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ATILLIO SAYS AUDIT REPORT FALSE

BY LEAH COOPER
Journal Staff Writer

Atillio Holdings Limited has fired back at a scathing audited report that raised concerns surrounding the company's potential for conflicts of interests and other improprieties, which stemmed from lease agree-

ments with the Ministry of Finance for three apartments.

Now the company wants a retraction of the audit report.

It was reported that Atillio - an affiliate of road-work contractor, Bahamas Striping group of companies - had no apparent business history or evident qualifications as a real estate broker or leasing agent.

Further, payment records and documentary evidence indicated that while the Ministry executed just one lease agreement by signature, it initially made payments to Atillio for up to three apartments.

The audit also found no evidence that the housing

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Florida Men Arraigned For Fraud

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
Journal Staff Writer

Three men from are behind bars after being arraigned in the Magistrates for fraud.

Nicholas Congleton of

North Largo, Johnathan Bergren of City Ridge Manor, and Christopher Boettjer of Tampa, were charged with three counts of possession of forged documents.

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AMERICAN JAILED FOR DRUGS

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
Journal Staff Writer

An American man was yesterday sentenced to prison for drug and ammunition charges.

Courtney Roberts of Miami, Florida, was formally arraigned on one count each of introducing a firearm to The Bahamas, as well as ammunition, along with possession of an illegal firearm, dangerous drugs and importation of dangerous drugs.

According to reports, around 9:35am on Friday, October 19, Abaco police got information about a suspicious male at the airport.

The officers reportedly found a black hand gun,

ammunition, a black plastic bag with one pound of marijuana and \$24,000 in U.S. currency.

When questioned the following day, Roberts admitted all knowledge of items, adding that the marijuana was for personal use.

His attorney, Brandise LaFleur told Magistrate Cara Turnquest his client owns his gun legally in the U.S. and was unaware of the ramifications for gun trafficking laws in The Bahamas, as it is legal in almost all American states.

In light of this, he asked that the court be mindful and exercise leniency.

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The Hon. Mr. Justice John Isaacs Sworn In as Acting President of the Court of Appeal



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Bahamas Ambassador to China Courtesy Call on the Prime Minister



► His Excellency Sterling Quant, Ambassador of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas to the People's Republic of China (left), paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister, Dr. the Most Hon. Hubert Minnis at the Office of the Prime Minister, Cecil Wallace Whitfield Centre on Monday, October 22, 2018. (BIS Photos/Yontalay Bowe)

CIBC Exec Embarks on Cross-Country Branch Tour



CIBC FirstCaribbean Managing Director of Retail and Business Banking, Mark St. Hill, recently embarked on a cross-country branch tour throughout The Bahamas. During his visit he attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the official opening of CIBC FirstCaribbean's Baha Mar branch – their newest branch which provides exclusive services for over 5,000 Baha Mar employees. St Hill talked about the bank's goal to build the strength of their regional brand through client relationships. "The pillars on which we do things are simplification and convenience. We're extremely pleased to partner not only with what we see as a wonderful investment, but clearly one of the largest investments this country has seen in quite a while," Mr. St. Hill said. "Our strategy is to be the leader in client relationships and hence build a stronger brand. We're extremely proud of this endeavor and see this as a model we hope to expand across the region." During his trip he also visited the Shirley Street, Carmichael, Palmdale, Harbour Bay, and Bay Street branch teams in New Providence, before flying out to Grand Bahama to connect with the Freeport sales teams. Pictured is Mr. St. Hill among other CIBC FirstCaribbean and Baha Mar executives at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the official opening of CIBC FirstCaribbean's Baha Mar branch.

