



Upcoming Tendering Opportunity for Montserrat Hospital

Preliminary Design and Specification Development

The Government of Montserrat is an internally self-governing overseas territory of the United Kingdom, located in the Eastern Caribbean. Prior to 1989, Montserrat was a small economy on the verge of becoming self-sufficient with a population of 12,000. However, two natural disasters, Hurricane Hugo in 1989 and the destructive volcanic eruptions from 1995 to 2010 affected all aspects of Montserratian social and economic life. Plymouth, the capital was destroyed and almost two thirds of the island is now beyond productive use and lies within an exclusion zone. With the support of external funding from UK, European Union and the Caribbean Development Bank, elements of the country's social and economic infrastructure are being rebuilt in the North.

Montserrat's brand new hospital was destroyed during the volcanic eruption of 1995, shortly after its completion. Since then, emergency and secondary health-care has been offered at a 30-bed hospital in eight separate buildings (some 60 years old) on the site of a former primary school. Public satisfaction with the standard of facilities is reportedly low; and independent reviews have pointed out the inadequacy of its setting for providing good clinical care and a risk of health and safety litigation. Facilities are not fully hurricane resilient. Previous efforts to refurbish the current facilities have proven unfeasible.

The UK Government (represented by the Department for International Development (DFID) is commissioning the design of a new hospital on the island of Montserrat. The project will be delivered through the Montserrat Capital Investment Programme for Resilient Economic Growth (CIPREG). Under the programme, the UK Government will provide up to £30 million over five years (2018-2023) for strategic infrastructure development on Montserrat, to support economic growth, enhance resilience against natural disasters and promote the role of private sector.

Forthcoming Term of Reference (ToR) details will outline the requirements for a Consultancy to undertake a review of the 2014 preliminary designs of the island's new hospital, and develop an outline design against agreed specifications for a new hospital to be placed at the existing Montserrat Glendon Hospital site in St Johns, Montserrat.

The Government is seeking value for money through this procurement, which will be advertised on the Government of Montserrat website and through the e-sourcing portal (mytenders). The tender award will be made on the basis of the most economically advantageous tender and evaluation criteria, over the full period of the contract.

Prospective bidders seeking more information about the timeline and the Montserrat procurement process, or who would like to be informed of our plans for the hospital development, are invited to email Ms Harjinder Jutle, Head of Procurement, Procurement Department, via email at Jutleh@gov.ms

