

Police Commissioner's Son Busted With Western Weed

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exactly 19,818.6 grams (43.69 pounds).

Noel Leal was consequently arrested and formally charged for drug trafficking. He was brought up to San Ignacio on Friday, December 14,

2012, where he appeared in the courtroom of Magistrate Narda Morgan. He pled not guilty to the singular drug trafficking charge and was remanded to prison. The case was adjourned to Thursday, January 24, 2012.

Brady Busted By Benque Police

From Front Page

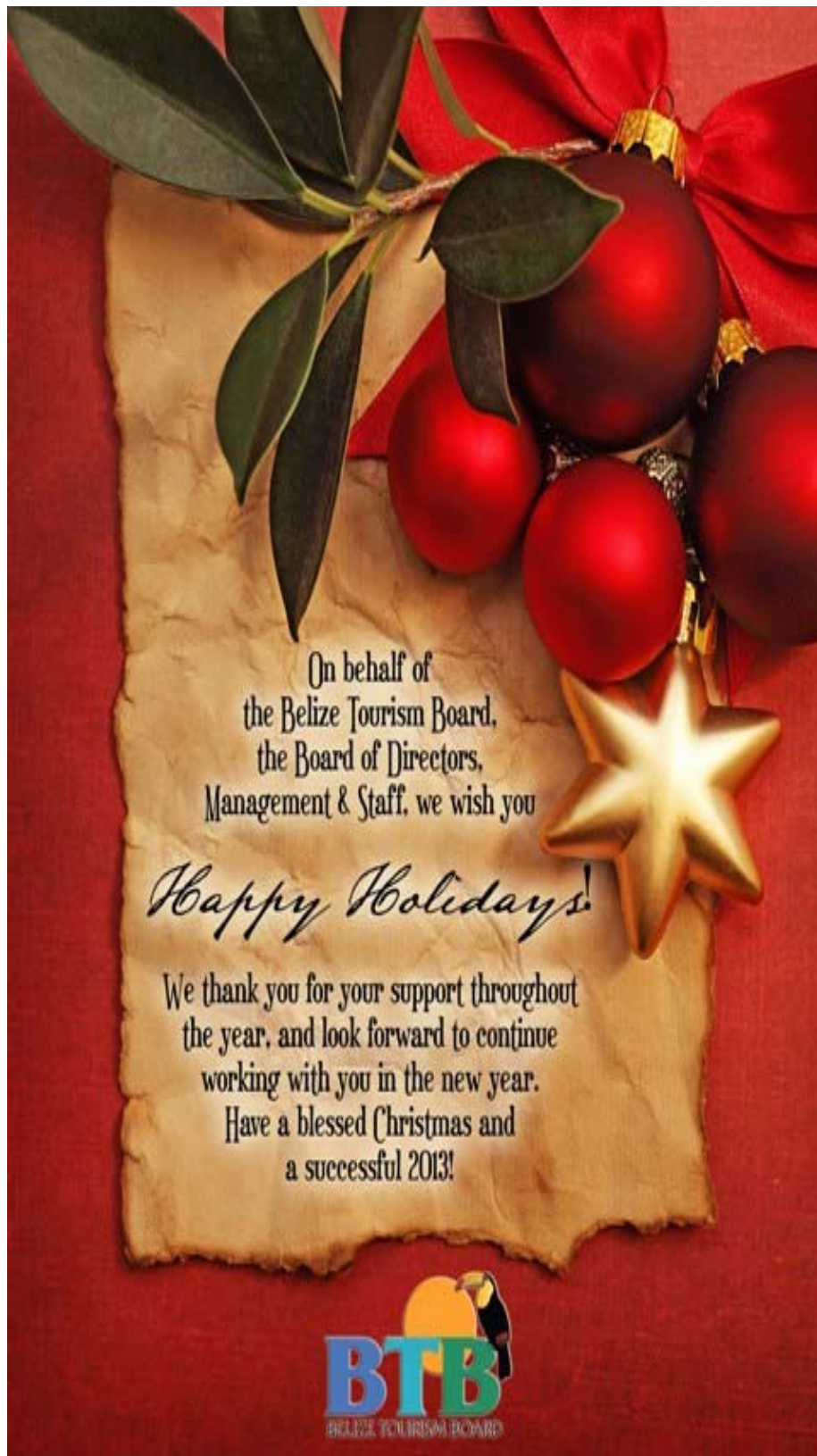
search resulted in the discovery of two parcels tightly wrapped in black plastic and bound with transparent tape. When the parcels were opened, they were found to contain suspected marijuana.

Both persons and the merchandise were transported to the police station in Benque Viejo Town where the weed was weighed and recorded at 5,103 grams (11.25 pounds). The investigation led to the arrest of one of the persons, identified as Brady Martinez, 19, Belizean student residing in Roaring Creek Village Cayo. Martinez was consequently arrested and charged for drug trafficking.

He appeared in the San Ignacio Town courtroom of magistrate

Narda Morgan on Tuesday, December 18, 2012, where the single drug trafficking charge was read to him. Martinez promptly pled guilty to the charge. After Martinez indicated agreement with the facts as presented by the police prosecutor, Magistrate Morgan proceeded to impose the ten thousand dollar maximum fine on him. He was ordered to pay six thousand dollars forthwith and the remaining four thousand dollars by the end of March 2013. In default of payment he would spend three years in jail.


Unable to come up with the first six thousand dollar installment by the time the prison shuttle was ready to leave for the day, Martinez was on board bound for the ride to the central prison in Hattieville.



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love!

Let There Be Light In Bradley's Bank



Hon. Rene Montero (4rd from left) Cutting the ceremonial ribbon

SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo, Sunday, December 16, 2012:

A rural electrification project, which will benefit more than 200 residents in the Bradley's Bank Area of Santa Elena Cayo District, was launched this Sunday afternoon.

The project, to be financed by the Government of Belize through the Social Investment Fund and will be implemented by the Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) at a cost of \$211,567 with funds coming by way of the Commonwealth Debt Initiative (CDI).

The project includes the extension of overhead electrical lines to approximately 157 lots with the installation of seven transformers, almost 80 polls and almost 15 thousand feet of power lines.