► Pictured L to R: Allison Adderley, Assistant Director of Compensation and Benefits, Baha Mar; Jacqui Bend, Director of Retail Sales & Branch Operations, CIBC FirstCaribbean; Kirsty Cowper, Vice President of Human Resources and Organizational Development, Baha Mar; Mark St. Hill, Managing Director of Retail and Business Banking, CIBC FirstCaribbean; Marie Rodland-Allen, Managing Director (Bahamas & TCI), CIBC FirstCaribbean; Gezel Farrington, Director of Banking Retail Channels, CIBC FirstCaribbean; Sherwin Hilton, Business Support Manager, CIBC FirstCaribbean; and Lisa Knowles, Assistant Customer Service Manager, CIBC FirstCaribbean Baha Mar Branch. (Photo: Serena Williams Media)

THE SIXTH ANNUAL PRETTY IN PINK PARTY PACKS A PUNCH AGAINST BREAST CANCER

John Bull's main store on Bay Street was resplendent in pink with supporters attending the Inner Wheel Club of East Nassau's Sixth Annual Pretty In Pink Party to raise funds to assist the Cancer Society with their ongoing cancer screenings for breast and prostate cancer in the Family Islands.

More than 200 guests attending dressed in pink in support of breast cancer awareness, came together for the Cause. John Bull was closed exclusively to guests for two hours. Ladies enjoyed pampering, a raffle, champagne and hors d'oeuvres, and live music by Ira

Storr and the Spank Band as they shopped all in aid of raising funds.

Bahamian artist Jamaal Rolle, well known for his celebrity portraits, also supported the event for the second year by creating a beautiful acrylic painting live at Pretty In Pink. The painting was a raffle prize that helped to help raise funds. "It's important for artists to give back to the community," added Mr. Rolle. "I was really pleased that Inner Wheel and John Bull invited me to return to this amazing event. I never know what painting I will create for the cause until I arrive and become inspired. I am

pleased that my art can play a role in an initiative that is so meaningful."

Breast cancer is affecting women in The Bahamas at an alarming and increasing rate. One of the best methods of beating breast cancer is through early detection. That important message was repeated throughout the evening to encourage ladies to make mammograms and breast screenings an important part of their yearly medical check-ups.

"The Bahamas has an unusually high rate of breast cancer particularly hereditary breast cancer," said Charlotte Albury, member of the Inner Wheel Club of

East Nassau and one of the chairman for the event. "Our goal is to raise funds to assist the Cancer Society in the area of early detection especially. We sincerely thank John Bull for allowing us to host our party once again in their beautiful store and for their generous support of this cause."

"John Bull never hesitated in teaming up with the Inner Wheel Club of East Nassau in support of this important event from the very beginning," said Fred Hazelwood, President of the John Bull Group of Companies. "Cancer has affected my family and now

more than ever we want to create awareness. It's important as a Bahamian company that we support initiatives that are helping to fight this disease."

"Since corporate social responsibility is at the core of John Bull's corporate culture; we were naturally delighted to provide the venue in support of Inner Wheel's fundraising initiative," said Inga Bowleg, Director of Business Development for John Bull. "We definitely share the passion these ladies have for the CAUSE as John Bull Group of Companies also supports the work of The Cancer

Society of The Bahamas."

"It's very reassuring to see so many attend in support of this event" added Mrs. Albury. "Unfortunately, many of our members have personally been affected by breast cancer or their family members have fought the disease. We hope that our effort will help many detect breast and cancer early which ultimately saves lives."

Inner Wheel of East Nassau is a non-profit women's charitable organization that is affiliated with Rotary. Their events raise funds for several non-profit organizations.



► Inner Wheel and John Bull Teaming Up To Make A Difference - (Back Row L-R) Elizabeth Howard, Andrew Roberts, Rick Hazelwood, Dorian Roach and Laurece Marshall. (Front Row) Inga Bowleg, Judy Grindrod, Catherine Hazelwood, Marnie Hazelwood Reid, Nancy Cash and Charlotte Albury.

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-Sale of the Tugboat "Snapper" and Tugboat "Amberjack"
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Interested parties may view the said vessels at the following location from 24 September 2018 to 5 October 2018 between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday thru Friday:

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Prince George Dock
Nassau, The Bahamas
Telephone No. (242) 322-8832

Bids are to be submitted in triplicate (3) in a sealed envelope marked "Bid for the Sale of Tug Snapper and Tug Amberjack, addressed to:

The Chairman
Tenders Board
Ministry of Finance
Cecil V. Wallace Whitfield Building
Cable Beach
P. O. Box N-3017
Nassau, The Bahamas
Telephone No. (242) 372-1530

No later than 5:00 pm on the 12th day of October, 2018.

