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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **CONTRACTOR GENERAL SUBMITS PANEL OF THREE NOMINEES TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL TO FACILITATE APPOINTMENT OF REPLACEMENT TO FORMER CHAIR OF THE NATIONAL CONTRACTS COMMISSION, THE HON. SHIRLEY TYNDALL**

**Kingston; March 10, 2010** – Contractor General, Greg Christie has today formally submitted to His Excellency, the Governor General of Jamaica, a panel of three (3) nominees from which the Governor General is now obliged to appoint one (1) as the new Chair of the National Contracts Commission (NCC).

The Contractor General's submission of the panel, to the Governor General, follows the recent resignation of the Hon. Shirley Tyndall, OJ from the Chair of the NCC, effective February 1, 2010.

Section 1 (a) (i) of the Third Schedule to the Contractor General Act provides that the Chair of the NCC must be selected and appointed by the Governor General *“from a panel of three persons nominated by the Contractor-General”*.

In accordance with the provisions which are contained in Section 4 (2) of the Third Schedule to the Contractor General Act, the new Chair of the NCC will serve for the unexpired portion of the seven (7) year term to which Ms. Tyndall was originally appointed on May 17, 2006. Accordingly, the new Chair will serve from the date of his/her appointment to May 16, 2013.

The NCC, which is a statutory commission, is composed of a panel of eight (8) members, all of whom are appointed by the Governor General as follows:



- (a) A Chair, who is appointed from a panel of three (3) persons nominated by the Contractor General;
- (b) Five (5) members who are appointed from a panel of five (5) persons designated by the Cabinet;
- (c) One (1) member who is appointed from a panel of five (5) persons nominated by the Professional Societies Association of Jamaica; and
- (d) One (1) member who is appointed from a panel of five (5) persons nominated by the Construction Industry Council.

The NCC, whose principal objects “*are the promotion of efficiency in the process of the award and implementation of government contracts and ensuring transparency and equity in the awarding of contracts*”, was established in 1999 via an amendment to the Contractor General Act.

In practical terms, the NCC, which meets once each week, and which is supported by seven (7) Sector Committees, is primarily responsible for reviewing, evaluating and endorsing, all recommendations for the award of Government contracts which are over \$10 Million in value which emanate from the country’s more than 190 Procuring Public Bodies.

The NCC is also responsible for registering contractors who are desirous of bidding on Government contract and tendering opportunities which are over \$275,000 in value.

The NCC receives all of its technical, administrative and secretarial support services from the Technical Services Division of the Office of the Contractor General (OCG). The OCG is an Independent Anti-Corruption Commission of the Parliament of Jamaica.

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