In his keynote address, **Hon. Rene Montero**, Minister of Works and Transportation and Area Representative for Cayo Central, spoke about the significance of the project and the great conveniences it would bring to the residents of Bradley's Bank. He told the gathering that he remains committed improving the lives of the people of his constituency.

Hon. Rene Montero, said:

Today, as I stand here, words alone cannot explain how elated I am, how pleased I am to see this project finally coming to commencement stage. Over two months ago, we were poised to launch this project, but due to circumstances beyond our control it had to be delayed; but why am I so overjoyed to be launching the Bradley's Bank Electrification Project and what is the significance of this project.

Bradley's Bank, as we all know is a relatively new subdivision in the twin towns of San Ignacio and Santa Elena. A new subdivision in Cayo Central of which I am the Area Representative, a growing area with a population of about 200 persons who will be directly impacted by this project. So yes, I am overjoyed to

be able to stand here knowing that life will be made better for over 200 of my people!

This project entails the extension of overhead electrical lines to approximately 157 lots consisting of 40 constructed occupied homes, 11 with constructed homes but no residents, 18 lots with incomplete structures and 88 empty lots. The projected cost of the works is estimated at \$211,568.69 to be funded under the Caribbean Debt Initiative.

Prior to the 2008 General Elections my Government promised, amongst others, to make life better for all Belizeans, especially for you the grass root people. You believed us, you trusted us, and you gave us your vote of confidence. You will admit that we took office at a time when the entire world was going through a recession, with us in Belize suffering from the overspending, squandering and even outright embezzlement of our country's finances by the previous administration. *(Today, and for the next seventeen years we will have the PUP'S albatross called the super bond hanging around our necks).* But that did not detour your UDP Government, and together we slowly started to rebuild the Belizean economy and improve the standard of living for you the people. You can bear witness to the many projects and initiative that have been accomplished in San Ignacio and Santa Elena alone within the past five years. In March of this year you once again elected us to office **because you were convinced that only under a UDP Administration your way of life will improve, because we are a Government, the only Government that cares for you.** This project is just another way to show you that we care.

Lack of access to electricity creates discomfort for those of you living in this situation. The area is dark at nights and very little can be done

with the use of candles or lanterns. There are a few electronic devices such as radios that are battery operated, however batteries do not have long life span and replacing them can become costly, and cause inconvenience if they are not readily available at your local store. The use of lanterns or candles can also be a safety hazard if not monitored properly. In addition, your children have to do homework before the onset of dark or suffer eye strain under candle light. Poor lighting can also place your families at risk for burglaries, home invasion etc. On the other hand with electricity your families, will be able to utilize appliances such a washing machines and micro waves which will reduce the time taken to wash clothes and prepare meals; this time can be used for other productive work or increase recreation as a family.

In addition there is the opportunity of purchasing cake mixers, blenders

and toasters which can reduce time to bake cakes, mix juices and the like. With electricity, you will also have the opportunity to purchase a TV, as there is cable service in Santa Elena, and this is a source of education and recreation.

Finally, with electricity small business enterprise can be set up to increase family income, thereby improving your standard of living. But all this could not have become a reality without the assistance of the Social Investment Fund, to whom I will forever be grateful. The direct and personal intervention of Mr. **Roger Bradley** the Project Officer, Mr. Cano the Managing Director, and the Board of Directors of SIF will be remembered by the grateful residents of the growing community; mayor of San Ignacio and Santa Elena **John August** who is the point of contact, and BEL who will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the completed project, your input are invaluable. The Government of Belize, our Government, that continues to work for you the people of Bradley's Bank, you the people of San Ignacio and Santa Elena, you the people of Belize. We will never let you down and we are certain that you will never let us down!!!

As your Area Representative I pledge to continue to approach and lobby our funding agencies, local and international to finance these types of projects that will directly impact your lives.

I will close by wishing all the residence of Bradley's Bank, of San Ignacio and Santa Elena, of Cayo Central, a very Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year 2013. May God continue to bless you and your families as you continue to support your UDP Government in 2013 and beyond! Thank You!!

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Child of Faith

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Diana Azueta

Mrs. **Diana Azueta** was the 2nd of five (5) children born to Mr. & Mrs. **John Swift**. Diana grew up in St. Mary's literally where by the time she was born her mother **Sylvia Swift** was already a teacher at the school and an active member of the church. Mrs. **Sylvia Swift** later became an outstanding principal in the chain of exemplary teachers and principals of St. Mary's school, like Basil Coleman, Mrs. Hinkson and Mrs. Marcella Weatherburne.

In 1968 Diana entered Wesley College and graduated and then advanced to 6th form. She married Alfonso Azueta, an Auditor in the Government Service. The union

produced one child, a beautiful daughter Nyani. Alfonso is now deceased.

On graduation **Diana Azueta nee Swift**, joined her mother as a staff member of St. Mary's school. In 1974 she entered the Belize Teachers College and was blessed to complete her internship also at St. Mary's. In 1977 she was secondment to the Teacher's College to teach Arts and Visual Arts. She Then went to England to do a Dip Ed. Studies program. (In Art and Primary Education).

On Diana's return from England she taught at the St. Hilda's Junior School. When this institution became defunct in the 80's she returned to St. Mary's and continued teaching part-time at the Teacher's College.

By this time she came to terms with the fact that the profession she hope very much not to get involved was the very one God had called her to.

So, on her return to St. Mary's she accepted her fate and entered teaching with a greater passion, once more.

After two more years spent at St. Mary's she was secondment once more. This time to work with the Ministry of Education's Reading Center for a year working with **Doreen Jones** and **Mary Williams**, writing and illustrating Belizean

reading books. In the meantime her mother Mrs. **Sylvia Swift** who had been teaching for over thirty-six years had retired. Mrs. Swift had been principal of St. Mary's Infant School for more than ten (10) years, thanks to her dedication and commitment to the church and school, Diana continued to pursue excellence as she witnessed in her mother's career so many years before.

Since then, Diana worked at Queen Square and Grace Primary for the past nine years. She has earned several awards as Best Teacher and most recently in 2010, Teacher of the year Belize District and Country.