Bids will be opened at 10:00 am on the 16th October 2018 at the office of the Tender's Board, Ministry of Finance.

THE GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS.

E. Raymond King, EdD
Commander, RBDF
Port Controller (Acting)
Port Department

SRC Passes the Baton to New Hospital Administrator

The Public Hospitals Authority (PHA) and the Sandilands Rehabilitation Centre (SRC) prepare to bid fond farewell to Hospital Administrator Ruth Albury as she commences pre-retirement leave this month, capping forty-six (46) years of outstanding public service. She will be succeeded by Ms. Mary Walker, formerly Hospital Administrator at the Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH).

A veteran of the public healthcare system, Ms. Walker has provided more than forty (40) years of service to the Bahamian people, with fifteen (15) years in a managerial

capacity at various levels at our nation's largest hospital. She began her career as a Registered Nurse in 1980 and has served as Staff Nurse, Nursing Officer, Infection Control Assistant Manager and Environmental Safety Manager, until she was appointed to the position of Hospital Administrator at the PMH in 2013.

The Board and Management of the PHA extends best wishes to Ms. Albury as she begins her retirement and to Ms. Walker in her new position as Hospital Administrator at the Sandilands Rehabilitation Centre.



Current Hospital Administrator, Ruth Albury



Incoming Hospital Administrator, Ms. Mary Walker

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needs addressed by the Atillio properties were subject to competitive bidding or put before the government tenders board (GTB) for consideration.

There was the added issue that Atillio leases represented a questionable value for money as comparable apartments for rent advertised online are listed for substantially less.

In an extensive press release, Atillio first made it clear that despite questions surrounding its qualifications as a real estate broker,

it is a reputable company that values individual and collective integrity.

On these grounds, the firm builds its case for the audit's statements to be retracted considering the potential damage to its company's name, brand and reputation.

From the onset, Atillio said it found it extremely disappointing to question who owns the apartments when the Ministry of Finance knew quite well, it was the owner with the mortgage through the Royal Bank of Canada.

As it relates to the assertion that the leases repre-

sented questionable value for money, Atillio insisted that the Ministry of Finance Human Resource Department negotiated with and informed them of their need for living accommodations allowing for different consultants to occupy the rentals on a rotational basis - every two to three weeks.

In some instances, they required multiple occupancies per unit.

The available units, it said, were assessed by the Ministry of Finance and that during the negotiations, the Ministry stipulated it would be Atillio's responsibility to clean and make ready the

units during the rotational period between outgoing and incoming consultants.

Additionally, the Ministry negotiated for Atillio to pay monthly utilities and bill the Ministry without an associated service fee.

It added that it is grossly unfair to make the compari-

son to a standard online listing while knowingly ignoring all the relating factors that impacts the value proposition.

Atillio also questioned why these facts were not included in the report, adding the BSGC does not engage in price gouging and

to make such assertions is not only reckless, but defamatory and egregious.

Atillio also questioned the true motive behind the audit, considering no professional courtesy was given to seek information from BSGC, its principals or executives.

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Letter to the Editor

Floating trash piles

Dear Editor:

I wonder how many Bahamians know how destructive cruise ships are for our environment and how little they do for our economy compared to stop-over tourism.

For example, some of these ships have upwards of 8,000 passengers onboard. Combined they produce more than 7,000 gallons of sewage per day, which is routinely dumped into the ocean. Each ship creates the same amount of air pollution as 350,000 cars. This is not to mention the tons of garbage that is generated on each voyage.

Meanwhile, the benefits for our country of allowing these floating trash piles to visit here are severely limited, especially since the ships are allowed to keep their stores, restaurants and casinos open while in port so passengers have very little incentive to stay long onshore, or even get off the boat in the first place. This isn't the case anywhere else in the region. Only in the Bahamas.

