Ensuring that the history and performance of Junkanoo are passed on to and enjoyed by future generations of Bahamians is an important goal for us. Hundreds of Bahamians, of all ages, take part in Junkanoo every year, with many of them making personal sacrifices to do so. Our hope is that our support will help to ensure Junkanoo is preserved for many years to come," said Duncombe.

The company has been

a strong supporter of cultural and youth development in The Bahamas for many years and hopes that this new partnership will help to expand its impact.

Rubis will have a greater presence at the upcoming parades, with the Shirley Street Cup Category being renamed in the company's honour as the 'RUBiS Shirley Street Cup Category.' In recent years, the Shirley Street Cup has become a highly contested category by all the groups. RUBiS hopes that this will continue, as the groups bring the excitement and energy to Bay Street and Shirley Street.



NOTICE

The Royal Bahamas Defence Force invites bids to the Tenders Board for insurance coverage for The Royal Bahamas Defence Force's Building, Musical Instruments, and Warehouses.

2. Specifications and schedules of assets can be obtained from the Ministry of Finance, Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

3. The quotes must be itemized to show the following:

- Increased Value
- Protection and Indemnity

4. In providing quotations, reference the Buildings, the Musical Instruments and Warehouses for the Royal Bahamas Defence Force, the date for commencing coverage is the 30th September 2018 to 30th September 2020. The final date for submission is Friday 14th September 2018.

All submissions are to reach the Ministry of Finance by 5:00 p.m. on or before the above-mentioned date and to be addressed to the:

Financial Secretary
Cecil Wallace-Withfield Centre
P.O. Box N-3107
West Bay Street
New Providence, The Bahamas

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NOTICE OF SITTING FOR NEW PROVIDENCE PORT AUTHORITY BOARD TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES UNDER THE BOAT REGISTRATION ACT CHAPTER (277) & COMMERCIAL RECREATIONAL WATERCRAFT ACT, CHAPTER 278 A

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the New Providence Port Authority Board for New Providence and the Family Islands will be held at the Port Administration Building, Prince George Wharf on **TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 25th 2018** at 2:00 p.m, for the purpose of granting Licences under The Boat Registration Act Chapter 277 & Commercial Recreational Watercraft Act of Chapter 278 A.

Any Person entitled to and wishing to object to any application, should do so at least six (6) days before the date of the hearing, by submitting his/her objections in writing to the Board and to the applicant.

Persons attending the meeting on behalf of an applicant must produce written authorization at the meeting.

Applicants for renewals are not required to attend, unless they have received written notification from the New Providence Port Authority Board.

The under mentioned persons have applied for the grant of licences and renewal as specified below.

**BOAT REGISTRATION ACT
NEW MASTER'S LICENCE-NEW PROVIDENCE - 2018**

REG NO.	NAME	CLASS
NB/01/18	Brown Wilton Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/02/18	Burrows Burnest Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/03/18	Burrows Marcus P.O. BOX N-9886 Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/04/18	Coakley Joel T. P.O. Box EE-17821 Nassau, Bahamas	A
NB/05/18	Farrington Gaston Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/06/18	Flowers Nico P.O. BOX N-448 Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/07/18	Hunt Ellis Keisha P.O. Box EE-17553 Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/08/18	Leach Justin P.O. Box N1702 Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/09/18	Lowe Bronson P.O. Box N-4427 Nassau, Bahamas	A
NB/10/18	Miller Ramond Allan Drive Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/11/18	Rahming Edrin P.O. Box EE-15670 Nassau, Bahamas	B

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REG NO.	NAME	CLASS
NB/12/18	Russell Gromiko P.O. BOX SP-62792 Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/13/18	Wallace Gianni P.O. Box EE-17413 Nassau, Bahamas	B
NB/14/18	Wells Craig P.O. Box N-10386 Nassau, Bahamas	B