Her years have also been filled with conducting countless workshops and training for teachers in management skills, Language Arts and Teaching Methods with Arts and Craft top of

the list.

Diana's spare time, if there is such, is spent more often helping someone to master the English language or doing some art related task, like making banners, of which several were and are made for St. May's Church.

39 years has not only been a success for Diana, but because she has chosen to put God in her life, she is truly a warm, confident, loving, honest, humble and willing individual. As she notes from St. Matthew's Gospel:- *"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven."*

Meeting and knowing this wonderful child of God brings joy and great blessings Diana has being a wonderful witness to the love of Christ in St. Mary's School and church all her life. What a wonderful testimony to the love of God.

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Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **JANINE GUERA** is applying for the renewal of her **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Hallow's Place** located at the corner of Elizabeth & Baron Bliss Street, Benque Viejo Town, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **YOLANDA CRUZ ZETINA** is applying for the renewal of her **BEER LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **LIMES COOL SPOT** located on Phillip Goldson Street, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District.



GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

BELIZE RIVER VALLEY RURAL WATER PROJECT



TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF 2", 3", 4", AND 6' DIAMETER DUCTILE IRON PIPE, VALVES, AND APPURTENANCES

INVITATION TO BID

The Government of Belize (GOBZ) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to USD3,480,000 towards the cost of the Belize River Valley Rural Water Project, and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under the 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.

GOBZ will execute the project through Belize Water Services Limited (BWS), and a Resident Consultant Engineer within BWS will be responsible for the day-to-day management of project activities. Engineering Consultants have been retained by BWS to assist in the tender administration and supervision of the contract.

BWS hereby invites eligible firms to submit bids for the supply of 2", 3", 4", and 6" diameter Ductile Iron Pipe, Valves, and Appurtenances. The appurtenances are required for new a forty five (45) mile PVC pipe water network. Consideration will be limited to firms, or joint ventures of firms, which are legally incorporated or otherwise organised in, and have their principal place of business in an eligible country or countries and are either:

- (a) more than 50% beneficially-owned by a citizen or citizens and/or a bona fide resident or residents of an eligible country or countries, or by a body corporate or bodies corporate meeting these requirements; or
- (b) owned or controlled by the government of an eligible country provided that it is legally and financially autonomous and operated under the commercial law of an eligible country.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB.

Bidding documents will be available as at December 7th, 2012, at the address below between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. Written applications must be clearly marked: **"REQUEST FOR BID DOCUMENTS FOR THE SUPPLY OF DUCTILE IRON PIPE, VALVES, AND APPURTENANCES"**. The documents may be purchased upon payment of a non-refundable fee of BZD200.00 or its equivalent in a freely convertible currency for each set. Applicants who request that the documents be forwarded to them are required to submit an account number from a courier agent in Belize, which will accept freight collect charges. The documents will be dispatched by the designated courier upon receipt of the fee. Under no circumstances will BWS be held responsible for late delivery or loss of the documents so dispatched.

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the National Coast Guard,*

*A very safe and very
Merry Christmas!!!*



Your Weekly Horoscope and Lucky Numbers

ARIES:

March 22 to April 20

Feel free to move forward with your plans. This is a great week to take action. You have done a great deal of data collecting and analyzing lately. Now is the time to put that information to good use. You are helped by an extra boost of inner confidence and emotional strength. Your grounded, conservative approach will be richly rewarded. You couldn't ask for a more productive day! **Lucky numbers: 19, 43, 77.**

TAURUS:

April 21 to May 21

You may have a hard time getting started this week. This might be a better time to plan. Be realistic and thoughtful in your actions. Be conscious of the steps you need to take to reach a certain goal. When in doubt, take the more conservative route. You will find that there is a great deal of support for that path. Don't get distracted along the way. Stay on target. **Lucky numbers: 32, 60, 93.**

GEMINI:

May 22 to June 21

Bring your emotions down to Earth this week. Your imagination may run away with you. If you don't take a hard look at reality, you may find yourself in big trouble later. The higher you soar, the harder you fall. Make sure you have a working parachute. Be realistic about your current situation and act with confidence. Make sure you have the facts before you set goals and plans. **Lucky numbers: 04, 27, 63.**

CANCER:

June 22 to July 23

Try not to be extravagant this week. You are much better off lying low. Focus on you and what you need to do. Don't waste your time trying to attract others' attention. Let them deal with themselves while you concentrate on your goals and chores. Tackle all projects with confidence. You will find that you can be very productive as long as you stay focused and calm. **Lucky numbers: 36, 54, 89.**

LEO:

July 24 to August 21

This week is a terrific week in which you should find that things work very smoothly. You have a hardheaded approach that will help you get down to business and get things done. Make sure you are on solid ground before you take the next step upward. You have the ability to reach the summit of many mountains, so don't waste any time. Put on your boots and start climbing. **Lucky numbers: 09, 23, 68.**

VIRGO:

August 22 to September 21

There's a serious tone to the day, so take this into account when you get the urge to play a practical joke on a friend. Keep things real. Stick close to home and take care of any menial tasks. Start a garden or buy some plants for your house. You have a disciplined nature that will help you get things done. **Lucky numbers: 15, 39, 83.**

LIBRA:

September 22 to October 23

Bring stability to your emotions this week. You have the tendency to take things to extremes, swinging from incredible highs to rock-bottom lows. Give your nervous system a break and calm down. Go for a walk in the park. Make sure that all your actions are rational and well planned. See to it that you are in control of your emotions before you interact with others. **Lucky numbers: 45, 59, 96.**

SCORPIO:

October 24 to November 21

Take care of your home this week, both physically and emotionally. See that bills are paid and the bedroom is tidy. Don't forget to clean the dust from under your bed and the demons from inside your mind. Realize that you might be running on someone else's operating system that got stuck in your hard drive. Make sure you replace it with your own software before you continue. **Lucky numbers: 10, 35, 66.**

SAGITTARIUS:

November 22 to December 21

Go ahead and act confidently. You will find that you are more stable and grounded in general, leaving you free to explore and take more risks than you normally would. Your intuition may be strong, so don't hesitate to rely on it. Make sure your actions are clear and decisive. You have a great deal of power, so use it wisely. **Lucky numbers: 07, 38, 73.**