The benefit for us is even more limited through these "destination islands" which the cruise ship companies have purchased and continue to seek to purchase. By taking their passengers to these islands, which are totally run by their staff, the companies ensure that almost none of the profit stays in the country.

Sadly, over the years our politicians have focused more and more on catering to these cruise ship companies and less and less on encouraging growth in more lucrative stop-over tourism. Sure, tourist numbers grow as bigger and bigger ships come into our ports, making the politicians look good on the news, but spending per passenger onshore is less and less.

Don't take my word for it. Canadian cruise expert Ross A. Klein had the following to say in an interview in 2009:

"Cruise ships are businesses and operate to make a profit. They do this 'on the backs' of ports. Ports build cruise terminals and infrastructure, usually recoup-

ing only a small percentage of their investment. In addition, local merchants receive only a percentage of passenger spending. Cruise ships hold back as their commission 50 percent or more of what passengers spend on shore excursions. In addition, they charge hefty fees to stores promoted onboard as 'preferred' shopping outlets, and may also expect payment of commissions from stores not promoted. A recent study in Belize found that while cruise passengers account for 75-80 percent of the country's foreign visitors, they account for only ten percent of employment in the hospitality sector. Most recently, cruise corporations have begun buying and/or building cruise terminals. The positive is that cruise ships and their passengers have modern facilities, however the negative is that the economic impact on the local economy is further reduced as income from these terminals go to offshore, foreign-registered corporations. Local merchants wishing to sell their wares must now rent space from the cruise line if they want to have access to cruise passengers as they disembark or embark."

In light of the above, what on EARTH is the Minnis Administration doing considering a bid by a cruise ship company to redesign and run the Port of Nassau? This, to put it mildly, is an awful idea. Why would we hand our premier destination port over to a foreign company that is intent on sucking all the profit out of the country for itself? Why for that matter are we considering allowing cruise companies to purchase more private islands, for use only by their passengers, where Bahamians will not be welcomed?

It's supposed to be the people's time. Let's start acting like it, and stop giving away our national assets to whichever outsider shows up with a fist full of cash.

Sincerely,
A Humble Nationalist

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EDITORIAL

Troubles Everywhere

Dearly beloved: That anti-political corruption campaign which started on the morrow of May 10th, 2017 now seems stalled and mired in controversy and expensive contradiction; even as the search for 'corruption' continues!

Evidently, searching high and low for evidence of corruption calls for money, money and even more scarce public funds to be forked up and turned over to any number of safari attorneys, all intent on cashing in on the corruption treasure hunt.

In the meantime, parents, teachers and students in Long Island, Cat Island and throughout this archipelago cry out for much needed relief.

In addition, [as we all know] junior doctors and nurses now find themselves on the outside looking in.

In the truth, there are troubles looming everywhere!

Instead, what the public now gets is a melange of pompous promises tinged and tainted with easy-cheesy rhetoric.

And thus in evidence we adduce information concerning Minister of Education Jeffrey Lloyd who has charged that the level of slackness and dishonesty entrenched in The Bahamas is incalculable.

In this regard, he differs in a crucial way from the prime minister, the Most Honourable, Prime Minister Dr. Hubert A. Minnis who stated that: The Bahamas loses over \$200 million annually due to corruption.

Lloyd's dressing to this cake echoed and shouted: "...Ten percent of our revenues, so to speak, is being lost every year to whatever you want to call it, corruption, slackness, waste, inefficiency and so on..."

But yet, please be reminded that neither man put in evidence anything other than a porridge of warmed over suppositions piled upon what seems a mountain of slippery-slope inflected suppositions.

In this regard, what we know for sure is that when it comes to high-flying rhetoric and bombast, the Hon. Jeffrey Lloyd is in a class of his own. Few we know can best him in these fields.

Evidently, such exercises are quite often mere streams of consciousness caught – as it were – on the wing by this or that tape-recorder bearing 'reporter'.