**BOAT REGISTRATION ACT
NEW OPERATOR'S LICENCE-NEW PROVIDENCE- 2018**

REG NO.	NAME	CLASS
NB/20/18	Miller Aldeon D. Sea Breeze Nassau, Bahamas	D

**THE BOAT REGISTRATION ACT
NEW BOAT LICENCE - FAMILY ISLAND -2018**

REG NO.	APPLICATION	BOAT NAME	CLASS	PASS	USE
NB/01/18	RAV Bahamas Bimini Bay Resort & Casino Bimini Bahamas	"Dorado" 139'x35'x7.5 Tug Barge	B	0	Tug-Barg
NB/02/18	Cartwright Roger T/A Long Island Boat Rentals Mangrove Bush Long Island, Bahamas	"Summertime" 19ft Sundance	B	4	Rental
NB/03/18	Cartwright Roger T/A Long Island Boat Rentals Mangrove Bush Long Island, Bahamas	"Sea Ya" 13ft Boston Whaler	B	4	Rental
NB/04/18	Cartwright Roger T/A Long Island Boat Rentals Mangrove Bush Long Island, Bahamas	"Let's Go" 19ft Sundance	B	4	Rental

**THE BOAT REGISTRATION ACT
NEW BOAT LICENCE - NEW PROVIDENCE -2018**

REG NO.	APPLICATION	BOAT NAME	CLASS	PASS	USE
NB/54/18	Alliea Campbell Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" Cycle Boat	A	16	Tours
NB/55/18	Sunshine Cruises Limited Nassau, Bahamas	"Missy" 65ft Bonner Yacht	B	100	Charters

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REG NO.	APPLICATION	BOAT NAME	CLASS	PASS	USE
NB/56/18	Ramatar Narine & Newbold Arjay Nassau, Bahamas	"Proud" 32ft Center Console	B	12	Rental

**NEW COMMERCIAL RECREATIONAL WATERCRAFT ACT
NEW PROVIDENCE - 2018**

REG NO.	APPLICATION	BOAT NAME	CLASS	PASS	USE
NB/85/18	Smith Feodor St. Vincent Road Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" 11ft Crystal Kayak	D	1	Rental
NB/86/18	Smith Feodor St. Vincent Road Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" 11ft Crystal Kayak	D	1	Rental
NB/87/18	Smith Feodor St. Vincent Road Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" 11ft Crystal Kayak	D	1	Rental
NB/88/18	Smith Feodor St. Vincent Road Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" 11ft Crystal Kayak	D	1	Rental
NB/89/18	Smith Feodor St. Vincent Road Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" 11ft Crystal Kayak	D	1	Rental
NB/90/18	Smith Feodor St. Vincent Road Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" 11ft Crystal Kayak	D	1	Rental
NB/91/18	Smith Feodor St. Vincent Road Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" 11ft Crystal Kayak	D	1	Rental
NB/92/18	Smith Feodor St. Vincent Road Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" 11ft Crystal Kayak	D	1	Rental
NB/93/18	Smith Feodor St. Vincent Road Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" 11ft Crystal Kayak	D	1	Rental
NB/94/18	Smith Feodor St. Vincent Road Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" 11ft Crystal Kayak	D	1	Rental
NB/95/18	Smith Feodor St. Vincent Road Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" 11ft Crystal Kayak	D	1	Rental

**RENEWAL OF JET SKI
UNDER THE COMMERCIAL RECREATIONAL WATERCRAFT ACT
NEW PROVIDENCE - 2018**

REG NO.	APPLICATION	BOAT NAME	CLASS	PASS	USE
PIW 338	Wright Frankie Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" 9ft Jet Ski	D	2	Rental

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**BOAT REGISTRATION ACT
RENEWAL MASTER'S LICENCE-FAMILY ISLANDS - 2018**

REG NO.	NAME	CLASS
8881	Rolle Alfred Farmer's Cay Exuma Bahamas	A

**BOAT REGISTRATION ACT
RENEWAL MASTER'S LICENCE-NEW PROVIDENCE - 2018**

REG NO.	NAME	CLASS
8993	Burrows Brent J. II P.O. Box EE-16551 Nassau, Bahamas	A
9405	Major Mario P.O. Box SS-5702 Nassau, Bahamas	A
8230	McKenzie Jerrad P.O. Box SS-5545 Nassau, Bahamas	B
9135	Miller Joevonte J. Star Estates Nassau, Bahamas	A
9200	Nixon Julian P.O. Box N-10359 Nassau, Bahamas	B
9604	Patton Peter Buttercup Lane Nassau, Bahamas	A
9409	Poitier Rashad A. P.O. Box N-969 Nassau, Bahamas	B
1145	Smith Ellis H. P.O. Box N-7776 Nassau, Bahamas	A
9355	Wallace Phicol Nassau, Bahamas	A


