

**Government of Montserrat**

**Invitation to Tender**

**for the**

**Establishment of a Framework Agreement**

**for the**

**Supply of Base Material and Aggregates**



July 2021

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## 1.0 Invitation to Tender

- a. The Purpose of this ITT is to invite sealed tenders from eligible Suppliers for the Supply of Base Material and Aggregates to the Ministry of Communications, Works and Labour under a three (3) years' Framework Agreement;
- b. Bidders must provide a detailed proposal in their Tender Submission comprising all the documents requested under the Section 9 (Checklist) of this Tender document to the Government of Montserrat;
- c. Only technical qualified bidders will be subsequently invited to submit their price offers;

PROJECT DETAILS	DELIVERABLES
<b>Invitation to Tender for the Establishment of a Framework Agreement for the Supply of Base Material and Aggregates</b>	Date Published on Government of Montserrat Website <b>Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2021</b>
<b>Access to the ITT Suite of Documents</b>	ITT can be downloaded from the Government of Montserrat website at <a href="https://tenders.gov.ms/">https://tenders.gov.ms/</a> Electronic tender packs can be downloaded, completed and submitted via the myTenders Portal at <a href="https://www.mytenders.co.uk/">https://www.mytenders.co.uk/</a>  If you are intending to make an electronic submission to this tender, please register your interest on myTenders at the earliest opportunity. Please ensure that you allow sufficient time to upload your documents
<b>Clarification deadline and contact details</b>	<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2021</b>
<b>ITT submission deadline</b>	<b>12:00 (EST) on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 and 17:00 hrs UK time</b>
<b>Tender Submission address</b>	The Chairperson Public Procurement Board Ministry of Finance and Economic Management Brades Montserrat
<b>Framework Commencement – this is an indicative date and may be subject to change</b>	<b>September 2021</b>

## **2.0 Introduction**

### **2.1 Purpose of This Document**

This Invitation to Tender is supplied by the Government of Montserrat (GOM) to assist potential suppliers in the preparation and submission of Tenders for the establishment of a Framework Agreement for the Supply of Base Material and Aggregates to the Ministry of Communications, Works and Labour (MCWL) of Montserrat. The information contained herein is confidential and must not be used for any purpose other than that connected with this process.

### **2.2 Included in this tender dossier are the following:**

- I. Invitation to Tender
- II. Introduction
- III. Instructions to Bidders
- IV. Guidance Notes
- V. Description of Works
- VI. Material Specifications
- VII. Evaluation Criteria
- VIII. Respondent's Identification Details
- IX. Document Checklist
- X. Anti-Collusion Statement
- XI. Terms of References

### **2.3 Disclaimer**

The information contained in this document is believed to be correct at the time of issue but neither GOM nor their advisors will accept any liability for its accuracy, adequacy or completeness and no warranty is given as such. GOM reserves the right to amend or vary any area of this document during the course of the procurement.

### **2.4 Confidentiality**

All information provided in this document, particularly financial information, shall remain confidential between the organisation and GOM and its advisers. GOM will not share this information with any other organisations or Public Bodies without the permission of the organisation. Similarly, organisations must treat all information provided by GOM and its advisers as confidential.

Respondents are required to respect the confidentiality of the process and must not seek to gain advantage by discussing this process or any potential bid with the Press, any UK or GOM official involved in the process or the UK Foreign, Commonwealth Development Office (FCDO). Under no circumstances should direct contact be made with anyone else

regarding this process without the prior arrangement or agreement of the GOM Head of Procurement. Failure to observe this confidentiality may result in disqualification from the tender process.

All information supplied by the Contracting Authority in connection with this ITT shall be regarded as confidential except that such information may be disclosed for the purpose of obtaining sureties and quotations necessary for the preparation of responses to this Request for Tender.

## 2.5 Communications

All communications should, in the first instance, be sent by email to:

<b>Name</b>	Harjinder Jutle
<b>Title</b>	GOM Head of Procurement
<b>Email</b>	<a href="mailto:jutleh@gov.ms">jutleh@gov.ms</a>

## 2.6 Participation

Tenders must be submitted by, or on behalf of, the proposed provider of the services. No change in the identity or composition of the Bidder (including the identity or composition of any partner in a consortium or of any sub-contractor to the Bidder) is permitted during the procurement process unless GOM has given its prior approval in writing.

## 2.7 Authorities

The Authority concerned with this Tender is the Government of Montserrat. The procurement procedure will be managed in accordance with GOM's Procurement Regulations, a copy of which can be found at [www.gov.ms](http://www.gov.ms)

## 2.8 Contract Award

The Government of Montserrat will enter into a Framework Agreement pursuant to Section 25 of 2019 Montserrat Public Procurement regulations for a maximum duration of three (3) years. All tenderers who fulfil the administrative and technical requirements in this document will be placed under the Framework Agreement and Government of Montserrat will:

- a. Procure Base Material and Aggregates as and when needed by inviting price offers for a mini-competition among Suppliers that have entered into the Framework Agreement for price comparison and award of contracts.

### 3.0 INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

Bidders should read these instructions carefully before completing the Bid and submitting a bid. Failure to comply with these requirements for completion and submission of a Bid may result in the rejection of the Bid. Bidders are advised therefore to acquaint themselves fully with all the provisions of this document.

#### **Submitting a Tender (Bid)**

There are **two (2) options** for submitting a tender:

- Electronic tender packs can be downloaded, completed and submitted via the myTenders Portal at <https://www.mytenders.co.uk/>

If you are intending to make an **electronic submission** to this tender, please register your interest on myTenders at the earliest opportunity. Please ensure that you allow sufficient time to upload your documents.

