

Joint Consultative Committee On the Construction Sector:
Dominica Association of Professional Engineers
Builders and Contractors Association Of Dominica
Dominica Society Of Architects

7th October 2015

Hon. Roosevelt Skeritt
Prime Minister and Minister of Finance
5th Floor, Financial Centre, Kennedy Avenue, Roseau
Commonwealth of Dominica.

Attn. Mr Steve Ferrol
Cabinet Secretary:

Re: Post-Erika Public - Private Sector Collaboration.

We refer to previous communications between the various constituent associations of the Joint Consultative Committee on the Construction Sector (JCCCS) and the public sector seeking to collaborate with Government on Post-Erika recovery efforts. Noted is the verbal communication between the president of DAPE and the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Public Works, and letters to the Prime Minister by DSA of 9th September and BCAD of 28th September 2015.

Given that the built environment in Dominica suffered overwhelming damage from tropical storm Erika, the local construction sector is obliged to serve the Dominican people with parallel contribution in the recovery process. We are available to partner with the public sector not only in the reconstruction programme, but importantly also, in undertaking vulnerability planning and review of our disaster planning and recovery process in the aftermath of the disaster in order that we can mitigate the effects of future storms.

With regards to the recovery and reconstruction efforts, we are eager to form consortiums among ourselves, with other entities in the private sector, and where necessary with external partners, in order to both accelerate the recovery process and to ensure that we engineer appropriate solutions in the aftermath of the storm. In addition, given your pronouncements on the economic situation, we are eager to boost employment and therefore amplify the downstream effect that construction has on the other sectors of the economy.

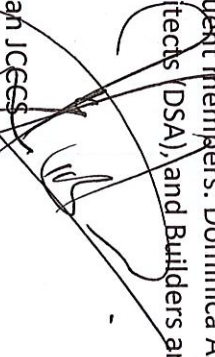
Our participation will not be limited to registered members of our constituent associations. Rather it will involve and be opened to all capable and willing professionals or firms existing in the Dominican economic space.

We are therefore available to participate in the design and construction of replacement housing, bridges, roads, water supplies and other infrastructure. We are willing to provide alternatives solutions to housing, bridges, accesses, retaining walls, water supplies and other infrastructure works for which you may have obtained proposals or sought offers exclusive of an open invitation to the local construction sector.

We therefore request a meeting with an appointed team of public sector officials to discuss how the public sector and the construction sector will collaborate in the recovery process.

For and on behalf of Joint Consultative Committee on the Construction Sector (JCCCS) and its Constituent Members: Dominica Association of Professional Engineers (DAPE), Dominica Society of Architects (DSA), and Builders and Contractors Association of Dominica (BCAD),

Chairman JCCCS



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