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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & MARINE RESOURCES

INVITATION FOR TENDERS

TENDER FOR THE PROVISION FOR SECURITY SERVICES FOR THE
GLADSTONE ROAD AGRICULTURAL CENTRE

The Ministry of Agriculture & Marine Resources invites Tenders from interested Companies for the provision of Security Services for the Gladstone Road Agricultural Centre.

All persons/companies are invited to collect the Tender Document between the hours of 10:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday from:

Ministry of Agriculture & Marine Resources
East Bay Street
Out Island Traders Building
Nassau, Bahamas
Telephone No. 397-7444

All Tendered documents are to be submitted in triplicate (3) in a sealed envelope marked "TENDER SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PROVISION FOR SECURITY SERVICES FOR THE GLADSTONE ROAD AGRICULTURAL CENTRE" and addressed to:

Chairman
The Tenders Board
c/o Financial Secretary
Ministry of Finance
Cecil Wallace Whitfield Centre
P. O. Box N-3017
Nassau, N.P., The Bahamas
Telephone No. 327-1530

The deadline line for submission of Tenders is Thursday August 30th, 2018.

Persons/companies submitting Tenders are invited to be present for the Tender opening on Tuesday 3rd September, 2018 at 10.00am to the meeting of the Tenders Board at the Ministry of Finance.

The Ministry of Finance reserves the right to reject any or all Tenders.

Phedra Rahming (Ms.)
Permanent Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE
OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTERTENDER INVITATION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER
TO CONDUCT A LAND AUDIT WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

The Office of the Prime Minister invites tenders for the appointment of a Service Provider to conduct a Land Audit within the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

All companies are invited to visit the Notice's section on the Government's website at www.bahamas.gov.bs, or to collect the Terms of Reference for the tender between the hours of 9:30 am – 4:00 pm Monday through Friday from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Cecil Wallace Whitfield Centre
Nassau, N.P., The Bahamas

Office of the Prime Minister seeks the services of a Service Provider to conduct a Land Audit throughout the Commonwealth of The Bahamas in order to establish all land that is owned, leased or licensed for use by the Government. The Land Audit will build upon the work executed under The Bahamas Land Use, Policy and Administration Project, 2009 (LUPAP).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Government will engage the Service Provider to conduct the Land Audit which will:

- i) Spatially identify land and give ownership information within the study area in coordination with the Surveyor General;
- ii) Conduct a comprehensive assessment of all properties within the study area;
- iii) Create a user-friendly GIS database with ownership categories with useful fields that will assist in the planning and packaging of interventions;
- iv) Create a Land Audit report (maps, tables and graphs, as applicable) for each island; &
- v) In particular regarding Crown Lands and Treasury Lands, to determine:
 - a) What Government Land has been alienated for use by others, either in the form of lease holds, licences, authorizations, joint ventures and contractual obligations;
 - b) What Government Land is presently under commitments to be alienated, either via grant, lease holds or other means which has not yet been perfected;
 - c) What Government Land is presently under consideration to be divested either via grant, conveyance, lease or other means which has not yet been perfected; and
 - d) Whether Government Land leased to third parties is being used for its agreed upon purpose.

DELIVERABLES

- i) A Land Audit report containing methodology and Land Audit findings and recommendations;
- ii) A Land Audit database with Title Documents as applicable and information on structures in the study area, submitted in Microsoft SQL or IBM Data base 2 format;
- iii) An A0 map size with an overlay of subject land parcels; and
- iv) 2x copies of DVDs/ CDs with GIS spatial datasets (WGS84 USRI or ITRF shapefiles) of the above.

