



Ministry of Planning and Development  
*Office of the Permanent Secretary*

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83rd March, 2021

The Joint Consultative Council  
For the Construction Industry  
The Professional Centre Building Unit B202,  
11-13 Fitzblackman Drive,  
Wrightson Road South,  
Port-of-Spain.

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Enquiry under Section 13 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 1999- Request for Access to Official Document(s)**

Reference is made to your request for Access to Official Document(s) dated 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.

**Request #1:**

**A copy of the Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) and/or Request for Proposals (RFP) for the consultancy to produce a Master Plan for the Revitalization of Port of Spain.**

**Response re: Request #1:**

The Revitalization of Port of Spain Project is under the remit of the Urban Development Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago (UDECOTT), not the Ministry of Planning and Development. Therefore, any Expression of Interest (EOI) and/or Request for Proposals (RFP) does not exist in our records. Your request should therefore be directed to the UDECOTT.

**A copy of the Terms of Reference for the consultancy to prepare a Master Plan for the Revitalization of Port of Spain.**

**Response re: Request #2:**

The Revitalization of Port of Spain Project is under the remit of the Urban Development Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago (UDECOTT), not the Ministry of Planning and Development. Therefore the Terms of Reference for the consultancy to prepare a Master Plan for the Revitalization of Port-of-Spain does not exist in our records. Your request should therefore be directed to the UDECOTT.

**Request #3:**

**A copy of the contract for the consultancy between NLBA Architects Limited and the Ministry of Planning and Development through the Urban Development Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago.**

**Response re: Request #3:**

The Revitalization of Port of Spain Project is under the remit of the Urban Development Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago (UDECOTT), not the Ministry of Planning and Development. The Ministry of Planning and Development is not a party to any NLBA contract directly or indirectly. Any request regarding obtaining of a copy of the contract for consultancy services with NLBA Architects on the preparation of a Master Plan for the Revitalization of Port-of-Spain should be directed to the UDECOTT.

**Request #4:**

**A copy of the Master Plan for the Revitalization of Port of Spain, prepared by NLBA Architects Limited as referenced at the public consultations.**

**Response re: Request #4:**

The Ministry of Planning and Development, as an identified project stakeholder, was furnished with a copy of the report entitled "Revitalization of The City of Port of Spain: An Urban Development Revitalization Initiative Final Report" from the UDECOTT C.E.O's office, dated February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

This Final Report presents the conceptual master plan which addresses the social and economic gaps which can stimulate the private sector to get more involved in the development of Port of Spain. The Ministry of Planning and Development is unable to provide a copy of this Final Report as this document did not originate with the Ministry. Your request should therefore be directed to the UDECOTT.

**Request #5:**

**Confirmation of the status of the Master Plan in accordance with Section 7 of the Town and Country Planning Act Chapter 35:01.**

**Response re: Request #5:**

Please be advised that Section 7 of the Town and Country Planning Act Chapter 35:01 is only relevant for the approval of “development plans” as defined under Section 5 of the Act, and is not applicable in this circumstance. The project deliverable of the “Master Plan” for the revitalization of Port of Spain, is not classified as a “development plan” produced by the Town and Country Division, but rather encompasses seven (7) infrastructure projects which would stimulate development in the Capital City. In this regard, permission shall be required for the development of any land for each project, pursuant to Section 8 of the Town and Country Planning Act.

Please note that the Act, in Sections 38A (1) and 39, provide, respectively, for a person aggrieved by the refusal of a public authority to grant access to an official document, within twenty-one (21) days of receiving such notice, lodge a complaint with the Ombudsman, and for a person aggrieved by the decision of a public authority under this Act, to apply to the High Court for judicial review of the decision.

Yours respectfully,

  
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Permanent Secretary  
Ministry of Planning and Development  
