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January 31, 2025

Brigadier General Geraldine Janet George (Rtd.)

MINISTER

Ministry of National Defense

UN Drive, Barclay Training Center

Republic of Liberia

Dear Hon. George:

Subj: **REQUEST FOR NO OBJECTION TO AWARD CONTRACTS TO BITTAR CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, BUILDING MATERIAL CENTER, AND BASHIR BUSINESS CENTER, FOR THE RENOVATION OF MILITARY BARRACKS ACROSS THE COUNTRY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025**

We present our compliments and wish to acknowledge receipt of your communication requesting the Commission's approval for the Ministry of National Defense request as indicated above.

The Commission upon a thorough review of your documentation submitted is pleased to highlight the following:

- ❖ The MoD submitted its approved procurement plan as Section 40 of the PPCA requires.
- ❖ The MoD also submitted copies of its letter of invitation, bidding document, and evaluation report. Also, it is important to state that the Ministry of National Defense started the procurement process for this activity during the last fiscal year 2024. However, the allotment was not available so the process was halted. Notwithstanding, for the fiscal year 2025, there has been the availability of funding through the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning.

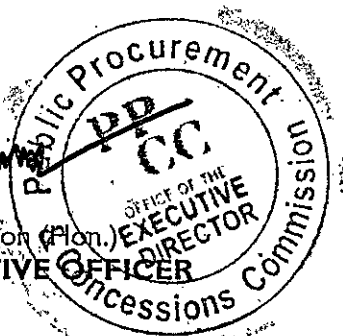
From the above findings mentioned, the Commission hereby approves the Ministry of National Defense's request to award contracts to **Bittar Construction Company** at the estimated value of **US\$ 772,738.00 (Seven Hundred Seventy-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Eight United States Dollars)**, **Building Material Center** at the combined estimated value of **US\$ 400,000.00 (Four Hundred Thousand United States Dollars)**, **Bashir Business Center** at the estimated value of **US\$ 230,000.00 (Two Hundred Thirty Thousand United States Dollars)** for the renovation of military barracks across the country for the fiscal year 2025

The Public Procurement and Concessions Commission admonishes and deems it a priority that you remain compliant with the PPCA, 2010, as we jointly aspire to achieve transparency, accountability, fairness, equality, and ultimately public confidence in our procurement and concessions processes.

Sincerely yours,


Bodger Scott Johnson (Hon.)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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14 January 2025

Honorable Bodger Scott Johnson
Executive Director
Public Procurement & Concession Commission (PPCC)
Monrovia, Liberia

Dear Honorable Johnson,

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AWARD CONTRACTS UNDER THE ARMED FORCES OF LIBERIA DECONGESTION PROJECT

The Ministry of National Defense extends compliments and seek approval to proceed with the award of contracts under the Armed Forces of Liberia Decongestion Project (Phase I)

As part of the FY2024 Budget, the Ministry was allocated One Million Eight Hundred Thousand United States Dollars (\$1,800,000.00 USD) for the procurement of building materials for the renovation of various military barracks across the country by the Armed Forces of Liberia Engineering Company.

In adherence to the Public Procurement and Concessions Act (PPCA), the Ministry sought and received "No Objection" from the Commission to use the Restricted Bidding Method of procurement to invite bids from the following ten companies with the capacities to supply and deliver the imported, local, and custom-made building materials required for the renovation project.

1. City Builders
2. Sethi Brothers
3. Bittar Construction Company
4. Building Material Center
5. Metalum Liberia Limited
6. Gulf Logistics LLC
7. Jeety Trading Corporation
8. Fawaz Building Material Center
9. Bashir Business Center
10. Paragon Group of Companies

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The tender process resulted in the following bids being submitted by September 30, 2024:

- Lot 1: Bittar Construction Company – US\$772,738.00
- Lot 2: Building Material Center – US\$230,000.00
- Lot 3: Bashir Business Center – US\$153,999.90
- Lot 4: Building Material Center – US\$170,000.00

Unfortunately, during the procurement process, the Government implemented a recast of the FY2024 Budget, reducing the allocation for the Armed Forces of Liberia Decongestion Project from US\$1,800,000 to US\$900,000. This reduction rendered the continuation of the procurement process unfeasible due to the lack of adequate budgetary support.

We are pleased to inform you that the amount previously removed in the FY2024 recast budget has now been reinstated under the FY2025 Budget. Considering this development and in consultation with the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, we have determined that the contracts can now be awarded as initially planned.

The Ministry therefore seeks PPCC's guidance and approval to proceed with awarding contracts to the following vendors:

1. Bittar Construction Company (Lot 1): US\$772,738.00
2. Building Material Center (Lot 2): US\$230,000.00
3. Bashir Business Center (Lot 3): US\$153,999.90
4. Lot 4: Building Material Center – US\$170,000.00

Additionally, given the budgetary constraints and to ensure proper financial management, we request PPCC's concurrence for a phased payment arrangement for these contracts. Payment details are outlined in the draft contracts and will be executed as follows:

- Phase 1: Payments will be made from funds already allocated and deposited in the Ministry's account under the FY2024 Budget.
- Phase 2: Remaining payments will be made from funds allocated under the FY2025 Budget, upon their disbursement.

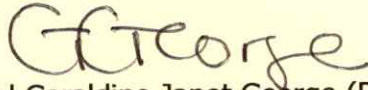
The phased payment structure has been thoroughly reviewed and deemed practical to ensure timely project execution while adhering to fiscal constraints. The various suppliers has also agreed to the phase payment arrangement.

We kindly request your approval to proceed with the award of the above mentioned contracts under the outlined payment terms and to grant "No Objection" to the awarding of contract to Bittar Construction Company whose contract amount is above the threshold. Copies of the draft contracts and other relevant procurement documents are attached for your review.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work to fulfill our mandate of improving the living conditions of the Armed Forces of Liberia.

Thank you for your urgent attention to this matter. We trust in your understanding of the exceptional circumstances and look forward to your prompt response.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "G. George". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Brigadier General Geraldine Janet George (Rtd.)

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