CAPRICORN:

December 22 to January 20

It may be hard for you to get a project off the ground, Capricorn. Perhaps this is a sign that it needs to stay there. Take it back to the drawing board. Do some more planning and testing. Make sure that your actions are well thought out. Test the brakes before you drive down the mountain. You will find that you can accomplish a lot this week if you stay focused and disciplined. **Lucky numbers: 02, 51, 75.**

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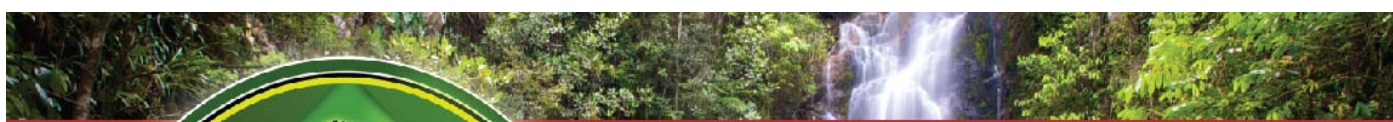
January 21 to February 19

Finish whatever you didn't wrap up last week. Use the morning to plan, the afternoon to execute, and the evening to relax. Be conscious of time and your physical and mental limitations. Bring your dreaminess down to Earth and be realistic about goals. Take time to put the extra coat of wax on the car or extra stitch in the fabric. That effort will serve you well in the long run. **Lucky numbers: 17, 55, 86.**

PISCES:

February 20 to March 21

Give it a rest this week. Recharge your batteries. Stick close to home and take a load off your feet. Convince someone to give you a massage, or better yet, go to a professional. You deserve a break. Once you are restored, consider all the ramifications of whatever actions you take before you start. Plan your moves carefully. Be strong and decisive not rash and frantic. **Lucky numbers: 22, 50, 79.**



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STAR HUMOR

Life Haad You Kno

An old couple in Jamaica was puzzled when the coffin of their dead relative arrived from foreign.

The corpse was so tightly squeezed inside the coffin that her face was practically touching the glass cover. When they opened the coffin, they found a letter pinned to her chest which read:

Dear Mama and Papa:

Mi a sen yu wha lef a Puncie fi di funeral dung deh inna Jamaica. Sarry seh mi couldn't mek di funeral cause dem seh di expenses dem too high. Yu wi find inside a di coffin, unda Puncie body:

12 can a Bully Beef
12 bottle a Posner Shampoo
12 bottle a Posner Conditioner
12 bottle a Vaseline Intensive Care Lotion
12 tube a Colgate toothpaste
Pon Puncie body is a brand new pair a Nike (size 8) fi Keefa.

Unda Puncie head is four pair a Nike fi Boysie son dem. Puncie a wear six Fubu t-shirt - one is fi Trevor and di rest fi im son dem.

Puncie a wear one dozen Wonder Bras (*a fi mi favorite*), jus devide dem mongst the likkle gal dem inna di district.

Di two dozen Victoria Secret panty dem dat Puncie have on is fi mi nieces and mi cousin dem.

Puncie also have on eight Levi pants, tek one fi yuhself and give di rest of dem to di likkle boy boy dem whey work pon Papa truck.

Di Swiss diman watch yu did ask mi fa de pan Puncie lef wris and di tings dem wha yu did sen come beg mi for Mama (di earrings, ring and chain), dem is where dem suppose fi wear pon Puncie body, please tek dem before anybody come fi view di

body.
Hope seh yu get everyting alright. Di damn palitishan dem mek yuhaffe tiefall kina way fi get tings eena di kuntri.

God bless yu and keep yu,
Your loving daughter,
Babsie
P.S. Mi a beg yu find a dress fi Puncie bury eenna.

MONEY LENDERS APPLICATION

Notice for the publication in newspaper of application for a moneylender's certificate

I, **LEIDY FLORES**, hereby give notice that I have applied to the Magistrate Court, at one of its sittings in San Ignacio Town during the month of December 2012, for a certificate to be granted to me under the Moneylenders Act, Chapter 260 to authorise me to carry on business as a moneylender in the name of **Leidy's Pawn Shop at #45 Benque Veijo Rd, San Ignacio, Cayo.** (23 December 2012 - 2nd publication)



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Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **EDWARD JENKINS** is applying for the renewal of his **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Puerto Briana Restaurant & Bar** located in Succotz Village, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **MARIO WONG** is applying for the renewal of his **MALT & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Local Motion Bar** located at 121 Commerce St. Dangriga in the Stann Creek District.

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Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **JOSEPH BRADLEY** is applying for the renewal of his **SHOP LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Santiago Castillo Limited** located at # 55 Eve Street, Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **DA QUAN ZHEN** is applying for the renewal of his **CONVENIENCE STORE LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Alex Store** located on George Price Boulevard, Benque Viejo Town, Cayo District.

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **JULIAN SHERRARD** is applying for the renewal of his **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Orange Guest House & Cafe** located at Mile 60, George Price Highway in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **JOSEPHINE GONGORA** is applying for the renewal of her **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **HIDEAWAY BAR** located in Unitedville in the Cayo Distrit.

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Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **EUGENE BURNS** is applying for the renewal of his **NIGHT CLUB LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Hode’s Place** located in the Savannah Area of San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **CAMERON BOYD** is applying for the renewal of his **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Black Rock Expedition Ltd** located in the Negroman Area, Black Rock Lodge in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **AMELIA REID** is applying for the renewal of her **RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Leo Bar** located in Georgeville Village in the Cayo District.



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Dr. Spence is now pursuing her Pediatric Fellowship in Neonatal Medicine (Neonatology).

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‘Making Tourism Benefit Communities Adjacent Archaeological Sites’

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Grant Contract FED/2012/306-304

BACKGROUND:

The Belize Tourism Board has received a grant from the European Union and the Government of Belize under the Belize Rural Development Project II for an Action ‘**Making Tourism Benefit Communities Adjacent Archaeological Sites**’. Additional funding is provided by the Belize Tourism Board (BTB) and the National Institute of Culture and History (NICH). The project is being executed by BTB, with the assistance of NICH and the Ministry of Tourism and Culture.