One example of this good brother's efforts is exemplified by some remarks he made concerning what he and his colleagues around The Table would like to achieve as regards stamping out corruption throughout the country.

As Lloyd pontificated: "...It is absolutely astonishing to me to observe the nature of the slackness and inefficiency in the public sector and throughout Bahamian society, which I have been a fierce enemy [of] all of my life..."

And with that mighty shout unleashed, Lloyd promised: "...It's over; new day, different day. This foolishness that we have permitted in our Bahamian society is finished. You can take that to the bank..."

Wow! You can take that to the bank...Wow!

On that note, let it also be known: One of the defining characteristics of the current administration has to do with how it has managed in little over a year to aim, shoot and miss any number of its own chosen targets.

And yet again, one other feature that now defines the Minnis administration has to do with the way it has been able to fly repeatedly against its own sworn promises, as in the case of their grand promises concerning the Value Added Tax.

As we all know, whilst on the prowl for votes, they promised to pile no more taxes on the backs of the long-suffering people.

Alas! The same long-suffering ones now find themselves burdened with a supercharged brand new value tax!

And yet, if all of this was not enough, the same people might now start to wonder whether some of the taxes they now find so burdensome might well be used to pay the owners of the Town Centre Mall.

And thus like so many other Bahamians who now stand in awe and wonderment at this administration's manoeuvres and shenanigans, we are also mightily concerned regarding what else we all might be made to suffer as the current administration lurches from one boondoggle to another.

But curiously, there is evidence-emergent to support a suggestion that this administration is bereft of the kind of imagination that might help it envisage solutions to the congeries of crises we now face.

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PAHO Assists Over-the-Hill Initiative

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of the Over-the-Hill Community Development Partnership Initiative was held at the National Training Agency on Gladstone Road from October 1-4, 2018.

Among the presenters over the four-day session were: Engineer Antonius Vlguman, Caribbean Sub-regional Senior Advisor for Water, Sanitation and Environmental Health, PAHO; Dr. Daniel Buss, Advisor for Climate Change and Health, PAHO; and Philip Weech, Director, the Bahamas Environment, Science and Technology (BEST) Commission, who spoke on the National Climate Change Adaptation Plan of The Bahamas.

The presenters gave

overviews of PAHO's work on water, sanitation, environmental health, and issues climate change, and held discussions on potential areas of technical support from PAHO for the Over-the-Hill project, food security and nutrition, waste management, vector-borne diseases, and other related topics.

The participants represented the government, private sector, NGOs and Civil Society and were placed in groups during the working sessions with a view to making recommendations towards improving health and sanitation aspects of the Over-the-Hill Community Partnership Initiative.

Dr. Ester de Gourville, PAHO/WHO Country Representative, Bahamas, and Samita Ferguson,

Executive Manager, Over-the-Hill Unit, both delivered remarks opening the workshop.

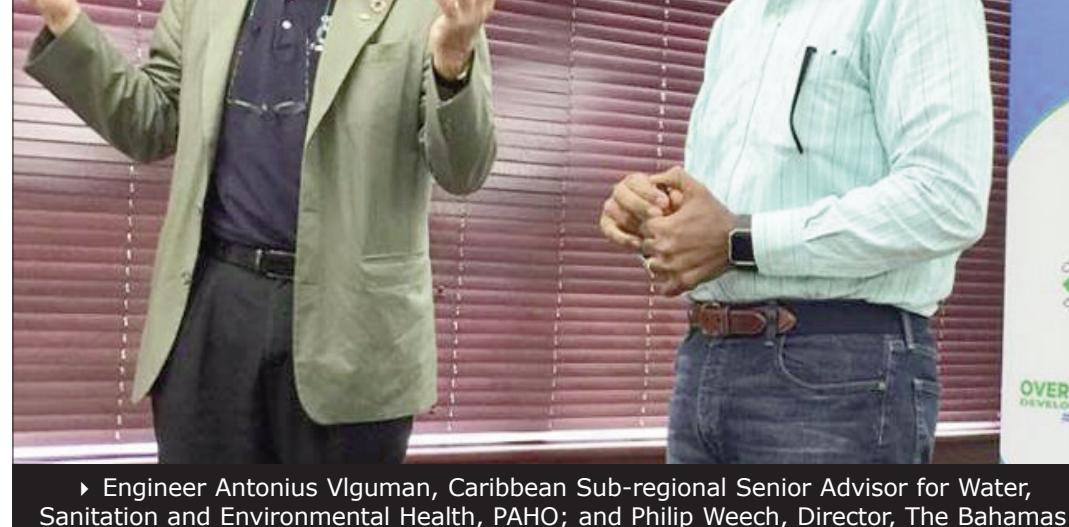
"The PAHO/OTHU technical collaborative workshop on Health, Water and Sanitation Components of the Over-the-Hill Community Development Partnership Initiative was educational, empowering, productive and engaging," Mrs. Ferguson said.

