

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS GOVERNMENT OF MONTSERRAT

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

CONTEXT

Montserrat has three Government-owned tennis courts which were laid in 2004. One was built in Look Out adjacent to the Look Out Primary School and two were built in Salem adjacent to the Montserrat Secondary School. One of the courts in Salem has since been converted for use as volley ball and as a netball court.

According to the maintenance plan, a complete re-surfacing was expected to be done after 10 years but nothing has been done and the resurfacing has not yet been done. Additionally one court has developed some unevenness which makes playing difficult; also some of the perimeter fencing has become damaged; the nets have become worn and bedraggled and not all of the lights work.

The surfaces have grown black with tiny vegetable matter. The nets are worn and the perimeter fencing has deteriorated but can be repaired. Two courts where the wind can often blow quite strong were fitted with wind barriers but those too have deteriorated over time.

There are three ball courts two of which are located in Brades adjacent to the Brades Primary School and the other sits adjacent to the Look Out Primary school and are both are currently used by the school for pupil recreational activities. The two at Brades are configured for netball and basketball respectively. At Look Out the court is configured for netball only.

These courts which were built for community uses but have since morphed into being used only by the adjacent schools are constructed of tarmac. The surfaces are hard and unyielding and covered with hard pitch covered and sometimes loose pebbles.

Interspersed among the pebbles is the occasional spot where grass shoots struggle through to face the light of day.

The net result are ball courts which are difficult and even dangerous for young children. There have been skinned knees and elbows over the years and it seems only a matter of time before fractured bones result.





M.S.S Courts





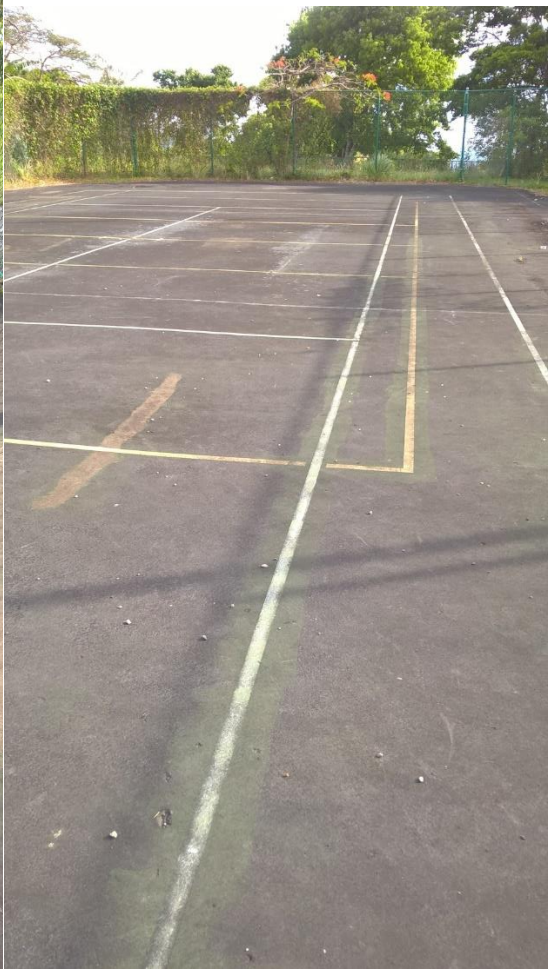


The 6 photo spread above shows the state of the tennis court and netball court at Look Out.





The 4 photo spread shows the state of the basketball court and netball courts at Brades which children have to use for recreation.





The 2-photo spread above are from the courts at salem.

THE PURPOSE

Government is considering the following:

- resurfacing of the ball courts as described earlier in this document;
- re-marking the courts according to established specifications for the respective sporting disciplines to which each court is presently dedicated. **In terms specifically of the resurfacing works for the tennis courts, the playing surfaces ideally will have a different colour to that of the rest of the paved surface.**
- repairing of lights which serve these courts where such lighting systems currently existed only. This should include the deployment of a system which manages the use of electricity by allowing players to control access to the lights by paying for that access. A token-operated system is offered here only as an example of the kind of system which government has in mind but this should not limit respondents' system design in any way;
- repairing existing perimeter fencing where such fencing currently exist;
- replacing tennis nets and systems to keep nets at the standard heights;
- repair/replace wind suppression barriers where those were previously deployed

NOT A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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Persons and companies which may have experience and interest in delivering this training may access the request at www.gov.ms/tenders

The responses obtained will be used by government to determine its course of action going forward.

RESPONSES

Responses should include the following:

- A cover letter;
- A brief CV of the key technical personnel in the company which includes their training skills and experiences;
- The considered solutions which should indicate
 - The re-surfacing material with its specifications and characteristics
 - The colours to be used differentiated by the sporting discipline and areas of the courts where different colours are being considered;
 - The lighting systems including the mechanism for players to manage the use of electricity;
 - The material to comprise the wind barrier
 - Estimated costs differentiated by material and labour in respect of tennis courts and other courts respectively;

- An indication of any warranties on workmanship and materials and any support which the company usually offers to clients for this type of work;

The Ministry of Education, Government of Montserrat appreciates your time in responding to this RFI and your responses will help guide our decision making process.

Electronic responses may be sent to francisg@gov.ms and copied to taraqb@gov.ms
Queries may be made to 664 491 3209 / 2542 / 2541.

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