The project will be over 24 months. The objectives of the project are to: (1) Improve economic opportunities in rural communities and contribute to the reduction of poverty; and (2) Enhance the tourism experience through improvement to tourism infrastructure and services at selected archaeological sites. The project anticipates the following results: (1) Improved Product and Service Monitoring Systems; (2) Improved Health and Safety Provisions at selected archaeological sites; (3) Diversified community based tourism products and services.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POSITION:

1. **Starting Date and Duration:** The Administrative Officer shall be employed by the action for the period of twenty- four months (24) consecutive calendar months, starting January 1st, 2013.
2. **Reporting Arrangements:** The Administrative Officer will report to the Project Coordinator.
3. **Place of Work:** Belize Tourism Board Office, Belize City, Belize. Field trips to the selected archaeological sites and adjacent communities may be necessary.
4. **Qualifications:**
 - Minimum of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration or equivalent recognized qualification in closely related field.
 - At least 3-5 years relevant experience in administrative work.
 - Competencies: To perform the job successfully, the individual should demonstrate the following:
 - o Superior writing skills and Proficient in Microsoft Office, including Microsoft Project.
 - o Good numeracy and IT skills
 - o Fluency in English is essential and ability to speak Spanish is an asset.
 - o Have good judgment, problem solving skills and able to multitask
 - o Well organised and have planning and problem solving skills
 - o Able to set timelines and meet deadlines
 - o Human Resource skills, People Management and File Management

DUTIES:

1. Review and be familiar with all documents relating to the project, in particular the Action Plans, Results- Oriented Monitoring and Evaluation Kit and Visibility of Actions Kit, and all the requirements and guidelines for briefing, written material, press conferences, presentations, invitation, signs, commemorative plaques and all other tools used to highlight EU participation- Visibility of Action
2. Oversee the smooth operation of day to day business of project office:
 - i. Responsible for the procurement and overall maintenance of office equipment, vehicles, IT and all utilities.
 - ii. Responsible for the disbursement and replenishment of the petty cash.
 - iii. Prepare and issue Requisitions, Purchase Orders and Fuel Orders.
 - iv. Responsible for receiving and screening of all incoming calls or queries.
3. Define and implement functional reference and filing system for project documents. He/ She will also be responsible for coordinating access to project files and the overall security of the files and filing system.
4. Drafting and transmittal of correspondences and take appropriate follow up action.
5. Coordinate and liaise with Director of Human Resources (BTB) on all human resources activities related to the project.
6. Serve as Secretary to the Project Steering Committee and perform general administrative support and clerical duties of the project as needed.
7. Coordinate and organize staff meeting and technical meetings with Project Stakeholders.
8. Coordinate and schedule travel arrangements for project team.
9. Assist the Project Coordinator in preparation and presentation of progress and final project reports as required by the Belize –EU Cooperation National Authorising Office and the Project Steering Committee.
10. Attend inspection meetings to all work sites in coordination with NICH and relevant authorities and ensure adherence to the specifications stated in the Caribbean Regional Organization for Standards and Quality (CROSQ) - Sites and Attractions Standards and Project Proposal.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: The Administrative Officer will be paid a monthly salary at the rate to be negotiated during contracting, based on qualification and experience.

Applications should be directed to:

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Inmates And Guards Killed In Mexico Jailbreak Attempt

At least 17 people have been killed during an attempted jailbreak in Mexico, officials say.

Eleven inmates and six guards died in a shootout in the city of Gomez Palacio as the prisoners tried to escape through tunnels.

Gang violence is an endemic problem in the Mexican penal system.

The incident happened a day after President Enrique Pena Nieto announced the creation of a national police force to help tackle crime and violence.

The latest deadly clashes, which occurred in the state of Durango, appear to have happened when wardens tried to prevent prisoners from fleeing, the BBC's Mexico correspondent Will Grant reports.



It is the first violent episode at a Mexican prison since President Enrique Pena Nieto took office on 1 December, our correspondent says.

Assaults and mass prison breaks are particularly frequent in jails

housing inmates linked to the country's drug cartels and organised crime.

In September, more than 130 prisoners, many from the powerful Zetas cartel, escaped from a facility in the state of Coahuila, close to the US border.

So far only a handful have been re-arrested.

On Monday, President Pena Nieto unveiled a six-point strategy to combat crimes linked to drug violence, kidnappings and extortions. His plan includes a new militarised force of 10,000 officers.

However, there has currently been no mention of reviewing the country's antiquated and dangerous prisons, our correspondent says.

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TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR POLICY COORDINATOR

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CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POSITION:

- 1. Starting Date and Duration:** The Policy Coordinator shall be employed by the action for the period of eleven months (11) consecutive calendar months, starting January 1st, 2013.
- 2. Reporting Arrangements:** The Policy Coordinator will report to the Project Coordinator.
- 3. Place of Work:** Belize Tourism Board Office, Belize City, Belize. Field trips to the selected archaeological sites and adjacent communities are expected to take place throughout the project duration.
- 4. Qualifications:**
 - Minimum of Bachelor of Science or Master’s Degree in Public Policy and Public Administration or Bachelors in related field with at least 3-5 years experience in policy development
 - At least 2-3 years relevant experience
 - Competencies: To perform the job successfully, the individual should demonstrate the following:

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| o Knowledge of Legal & Regulation and Policy Framework of Belize | o Knowledge of Health and Safety Standards in the Region. |
| o Knowledge of International and Regional policies & standards governing Parks and Attraction Management | o Able to coordinate consultation process in developing standards and policies. |
| o Knowledge on how to create effective operational manuals for management of sites | o Good presentation skills are a definite plus |
| o Able to set priorities and identify any area that requires further research. | o Have supervisory skills, good judgment, problem solving skills and able to multitask |
| o Able to set timelines and meet deadlines | |

DUTIES:

