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# DISASTER RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING Abaco Hurricane Shelter & Community Center RFP Treasure Cay DMS RFP Sweetings Cay Septic Delivery & Installation Project

> Date: Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> , 2022 Time: 10:30 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

#### Attendees

- Mr. Alex Storr Chairman Mr. Carl Smith – Permanent Secretary Mr. Aarone Sargent, Actg. Managing Director Ms. Joette Penn Mr. Lorraine Hamilton Mr. Preston Roberts Ms. Laticha McKenzie Ms. Rosalie Farrington – Wilkinson Mr. Ralph Hanna Captain Stephen Russell, NEMA Mr. Jordan Clarke, Board Secretary
  - i. Chairman Alex Storr called the extraordinary meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Chairman Storr advised that there are two RFPs that will be read for the Board's Approval along with the Sweeting's Cay Septic Tank Project. Chairman Storr directed AMD Sargent to read the RFP Bid Analysis and Sweetings Cay Project Scope.

#### a. Abaco Hurricane Shelter & Community Center RFP & Award of Contract

- i. **AMD Aarone Sargent** shared that Chris Symonette & Associates is the Project Management Firm along with J.D. Chisholm & Associates who is the Quantity Surveyor.
- AMD Aarone Sargent read the bid evaluation report and recommendation for the award of the contract.
  AMD Sargent added that Wilkem Solutions Limited was the only bid considered for evaluation. AMD
  Sargent advised Directors that approval was requested

from the Ministry of Finance to use the single-source procurement method to request bids, based on the urgency of the project and the need to ensure the project donation by the Indian government is not withdrawn.

- iii. DIR Lorraine Hamilton expressed concern about the way by which the meeting was held. She shared that being online and not being able to see the documents was a lot to process and hard to make a big decision. She further asked who the principals of the company were, if they were based in Abaco and have they had projects of this magnitude before.
  - 1. **AMD Sargent** advised that the principals of Wilkem Solutions are Delon Kemp & Raeh Williams. He confirmed that they had similar projects and are based in Abaco.
- iv. **Capt. Stephen Russell** asked how much did we currently have for the project?
  - 1. **AMD Aarone Sargent** replied saying \$1.6 million with other contingencies.

A brief conversation ensued.

- v. **DIR Julian Sawyer** asked if the contractor agreed to the Quantity Surveyor's budget number?
  - 1. **AMD Aarone Sargent** replied that we must negotiate with the contractor based on the Quantity Surveyor's recommendation.
- vi. **DIR Joette Penn** asked for confirmation on what needed to be approved.
  - 1. **AMD Aarone Sargent** replied by advising that Directors are being asked to approve the recommendation in the Bid Analysis and Recommendation of Award.
- vii. **PS Carl Smith** asked the price by the quantity surveyor is there a contingency included?
  - 1. **AMD Aarone Sargent** advised that based on what was in the recommendation by the Quantity Surveyor it was a separate item.
- viii. **DIR Preston Roberts** asked if there were any implications or does the UNDP require any cabinet conclusion to proceed?

- 1. **Chairman Alex Storr** advised that a cabinet conclusion is not needed.
- ix. **DIR Ralph Hanna** moved the motion to accept the recommendation and forward it to the Cabinet of the Bahamas for final approval.
  - 1. **DIR Julian Sawyer** seconded.
  - 2. All Directors except **DIR Lorraine Hamilton** voted in favour of the motion.

The motion was accepted with a majority vote (6-1).



## b. Treasure Cay Debris Management Site



The motion was unanimously accepted.

- d. DIR Preston Roberts moved to end the meeting.
  - i. **DIR Ralph Hanna** seconded.
  - ii. The motion was unanimously accepted, and the meeting ended at 12:10 p.m.