Bids must be submitted and sealed in an envelope clearly marked: APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDER TO CONDUCT A LAND AUDIT WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS. All Tenders must be received no later than 4:30 pm on Friday, 3rd August, 2018, and addressed to:

Chairman, The Tender Board
c/o Acting Financial Secretary
Ministry of Finance
Cecil Wallace Whitfield Centre
P. O. Box N-3107
Nassau, N.P., The Bahamas

No increase, decrease, discount, reduction or any other changes to initial bid price(s) or conditions will be permitted after the opening of bids. Clarification of bids, as requested by the Office of the Prime Minister, may be accepted provided that the substance and prices of the bid remain unchanged.

Information submitted becomes the property of the Office of the Prime Minister, who reserves the right to reject any or all bids received.

Permanent Secretary

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS
BUILDINGS REGULATIONS ACT, 1971NOTICE OF DEMOLITION ORDER
IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING ORDER

To: Mr. Jerry Pratt
Nassau, Bahamas

REF: A SINGLE STOREY WOODEN BUILDING LOCATED ON RUPERT DEAN
AND PRATT ALLEY NASSAU, BAHAMAS

File No. 2046

1. TAKE NOTICE that the Minister Of Public Works in pursuance of the powers conferred upon the Minister by Section 10 (1)(b)(i) of the *Buildings Regulations Act Chapter 188*, has made an Order dated the February 20, 2018 copy of which has been affixed on the premises requiring you the owner of the respective premises described above to remedy the cause of the said building or structure being in a ruinous dilapidated state, by demolishing the said building and removing any rubbish resulting from the demolition within sixty (60) days from the date of the Order.

Craig Delancy
Buildings Control Officer

March 15, 2018

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS
BUILDINGS REGULATIONS ACT, 1971NOTICE OF DEMOLITION ORDER
IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING ORDER

To: Mr. Mario Newbold
No. 37 Hospital Lane & Dunmore Street
Nassau, Bahamas

REF: A TWO STOREY WOODEN BUILDING LOCATED ON NO. 37 HOSPITAL
LANE & DUNMORE STREET NASSAU, BAHAMAS

File No. 2047

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March 15, 2018

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS
BUILDINGS REGULATIONS ACT, 1971NOTICE OF DEMOLITION ORDER
IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING ORDER

To: Ms. Beryl Brown
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1. TAKE NOTICE that the Minister Of Public Works in pursuance of the powers conferred upon the Minister by Section 10 (1)(b)(i) of the *Buildings Regulations Act Chapter 188*, has made an Order dated the February 20, 2018 copy of which has been affixed on the premises requiring you the owner of the respective premises described above to remedy the cause of the said building or structure being in a ruinous dilapidated state, by demolishing the said building and removing any rubbish resulting from the demolition within sixty (60) days from the date of the Order.

Craig Delancy
Buildings Control Officer

March 15, 2018

BTVI student wins small business grant

A student of The Bahamas Technical and Vocational Education Training Institute (BTVI) in Grand Bahama is among 14 individuals awarded grants by the government for up to \$5,000 to start businesses.

Curlene Bain, a grandmother of seven, is now a step closer to launching FastCrafts Fast Ferry & Water Taxi Services, thanks to the Grand Bahama Micro and Small Business Economic Empowerment and Entrepreneurial Incentive Program.

The self-starter grant winners have a wide variety of businesses including: photography, craft stores, bakeries, entertainment, education, event planning, clothing stores, tourism and transportation, and fishing. The program empowers Bahamians 18 to 30 to establish small businesses, providing funding between \$1,000 and \$5,000 to acquire tools and supplies for their businesses. Funds will be paid directly to the supplier.

"I feel great. Someone finally recognized what I'm attempting to do. I no longer feel alone," said Curlene who studies Electronics Engineering at BTVI.