1. The Policy Coordinator shall review and be familiar with all documents relating to policy creation and implementation including the Belize- Standards Act Chapter 295, Revised Edition Section 6 with supporting Statutory Instrument No. 23 of 1997 (Standards- Preparation and Declaration- Regulations).
2. Act as the primary liaison to develop standards based on existing national legislation, international/ regional obligations, such as the, Caribbean Regional Organization for Standards and Quality (CROSQ) - Site and Attractions Standards with the Ministry of Tourism and Culture (MoTC), Belize Bureau Standards (BBS) and the Technical Committee for Tourism.
3. Liaise with MoTC, BBS and the Technical Committee for Tourism guiding the proposed standards through the proper channels of scrutiny with the goal of having Parliament endorse and adopt these standards.
4. Spearhead the production of Health and Safety Manuals and the introduction and implementation of the health and safety provisions established. This includes training workshops and other means of consultation.
5. Execute with the Quality Assurance Department -Cave and Rescue Training Programme
6. Attend inspection meetings to all work sites in coordination with NICH and relevant authorities and ensure adherence to the specifications stated in the Caribbean Regional Organization for Standards and Quality (CROSQ) - Sites and Attractions Standards and Project Proposal.
7. Produce progress/evaluation reports for review by the Project Coordinator and the Project Steering Committee across the development and implementation stages.
8. Prepare and submit post-project recommendations to BTB, NICH and Ministry of Tourism and Culture for follow up action.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: The Administrative Officer will be paid a monthly salary at the rate to be negotiated during contracting, based on qualification and experience.

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Crime - A Social Problems Of A Developing Country

Contributed by:
Corey Constantino and
Sherry Gibbs

Crime is defined as the breaking of laws set by the governing body of a country. It may come in many forms from as little as lying to even killing. This is one of the social problems most affecting the developing world. There are obviously many troubles that come along with having this problem in a society, and we see it everyday. And we always try to cure this problem by attacking it from that angle, but why not look at it from another? Why not try to find out what are causing these problems, and furthermore, find out what we need to do to fix them?

What Causes people to murder? This question gives rise to an array of answers, and they are all are correct, even if in the pettiest of ways. One of the most influential though, is the pessimistic relationship between poverty and education. Globally, poverty is at a high, and because of that, there are many people who do not have the opportunity to afford secondary schooling, much less tertiary. This one misfortune can shape the rest of a person's life. It is human nature to want to belong and have a place where they feel most comfortable and sociable. And so, victims of this bad luck often turn to gangs, organized groups of criminals that go about committing various acts of societal evils; murdering is one of the highest among developing nations. According to Gayle (2011), a Jamaican Anthropologist of Social Violence, *"people who are in gangs mostly tend to be those who are not educated and are looking for a way to belong in a society."*

In answering the question, *"what causes people to murder?"*, it is also important to understand what personal influences may drive them to do it. Childhood plays an important role in one's life and how and who they will grow up to be in the future. Everyone lives the lifestyle they were raise around, and so if a child is familiarized with violence at an early age he or she can grow up to be quite vehement. If a child experiences abuse at an early age, for example, there is a very large probability that the child will eventually grow up to be one who is violent. According to the Love Our Children organization in the United States (2012), *"children who grow up in homes where violence is present are a hundred times more likely to be abusers themselves."* It is also normal for people to use alcohol and other drugs as a medium for escaping their problems, and when a person is under the heavy influence of drugs, it can cause them to lose their capabilities of rationality and self-control. Therefore, this is also another reason for murdering.

So, we know some of the highlighted causes driving violence via killings, now what? Well, we need to find solutions to them. No more waiting for an example for us to have to make a move. Prevention is better than cure. We need to find ways of dealing with these problems at their roots. In regards to poverty, governments need to cater into making wiser decisions in investments that are proportional to sustainable development rather than on consumptions-a basic principle of economics. If China was able to lower its poverty rates drastically by efficiently planning and placing this matter as its main concern, then other countries can definitely do the same. Developing nations are the richest in the world, maybe not financially, but in aesthetics and natural resources. In Belize for example, there is no reason why secondary education cannot be free. We dig oil, to export

and get refined, only to buy back in the end. Why can't we invest in our own refinery? Sure the benefits might not be immediate, but they will be seen by our kids and theirs.

If poverty is reduced then education increases. This will also have a positive impact of gang activities. Hence, to reduce gang violence it is important for us to educate the young men within our communities. According to Gayle (2011), *"there is a direct relationship between education and violence. Countries with low level of education usually have high levels of homicide, and vice versa."* This is exactly the reason why countries like Panama and Barbados have rather low homicide rates, because their citizens are highly educated. Hence, there is a need to focus on the education of the citizens of a country. And they need to do this by attacking poverty. One way the

government can do this is by lowering subsidies from one facet of the economy and putting it into education. For example in Belize, the government can alter their initiative of the *"gang truce"* and put it into education. Again, we need to stop trying to cure this societal ill and try to prevent it instead. And this can only be done by attacking its root cause, that is, by reducing poverty so as to promote education.

Crime is definitely a social problem in the developing world. Studies indicate that murder rates in these places and those that have a low education rates are very high. These issues need to be addressed in order for this problem to be alleviated, and so perhaps the wisest way to do so is by initiating an objective of achieving at least national secondary education. And it seems that the wisest way to do this, would be by lessening poverty.



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‘Making Tourism Benefit Communities Adjacent Archaeological Sites’

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR WORKS MANAGER

Grant Contract FED/2012/306-304

BACKGROUND:

The Belize Tourism Board has received a grant from the European Union and the Government of Belize under the Belize Rural Development Project II for an Action **‘Making Tourism Benefit Communities Adjacent Archaeological Sites’**. Additional funding is provided by the Belize Tourism Board (BTB) and the National Institute of Culture and History (NICH). The project is being executed by BTB, with the assistance of NICH and the Ministry of Tourism and Culture.