The goals of the Over-the-Hill Initiative focus on social empowerment, economic empowerment, rejuvenation, smart technology, green technology, the youth and the elderly.

The Initiative has a three-phased approach spanning November 2017 to May 2019, which will spur the launch of longer-term planning projects.



► Samita Ferguson, Executive Manager Over the Hill Unit in the Office of The Prime Minister delivered opening remarks at a Stakeholders Workshop on Health, Water and Sanitation Components of the Over-the-Hill Community Development Partnership Initiative held at the National Training Agency on Gladstone Road from October 1-4, 2018. The workshop was held in partnership with the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO). (BIS Photo/Raymond A. Bethel, Sr.)



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ment's decision "underscores the importance of BREEF's work in environmental education throughout the country".

BREEF assured, however, that they will continue to

advocate for current and future generations of Bahamians to be able to access and utilize the country's marine environment in a sustainable way.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BAHAMAS

Consultancy Services For A Project Pension Feasibility Study for Transition of Defined Benefit Scheme to Contribution Scheme in the Public Sector

Background

The Government of the Bahamas is seeking proposal to conduct a feasibility study for a transition of the defined benefit scheme to contribution scheme in the Public Sector. This study would assist government in a factual finding to support consideration of the Government's initiative for reduction in expenses for the public sector and a planned approach to achieve significant cost savings over time.

Procurement Method

The procurement of service will be conducted under a national competitive bid process.

All tenders will be published on the national press of The Bahamas and on the government website.

Successful firm(s) will be those who meet the standard requirements set out below and who meet the firm with the most competitive price.

Where there is a tie between firms on the specification and price the Ministry of Finance may choose to a firm based on the following criteria:

- Firm establishment (how long the firm has been in business in The Bahamas).
- Delivery timelines
- Ability to ensure service level agreement for service.

Requirement for Bidders

The Firm responding to this proposal must have a valid Bahamas business license. At the time of submission of bid all company tax and national insurance obligations must be current, this includes at the time of issue of this RFP, but is not exclusive to:

- Business license fee
- National insurance payments
- Company Profile
- Outline of qualifications and experiences

Firm must be of good standing, i.e. no impending or current legal actions against the company or the directors of the company which may have a significant impact on the ability of the firm to deliver the service.

OFFER FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES AND PROPOSED DELIVERABLES

Deliverables should be as follows:

1. Researching and outlining current position with regard to the defined benefit pension liability of the public service and all government corporations and agencies
2. Creating a data base of key statistics including but not limited to the pension liability, number of employees, contribution amount, etc.
3. Researching and benchmarking information from similar ones that have jurisdictions and governments specifically including ones that have migrated defined benefit plans to contribution plans.

4. Outlining cost savings/ expenses associated with each plan.

5. Survey of selected plan participants in the public service s related to their perceived benefits and concerns.

6. Estimating and scenario planning out the economic impact of the plans on the government's budget.

7. Identify any legal operational and funding issues around the migration to a hybrid pension system i.e. defined benefit for older employees, contribution for newer employees.

Submission of Bids

Bid contents

Firm responding to this RFP must submit their offers using the deliverables set out in this document. Additional documentation concerning the submitting firm and the service on offer may be submitted at the description of the firm.