The journey for Curlene began while in a BTVI Entrepreneurial Workforce Prep class in spring 2018. As one of the requirements of the class was a business plan, Ms. Bain approached her instructor, Sherlock Prince, to help turn that



► Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute (BTVI) Grand Bahama student, Curlene Bain has landed a \$5,000 grant to start a small business. She is the brainchild of FastCrafts Fast Ferry & Water Taxi Services, which she hopes to launch - thanks to the Grand Bahama Micro and Small Business Economic Empowerment and Entrepreneurial Incentive Program. From left to right are BTVI's: Entrepreneurial Workforce Prep instructor, Sherlock Prince; Head of Auto Mechanics, Kenton Roker, Ms. Bain; President, Dr. Robert W. Robertson and Associate Vice President of the Northern Campus, Veronica Collie.

class project into a submission for the government program.

"Mr. Prince wanted something real. It was not a half way plan. I'm impressed with that. I had the direction of Mr. Prince and could call on him. Even my Accounts instructor, Jacqueline Stubbs, helped me with the accounting details," said Curlene who reportedly rewrote the plan about 10 times over a three month period.

Grants were also awarded to existing small businesses wishing to expand.

The Grand Bahama Chamber of Commerce and the Grand Bahama Port Authority are partnering with the government in this venture.

Phase I of the self-starter program began with a short business readiness training course designed to expose budding entrepreneurs, as well as existing business owners to fundamental skills and tools in business management best practices - all aimed at preparing them for the running of successful business operations.

The second phase

afforded each candidate the opportunity to compete with their business classmates for a chance to win an available business grant of up to \$5,000 for start-up or expansion of their business idea.

Mr. Prince expressed pride in knowing his student was successful in the program.

"On the business plan, I did some coaching, shared some suggestions, but the idea is hers. It shows she would have learned something in the class. And she puts a lot of passion and precision in her work. The

plan was well written," he recounted.

Explaining the concept of FastCrafts Fast Ferry & Water Taxi Services, Curlene said it will be a day trip from Freeport to Abaco twice a week, in addition to tours of the waterfront real estate market, leaving at 8 am and returning by 8 pm.

"No one has ever attempted to leave Freeport to go to Abaco; you usually go from McLean's Town to Abaco," she stated.

Curlene has worked assiduously in to get her

business up and running, reportedly having invested \$6,000 of her own money, working a day with a local ferry company and traveling as far as Canada to visit a ferry and tour company.

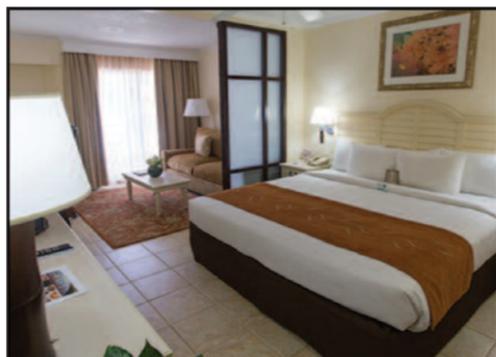
Meanwhile, BTVI's President, Dr. Robert W. Robertson lauded the instructors who went above the call of duty to ensure Curlene's success.

"BTVI is generally trying to assist in class and outside of class. We found a student who is innovative and creative. We are fortunate to have good faculty who are practitioner scholars. This (win) is an example of putting theory into practice," said Dr. Robertson.

Associate Vice President of the Northern Campus, Veronica Collie, said BTVI's mission of preparing students to become economically independent coincides with the government's vision.

"We are following one of the government's mandates, trying to get our people to own a business and not just work for others. Curlene is taking advantage of what we offer and intends to eventually employ BTVI students. It is a proud moment," said Ms. Collie.

Phase III of the program will pair each grant winner with a seasoned business mentor, who will provide expert advice and guidance for their start-up or existing business venture over the course of the upcoming weeks.



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Royal Caribbean's Employee Cruises to Success



► CocoCay Island Manager Ginea Wilson celebrates 15 years with Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd, rising to the cruise company's top onshore position in The Bahamas. She holds a Master's degree in hospitality management.

Ginea Wilson remembers the exact moment she fell in love with the Berry Islands and knew she would accept a job that was never even close to her radar.

"We were heading over to the island on the boat. It was the most beautiful sunset, everything around was just sparkling, it took your breath away. The water and sky were so blue you could not tell where the water ended and the sky began."