The project will be over 24 months. The objectives of the project are to: (1) Improve economic opportunities in rural communities and contribute to the reduction of poverty; and (2) Enhance the tourism experience through improvement to tourism infrastructure and services at selected archaeological sites. The project anticipates the following results: (1) Improved Product and Service Monitoring Systems; (2) Improved Health and Safety Provisions at selected archaeological sites; (3) Diversified community based tourism products and services.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POSITION:

- 1. Starting Date and Duration:** The Works Manager shall be employed by the action for the period of twenty- four months (24) consecutive calendar months, starting January 1st, 2013
- 2. Reporting Arrangements:** The Works Manager will report to the Project Coordinator and the Project Steering Committee
- 3. Place of Work:** Belize Tourism Board Office, Belize City, Belize. Field trips to the selected archaeological sites and adjacent communities are expected to take place throughout the project duration.
- 4. Qualifications:**
 - Minimum of Bachelor of Science in Physical Planning, Urban Planning, Civil Engineering or other related Engineering, Architecture, Geography, or closely related field.
 - At least 5 years experience as a Construction Project Manager
 - Competencies: To perform the job successfully, the individual should demonstrate the following:

o Proven experience in managing high output construction sites	o In-depth knowledge of all aspects of construction
o Good knowledge of Health and Safety Regulations	o Well organised and have planning and problem solving skills
o Must be able to drive. Familiar with Belize’s geography and Archaeological Sites	o Good numeracy and IT skills, including Microsoft Project and related software.
o Have supervisory skills, good judgment, problem solving skills and able to multitask	o Able to set timelines and meet deadlines

DUTIES:

1. Manage the construction process ensuring adherence to the expected results and activities set forth in the- **‘Making Tourism Benefit Communities Adjacent to Archaeological Sites’** Project Proposal and the established minimum standards for Sites and Attractions. Also supervise construction sites, direct manager and subcontractors to make sure standards of building performance, quality, cost schedules and safety are maintained
2. Act as primary liaison to develop Works and Supplies Contracts for the PEU to ensure technical robustness, quality, efficiency and compliance in accordance with all timelines, budget and all legal obligations with specific focus on the Caribbean Regional Organization for Standards and Quality (CROSQ) - Sites and Attractions Standards.
3. Provide a supporting role for the development and complete bidding documents, reference budgets, schedules and timelines for all construction projects in consultation with the Finance/ Procurement Officer and the Project Coordinator.
4. Provide technical support within the procurement process to include participation in short listing evaluations and representation within the evaluation of technical and price proposals ensure adherence to EU policies.
5. Act as primary liaison with NICH in obtaining necessary mapping for project consultation and ensuring that all pre-required planning and feasibility conditions are fulfilled. Along with the Project Coordinator, the Works Manager will be responsible for decisions made on any changes of design or construction.
6. Maintain and provide the Project Coordinator and the Project Steering Committee with accurate records of site resources and materials.
7. Execute bi-weekly construction site visits with NICH and relevant authorities. Also required to attend monthly inspection meetings to all work sites in coordination with NICH and relevant authorities and ensure adherence to the specifications stated in the Caribbean Regional Organization for Standards and Quality (CROSQ) - Sites and Attractions Standards and Project Proposal.
8. Provide the Project Coordinator and the Project Steering Committee with a monthly report describing activities carried out and the corresponding outputs/ deliverables, achievements and challenges and any reason or corrective action taken.
9. Prepare and submit post-project recommendations to BTB, NICH and Ministry of Tourism and Culture for follow up action

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: The Administrative Officer will be paid a monthly salary at the rate to be negotiated during contracting, based on qualification and experience.

Applications should be directed to:

Director of Administration

64 Regent Street

Belize City, Belize

Tel: 501-227-2420

kfaber@travelbelize.org or jhemmans@travelbelize.org

Deadline for submissions is December 28th, 2012



‘Making Tourism Benefit Communities Adjacent Archaeological Sites’

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR FINANCE/ PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Grant Contract FED/2012/306-304

BACKGROUND:

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CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POSITION:

1. Starting Date and Duration: The Finance Officer shall be employed by the action for the period of twenty- four months (24) consecutive calendar months, starting January 1st, 2013.

2. Reporting Arrangements: The Finance Officer will report to the Project Coordinator and BTB’s Director of Finance.

3. Place of Work: Belize Tourism Board Office, Belize City, Belize. Field trips to the selected archaeological sites and adjacent communities are expected to take place throughout the project duration.

4. Qualifications:

- Minimum of Bachelor of Science or Master’s Degree in Accounting, or Financial Management, or Business Administration or Auditing or other related field.
- At least 5 years relevant experience in financial management and/or procurement. Experience with the EU finance management will be an asset.
- Competencies: To perform the job successfully, the individual should demonstrate the following:
 - o Knowledge of Financial Reporting and Procurement Procedures of the EU or other recognized International Organizations would be an asset.
 - o Good presentation skill are a definite plus
 - o Basic knowledge of Auditing
 - o Good knowledge of Accounting Software and tools
 - o Able to set priorities and identify any area that requires further research.
 - o Good knowledge of International Accounting Procedure and Standard
 - o Able to set timelines and meet deadlines
 - o Have good judgment, problem solving skills and able to multitask

DUTIES:

1. The Financial/ Procurement Officer shall assist the Project Coordinator in the following tasks:
 - a. Submission of monthly report to the Belize EU National Authorising Office, the PSC and BTB’s Director of Finance including activities undertaken and challenges to be address with recommendation for action
 - b. Production of progress and final project reports.
2. Responsible for the preparation of the procurement documents, utilizing sustainable procurement practices, while adhering to EU policies prior to issuing the public tender.
3. Schedule, organize and facilitate bidding meetings related to quotations, tenders and proposals. Prepare recommendation for award. Provide suppliers debriefing sessions, when requested, with unsuccessful respondents.
4. Primary liaison to prepare and review all documentation relating to all Service/ Technical Assistance, Works and Supplies Contracts, and Disbursement Projection Matrix and to produce progress/ evaluation reports for review across the development and implementation stages of the Action.
5. Monitor contracts and performance to implement corrective action when required. Prepare a contract report on each contract period- each activity carried out and the corresponding outputs/deliverables shall be described.
6. Prepare Programme Budgets, Procurement Plans, Payroll and Bidding documents for audits in line with EU guidelines.
7. Maintain accurate financial accounting records for the action in line with the standard financial reporting requirements of the EU.
8. Monitor and report on budget execution on a continuous basis (daily, weekly and monthly).
9. Prepare and maintain monthly the cash flow projection for the period of time for which funding is available.
10. Attend inspection meetings to all work sites in coordination with NICH and relevant authorities and ensure adherence to the specifications stated in the Caribbean Regional Organization for Standards and Quality (CROSQ) - Sites and Attractions Standards and Project Proposal.
11. Prepare and submit post-project recommendations to BTB, NICH and Ministry of Tourism and Culture for follow up action.
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The New Rene Montero

From Front Page

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Friday, December 21, 2012:

The first term in office was a learning experience for Cayo Central’s Area Representative/ Minister of Works and Transport, **Hon. Rene Montero**. When he was put to the test in the March 7, 2012 general elections; he received a narrow passing mark and was almost defeated by a new comer on the political scene.

