



# MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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## **RESPONSE TO QUERIES** **ON MR. KENRICK BURGESS** **MANAGING DIRECTOR** **– GLOBAL COMPETITIVE STRATEGIES LIMITED**

The Ministry of Education takes this opportunity to respond to questions which have arisen in the News Media on the involvement of Mr. Kenrick Burgess of Global Competitive Strategies Limited with the Ministry of Education. The Ministry takes this opportunity to inform the News Media and the National Community that there exists a transparent relationship with this Company.

**The facts are as follows:**

### **1 The Central Tenders Board and the provision of Project Management Services for the Ministry of Education**

1. By Tender Notice dated June 30 2004, the Central Tenders Board, on behalf of the Government, invited proposals on a competitive basis for the provision of Project Management Services for the Ministry of Education.
2. The Central Tenders Board, by letter dated January 5, 2006 awarded a contract to Global Competitive Strategies Limited for the required services. A

contract was **SIGNED** on July 17, 2006 between Global Competitive Strategies Limited and the Ministry of Education.

## **11 2007 Vacation School Repair Programme**

- Cabinet (by Minute No 1339 of May 24, 2007) agreed to the school repair/refurbishment programme of the Ministry of Education.
- It was agreed that the Ministry of Education – in accordance with the provision of Section 20 A (i) (c) of the Central Tenders Board Ordinance 1961 - enter into contracts with the following companies to undertake the required works:
  1. The National Maintenance Training and Security Company, MTS
  2. The National Insurance Property Development Company, NIPDEC
  3. The Rural Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited, RDC, if spare capacity exists.

The Ministry of Education, in collaboration with the Education Facilities Company Limited, is supervising this contract.

As part of the ‘project management consultancy services’ to the Ministry – as stated in the contract of GCSL – **The COMPANY** will assist in the development of the terms of reference for the contracts with the above-named companies and the procurement system. In addition, **THE COMPANY will assist in the packaging of schools to be assigned to each company and assist the MOE in monitoring the programme. The firm of Global Competitive Strategies Limited is in no way involved in the delivery of the required works.**

### **111. The development of an Asset Register for the Ministry of Education.**

In 2006 the Ministry of Education made provision in its Capital Projects Programme for the development of an Asset Register for all of its schools. The project can be referenced under the 2007 Estimates of the Development Programme as Item Head 26/09/04 Group G-722 – Computer Management Software and Development of Asset

Register for all schools; from ECCE Centres to Buildings of the Ministry of Education.

One of the major benefits will be the establishment of a Computerized Maintenance Management System, CMMS that will provide the Ministry with capability to track and monitor the physical condition of its schools and provide responses in real time to requests for repairs, including emergency situations.

*Global Competitive Strategies Limited, was contracted by the Central Board as part of its services to develop and assist the Ministry's Educational Facilities Management Division with the management and the roll-out of the Asset REGISTER for schools in Trinidad and Tobago. Delta Dynamics is GCSL's sub-consultant on this project.*

In 2006 the Ministry of Education began the process of developing the Asset Register utilizing **TMA Systems SOFTWARE**. This Software is available locally from Delta Dynamics Limited which is the sole agent for this Facilities Management Software; Web TMA (Total Maintenance Authority).

Several Ministries –including the Ministry of Works and Transport and the Ministry of Health – as well as private firms are currently using this Software and the services of Delta Dynamics to establish an Asset Register.

The Ministry of Education **through its consultants** is pursuing the data collection in schools to begin populating the register. The Ministry of Education has forwarded Circulars to all its schools – Government and Government Assisted – to inform them of this data collection exercise.

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