Method of Submission

Bids to this tender can be submitted via electronically via e-mail or posted/delivered in a sealed envelope.

Electronic submissions must be made to athenamarche@bahamas.gov.bs with the subject of "Feasibility Study for Transition of Defined Benefit Scheme to Contribution Scheme in the Public Sector".

Paper submissions should be posted/delivered to the following address:

Tenders submissions
Ministry of Finance,
Cecil Wallace-Whitfield Centre,
West Bay Street,
Nassau,
New Providence.

The envelope must be identified with "Feasibility Study for Transition of Defined Benefit Scheme to Contribution Scheme in the Public Sector".

Submission Deadline

Responses to this tender must be submitted, using one of the submission methods described above, by 5:00pm November 2, 2018.

Submissions received after this date will not be considered.

Please note that the complete RFP can be accessed on line at: www.bahamas.gov.bs

BREEF DISAPPOINTED BY LIGHTHOUSE POINT DECISION

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advocate for current and future generations of Bahamians to be able to access and utilize the country's marine environment in a sustainable way.

Solomon's To Ring In The Harvest Season With 'Freshtival' Celebration

As summer gives way to fall, Solomon's Fresh Market is celebrating the changing seasons with its 5th Annual Freshtival celebration. This Saturday, the store will officially kick off the harvest season with events at the Old Fort Bay and Harbour Bay locations.

During the event shoppers can take part in a craft market while sampling vendor products and enjoying live entertainment. To bring the Freshtival theme to life, each location has been transformed with pumpkin displays, old fashion barrels, corn stalks and bales

setting the tone for a seasonal celebration.

Naomi Grant, Brand Manager at Solomon's Fresh Market said the event is family-focused and has become a tradition that customers look forward to each fall.

"Our Freshtival event is a fun way for us to move into a new season. We celebrate harvest by highlighting seasonal produce and groceries our patrons enjoy during this time of year," Grant explained.

"It's a way to bring the community together and as the holidays are approach-

ing, we also take the opportunity to showcase products that shoppers use to make the festive season more memorable."

This is the fifth year that Solomon's has put on events celebrating the harvest season. Freshtival begins at 12 pm on Saturday October 27th and runs until 4 p.m. In addition to sampling and live entertainment, there will be free face painting, popcorn, cotton candy and character drawings. The event will end with a Junkanoo Rush Out.

Florida Men Arraigned For Fraud

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had in their possession certain forged documents, namely an Ocean Club Estates card bearing the names Nick Congleton, in the first count, Christopher Boettjer in the second count and Alexys Vanderford, in

the third count.

Two of the men – Congleton and Bergren – pleaded not guilty to all the charges while, Boettjer pleaded guilty.

However, all men later pleaded guilty to the charges.

Earlier, Congleton plead-

ed guilty to possession of one gram of cocaine.

He was fined \$500 or six months' imprisonment.

The men were remanded to The Bahamas Department of Corrections until November 5th.

They can apply to the supreme court for bail.



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MINISTRY OF HEALTH

NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID

The Ministry of Health, Department of Public Health invites Tenders for bi-monthly ground maintenance services at the following New Providence Clinics:

NAME OF CLINIC
Adelaide Clinic
Adolescent Health Centre
Anne's Town Clinic
Blue Hill Road Clinic
Coconut Grove Clinic
Elizabeth Estates Clinic
Flamingo Gardens Clinic
Fleming Street Clinic
Fox Hill Clinic
Gambier Clinic
South Beach Health Centre

Interested persons can contact the Clinic Administrator or Nurse In Charge at the said facilities for permission to inspect the premises. Also, for additional information and a copy of the Scope of Work please contact telephone number 502-4700/4818 or 502-4831.

All Tender documents are to be placed in a sealed envelope marked;
"To Tenders Board"
Ground Maintenance services
c/o Financial Secretary
Ministry of Finance
Cable Beach
Nassau, Bahamas

Companies should submit bids no later than Monday, October 22, 2018. Only persons with a valid Business License, Tax Compliance letter, Registration Certificate and Letter from National Insurance (NIB) stating your company is in Good Standing need apply. Bids will be opened October 23, 2018. Bidders or Representatives will be requested to be in attendance.