Subsequent to that narrow victory, a new **Rene Montero** has emerged. He has shed himself of the political baggage and negative vibes from political hangers-on who did him major political damage throughout his first five-year term in office.

The new **Rene Montero** has hit the ground running after the experience of March 7. The new **Rene Montero** is now focused on putting his shoulders to the wheel in immediately addressing the needs of his constituents. He has publicly committed that he will not wait until an election year or in the months leading up to the next test at the polls to do what has to be done for residents of Cayo Central.

The new **Rene Montero** is expanding electricity and water supply in Cayo Central. The new

Rene Montero is paving streets in Cayo Central.

Residents in Hillview, students and the staff at Eden High School, taxi operators, other motorist and pedestrians have for many years been complaining of the terrible conditions of the road leading into the Hillview Community. Many are the politicians, from way back in the Daniel Silva PUP days, who have promised to pave that stretch of road and none have fulfilled that promise. It is early into Minister

Montero’s second term in office and today the road into Hillview is paved and the people are happy.

Other street works are also underway in Cayo Central. Carmen Street is getting a facelift, the street near Three Flags, also in Santa Elena, is in for improvement.

Minister Montero is actively seeking employment for the people of Cayo Central.

In keeping with the Yule tide season, the real Rene Montero is spreading the Christmas cheer with the distribution of food hampers to

residence of Cayo Central. While parents and children in the constituency will be attending the Christmas party especially planned for them on Friday, December 21, 2012 where Chirstmas toys will be distributed to children in Cayo Central.

In a nutshell Minister Montero is on the move, truly now addressing the needs of the constituency he was voted to serve. This is the kind of leader the community deserves. The community welcomes the new **Rene Montero**.

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Invitation to Bid

The Government of Belize (GOBZ) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to USD3,480,000 towards the cost of the Belize River Valley Rural Water Project, and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under the 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.

GOBZ will execute the project through Belize Water Services Limited (BWS), and a Resident Consultant Engineer within BWS will be responsible for the day-to-day management of project activities. Engineering Consultants have been retained by BWS to assist in the tender administration and supervision of the contract.

BWS hereby invites interested eligible firms to present their sealed bids for Contract H1, Contract H2 and Contract H3. *Bidders may bid on any single Contract, any two Contracts, or on all three Contracts.* The Contracts are further described as:

Contract H1: Installation of approximately 14 miles of PVC and Ductile Iron Water Mains, Valves and Appurtenances in Burrell Boom, Flower’s Bank, Scotland Halfmoon and Bermudian Landing Villages.

Contract H2: Installation of approximately 15 miles PVC and Ductile Iron Water Mains, Valves and Appurtenances in Bermudian Landing, Isabella Bank, Lemonal, and Double Head Cabbage Villages.

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Consideration will be limited to firms or joint ventures of firms which are legally incorporated or otherwise organized in, and have their principal place of business in an eligible country or countries and are either:

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(b) owned or controlled by the government of an eligible country provided that it is legally and financially autonomous and operated under the commercial law of an eligible country.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB.

The requirement for pre-qualification will include:

(a) an average annual turnover (defined as billing for works in progress and completed) over the last five years of (i) Belize Dollars (BZD) 750,000.00 equivalent in the case of consideration for one contract; (ii) Belize Dollars (BZD) 1,500,000.00 equivalent in the case of consideration for two contracts; (iii) Belize Dollars (BZD) 2,500,000.00 equivalent in the case of consideration for all three contracts.

(b) demonstrable cash flow (including access to credit) of (i) BZD 150,000.00 equivalent in the case of consideration for one contract; (ii) Belize Dollars (BZD) 300,000.00 equivalent in the case of consideration for two contracts; (iii) Belize Dollars (BZD) 450,000.00 equivalent in the case of consideration for all three contracts.

(c) experience as prime contractor in the construction of at least two (2) assignments (including drainage assignments) of a nature and complexity comparable to the proposed project activity within the last five (5) years (to comply with this requirement, works quoted should be at least 80 percent complete); and

(d) Project Manager with five (5) years experience, which has been spent in works of an equivalent nature and volume, including not less than three (3) years as a Manager.

Bidding documents will be available as at December 21st, 2012 at the address below between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. Written applications must be clearly marked: “**Request For Bid Documents for The Installation Of Approximately 44 Miles Of PVC And Ductile Iron Water Mains, Valves And Appurtenances**”. The documents may be purchased upon payment of a non-refundable fee of BZ\$300.00 *per contract* or its equivalent in a freely convertible currency for each set to the order of BWS.

Potential bidders who request that the documents be forwarded to them are required to submit an account number from a courier agent in Belize, which will accept freight collect charges. The documents will be dispatched by the designated courier upon receipt of the fee. Under no circumstance will BWS be held responsible for late delivery or loss of the documents so dispatched.

Bids shall be valid for a period of ninety (90) days after the closing date for submission of bids and must be accompanied by a bid security of Twenty Thousand Belize Dollars (BZ\$ 20,000.00) or its equivalent in a free convertible currency. Completed tender documents together with all required enclosures shall be placed in a sealed envelope which includes the name and address of the bidder and shall be clearly marked “**Tender for Belize River Valley Rural Water Project – Installation of approximately 44 miles of PVC and Ductile Iron Water Mains, Valves and Appurtenances**”, and deposited in the tender box at the address below by 4:00 p.m. on or before January 25th, 2013. They will be opened at the same address at 4:15 p.m. on the same day in the presence of representative(s) of any bidder who wishes to attend. Bids will not be accepted after the tender box is closed

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