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OCG Requisitions and Serves Government with Notice of its Intent to Commence Comprehensive Monitoring of the Jamaica Emergency Employment Programme (JEEP)

Kingston; February 28, 2012 – The Office of the Contractor General (OCG), in the exercise of its powers under the Contractor General, has served formal notice upon the Government of Jamaica that it will be comprehensively monitoring the award and execution of all contracts which will be administered under the umbrella of the Jamaica Emergency Employment Programme (JEEP).

In a letter, dated February 27, 2012, which was written to the Permanent Secretary in the Minister of Transport, Works and Housing, Ms. Audrey Sewell, and copied to the portfolio Minister, Dr. the Hon. Omar Davies, and the Acting Chief Executive Officer of the National Works Agency, the OCG has also formally requisitioned the Government to provide to it, by no later than **March 8, 2012**, a broad range of preliminary information which it will utilize to ensure probity, propriety, transparency, accountability and value for money in the award and implementation of the JEEP contracts.

The information which the Government is now obliged by law to provide to the OCG is as follows:

1. An Executive Summary, detailing the genesis of the Jamaica Emergency Employment Programme;
2. Evidence of the Ministry of Finance, Planning & the Public Service's support for the Programme;
3. Evidence of the National Contracts Commission's (NCC's) endorsement of the Programme (if required);
4. Evidence of the Cabinet's approval of the Programme;
5. Evidence of the source of funding and the planned budget for the Programme;
6. An implementation schedule for the Programme, and its associated projects;
7. A list, and site locations, of all of the projects that are to be implemented under the Programme;



8. Details of the criteria for the selection and the prioritization of the Programme's projects;
9. Details of the procurement methodology(ies) which will be utilized, to engage contractor(s)/sub-contractors for the relevant projects;
10. Details of the mechanism(s) which will be put in place to ensure that value for money is achieved from the projects which will be implemented under the Programme;
11. An indication of how the projects will be monitored/managed;
12. A listing of the names of the Project Managers for the Programme's projects, together with their contact telephone numbers;
13. A listing of the names of the Consultant(s) which will be engaged on the Programme;
14. An indication of the procurement methodology which will be utilized to engage the Consultant(s) and, if in the event that the Consultant(s) is/are already engaged, the provision of the signed and dated copy(ies) of the Consultant's Contract(s); and
15. Detailed particulars of the Programme's Manager and the procurement methodology which was (or will be) utilized to engage the said individual.

In an article which was published on the RJR News website on Monday, February 21, 2012, it was reported, *inter alia*, as follows:

"The Government will soon hit the road with its much touted Jamaica Emergency Employment Programme, JEEP. ...

Two weeks ago the Government said it had identified four billion dollars to finance the employment initiative but did not reveal the source of the funds.

JEEP is expected to begin before March 31 and should last more than one fiscal year."

In the interest of public transparency, the OCG will publish a full report of its findings as regards the Government's administration of the JEEP.

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