GOVERNMENT NOTICES

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ROAD TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

P.O BOX N-1615

THOMAS A. ROBINSON NATIONAL STADIUM

NASSAU, N.P. BAHAMAS

The Road Traffic Department would like to remind all Franchise Holders – Taxi, Tour, Public Schedule, Private Schedule, Private Charter, Livery, Self-Drive Cars and Scooters that we are now accepting registration documents for the Bi-annual inspection period of October 2018 to May 2019.

The Following documents are required:

1. Passport/Voters Card and N.I.B Card (for holders not registered in the new system)
2. Up to date Franchise Receipt
3. Up to date Business License
4. Inspection Slip/Copies of expired Inspection Discs
5. Completed Inspection Forms for Companies with five (5) or more Vehicles that require On-site Inspection (forms can be picked up at the Road traffic Department Franchise Unit).
6. Up to date Insurance Certificates
7. Vehicle Color and right/left hand drive (for new vehicles)

All Franchise Holders with a fleet of five (5) or more vehicles are invited to submit their packages to the Road Traffic Department, Franchise Unit Section 3 Eastern Grandstand of the Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium. All Packages will be processed on a first come first serve basis.

Please note that the Department will only receive payments in the form of:

- a. Certified cheques payable to the Public Treasury (No personal or company cheques)
- b. Visa, Master, Debit, Credit Cards
- c. Cash


Controller
Road Traffic Department

Executives of Junior Achievement Bahamas Pay Courtesy Call on the Prime Minister



► The Executive Team of Junior Achievement Bahamas paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister, Dr. the Most Hon. Hubert Minnis at the Office of the Prime Minister, Cecil Wallace Whitfield Centre, October 22, 2018. (BIS Photos/Yontalay Bowe)

American Jailed For Drugs

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He also pointed out that considering his client did not waste the court's time and has no previous convictions, Roberts be returned to the U.S.

As for the money found, LaFleur told the court it was raised for Roberts' cousin

who was having medical surgery.

Roberts pleaded guilty to all of the charges.

He was subsequently sentenced to The Bahamas Department of Corrections for two years on count one, another on count two, two years on count three, one year on count four and

\$2,000 on count five or one-year imprisonment.

The sentences are to run concurrently.

The magistrate ordered that the drugs and firearm be destroyed, and the \$24,000 forfeited to the crown.

Roberts has the right to appeal in seven days.

GOT NEWS?
Please call The Bahama Journal's News TIP LINE at 356-7254 and let us know!



Public Notice Roadworks

Please be advised

The Ministry of Public Works/Bahamix, has scheduled Milling and Paving works for Cordeaux

Avenue between the hours of 9:30a.m. to 2:00p.m. Monday through Friday, beginning October 18, 2018, for 8 working days.

Provisions will be made for residents and businesses where necessary. Motorists are asked to utilize the adjacent streets and avoid the area if possible.

You are asked to be aware of and acknowledge the posted traffic paving signs in the area.

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact us at telephone numbers (242) 361-3886 or (242) 341-3886.

Bahamix apologizes for any inconvenience caused.



NOTICE Addendum

The Royal Bahamas Defence Force invites bids to the Tenders Board for insurance coverage for The Royal Bahamas Defence Force's Patrol Crafts. In addition, the coverage must include the vessels transiting the Caribbean and the East Coast of the United States.

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

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

- a) The Hull and Machinery
- b) War Risk
- c) Increased Value
- d) Protection and Indemnity

4. In providing quotations, in respect to the Patrol Crafts for the Royal Bahamas Defence Force, the date for commencing coverage is the 31 October 2018 to 30 31 2020. The final date for submission is Tuesday 16 October, 2018.

5. All submissions are to reach the Ministry of Finance by 10:00 am on or before the above-mentioned date and to be addressed to the:

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