That was 15 years ago. Today, Wilson, who recalls that introduction to CocoCay as vividly as if it just happened, is manager of the island that is a popular destination for

the world's largest global cruise line, Royal Caribbean. She oversees a staff of 116 and maintains one of the most demanding positions in the hospitality industry – satisfying up to 20,000 guests a week whose pleasure depends on many variables outside her control, including the weather, and many that only she and her staff can manage. "We handle everything from logistics to tours to staffing needs to security," said Wilson. "Every day, every incident is unique. You can be handling a major HR (human resources) issue one minute and worry about keeping the birds away

Bahamian Manages up to 4,000 Guests Daily and 115+ Staff

from the buffet line the next."

Like other managers in different positions on the island, Wilson is concerned that the public is unaware of the high-ranking roles Bahamians play in RCL's private island operation or how important it is to the local economy.

"Over fifty percent of the managers on the island, including top management, are Bahamian," said Wilson. "People also do not understand how many jobs the operation of this island creates – water taxis, glass bottom boats, straw vendors, parasailing, Customs, Immigration. CocoCay is a very significant revenue generator for the communities of Great Harbour Cay and Bullock's Harbour. And we are all so proud to showcase our country's beautiful islands to the guests of Royal Caribbean that come from all over the world."

RCL's connection with CocoCay is historic.

"CocoCay was one of the first private island destinations for the cruise industry anywhere in the world," explained Russell Benford, Vice President,

Government Relations, Americas. "That was 40 years ago and since then, the model has changed somewhat but the principle remains the same. There is a sense of adventure satisfying the desire for a fantasy island experience and from all the guest comments we receive, CocoCay continues to be among their favourite destinations." RCL is investing \$200 million to expand the island's offerings, creating the first Perfect Day Island experience. Along with a thrilling water park and activities like ziplining, the cruise line is building a new pier to handle the world's largest ships capable of carrying 6,000 guests plus crew.

"During the 2019-2020 season, we aim to increase the total number of guests we bring to The Bahamas from 1.2 million to 1.75 million," said Benford.

For Wilson, the higher numbers will be all in a day's work.

"When you are on an island, you play every role – you are counselor, teacher and preacher in addition to the job you have to perform," says Wilson. "It is not like

telling someone to go down the street and see an expert." Wilson trained for the work load without realizing it. She grew up in Nassau, her father the highly-respected Permanent Secretary Mark Wilson, her mother a nurse and midwife who somehow also found time to bake cakes for weddings and special occasions. By the time she was 8, Ginea was stirring the mix for her mom's homemade cakes and the act stirred something in her. She liked the activity of it, but beyond that there was a thought forming, that if you got the scientific reasoning down pat for a mix, you could adapt that formula to any flavor you wanted. Her childhood experimentation in the kitchen turned into a fascination with culinary arts. She attended Bahamas Hotel Training College, did her undergrad work at Johnson & Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island, and in 2003, with several work stints abroad and consulting contracts in between, earned a Master's degree in hospitality management. It was as she was graduating from FIU that the cruise industry was conducting a talent search in conjunction with her university department. A professor urged her to attend the presentation. She resisted, but caved in only

because he said at least she would help them make up the numbers to avoid the school disappointing the people making the presentation.

By the time her interest was piqued and she agreed to at least see the private island Royal Caribbean ran in The Bahamas she said she felt like she was swept away. "I felt like Jonah and the whale," she said. And just like the biblical tale, the story had a happy ending. Wilson signed on as a consultant, initially writing policy to standardize practices in The Bahamas and Labadee, Haiti, where RCL manages another private island destination. She moved up every time there was a vacancy until she hit the top where she is today and has been for the past nine years.

It is harder these days with a 4-year-old at home in Nassau. Sometimes she is gone for three weeks at a time. But she loves the continuing challenges.

"When the guests leave the island, that's when the real work begins, it's 24/7, the show must go on, she says. She likes the never-ending change and co-workers like working with her.

"She understands team work, she gets the culture, she knows the people," says Assistant Island Manager Hubert Rolle. "She's good, real good."

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