- **Hard copies** can be submitted by hand – Please follow the instructions set out below.

#### **Submitting a hard copy of your tender**

**Hard copies** can be submitted by hand – Please follow the instructions set out below.

You will need a plain envelope for the Tender submission. You must follow these instructions, failure to do so may result in the bid being non-compliant and not considered any further.

Follow the steps written below:

- a) Put your document in a plain envelope
- b) Write the name of the Bidder (Tenderer, Supplier) on this envelope
- c) Write the name of the project and the address on the envelope as written below:

#### **Invitation to Tender for the Supply of Base Material and Aggregates 2021**

- d) Submit the envelope to the address as indicated below

**The Chairperson  
Public Procurement Board  
Ministry of Finance and Economic Management  
P.O. Box 292  
Brades  
Montserrat, MSR1110**

Tenders are to be delivered to the address above no later than **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2021** by **12:00 pm (Eastern Caribbean time)**

Tenderers will be given a receipt.

## 4.0 Guidance Notes

1. The Montserrat General Conditions of Contract will be adopted for this Contract. The contract document will be provided to shortlisted bidders under this Framework Agreement at the time of inviting price offers for the supply of the Base Material and Aggregates.
2. To constitute a compliant Bid, Bidders must submit all the documents requested under the Tender Checklist on section 9 of this document. Failure to fully submit these documents may lead to bids becoming non-compliant and rejected.
3. Tenders must be returned in line with the instructions for submitting a Tender. **Late submissions will not be considered.**
4. Tenderers are to provide all documents or information requested as part of their tender submission. Bidders must obtain for themselves at their own expense all information necessary for the preparation of their Tender.
5. Tenderers are not permitted to submit alternative tenders.
6. The Government of Montserrat has the right to accept and reject any tender offers.
7. Tenders must be completed in the English language
8. In completing Tender submissions and/or requesting clarification, Bidders must refer to the numbering format/section as set out in the ITT.
9. Only tenderers that fulfil the requirements as stated in this document will be considered technically responsive and hence placed under the Framework Agreement.
10. All tenderers must provide a signed receipt in respect of circular tender addendum. Electronic acknowledgement would be considered acceptable.
11. All tenderers who propose to supply material that is extracted from deposits in Montserrat must provide an appropriate Planning Permission to develop the extraction site, in accordance with the provisions of the Physical Planning Act (Cap.8.03) of Montserrat. (<http://agc.gov.ms/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Physical-Planning-Act.pdf>).
12. The bidders that fulfil the administrative and technical requirement for this Framework Agreement may be required to provide a representative sample of the material. The sample will be supplied to the PWD Lab for testing within one (1) week of notification. The Sample should be collected according to the ASTM-D75 and the quantity should be 40kg (88lbs).

## 5.0 Brief Description of Works

Supply of 1/2" and 3/8" aggregates and base material according to attached specifications. Inclusive of on island transportation to the stockpile in Little Bay. A bidder selected under a Framework Agreement for the supply of the Base Material and Aggregates shall be responsible for all port chargers.

## 6.0 Material Specification

### 1.1. Coarse Aggregate

Coarse aggregates for asphalted concrete shall be produced by **crushing hard clean rock**. The 12.5mm (1/2") coarse aggregate should have grading pass through the 19mm (3/4") sieve and retained on the 12.5mm (1/2") sieve with a percentage retained no less than 65%.

Also 9.5mm (3/8") coarse aggregate should have grading pass through the 12.5mm (1/2") sieve and retained on the 9.5mm (3/8") sieve with a percentage retained no less than 65%. The table below provides details for the other physical properties required.

The aggregates shall exhibit good adhesion with the bituminous binder and shall be nominal single size conforming to gradation above and the physical properties below.

TEST	SPECIFICATION
Flakiness Index	30% MAX
Aggregate Crushing Value (ACV)	25% MAX
Aggregate Impact Value (AIV)	25% MAX
Sodium Sulphate Soundness	12% MAX
Water Absorption	3.5% MAX

### 1.2. Base Material

Base material shall consist of crushed stone or gravel with fine materials passing a No. 200 (75µm) sieve and the composite material conforming to the requirements in the table below. The fraction passing the No. 40 (425 µm) shall have a **liquid limit** not greater than **25** and **plasticity** not exceeding **6**. The material should also provide a **CBR value** greater than **30%** when tested in accordance with ASTM D1883. Rocks and gravel should be clean and free of organic and other deleterious materials such as clay; the rocks strength properties should conform to the specifications tabled below.



<b><u>SIEVE ANALYSIS</u></b>		<b><u>SPECIFICATIONS</u></b>
Sieve Sizes		
inch	mm	
2	50.0	100
1	25.0	-
3/8	10.0	30 – 65
# 4	4.75	25 – 55
# 10	2.00	15 – 40
# 40	0.425	8 – 20
# 200	75 mic	2 – 8
<b><u>AGG. FLAKINESS INDEX</u></b>		
Flakiness Index (%)		30 Max
<b><u>AGG. IMPACT VALUE</u></b>		
AIV (%)		25 Max

### 1.3. Quality Control

Materials shall be according to this specification when tested according to the PWD Laboratory Testing Specification. Aggregates that have become mixed with foreign matter of any description or aggregates that have become mixed with each other shall not be used and shall be immediately removed from the stockpile. When a change in the character of the materials occurs or when the performance of materials that meet the requirements of this specification is found to be unsatisfactory, use of the materials shall be discontinued until a reappraisal by PWD, proves the source to be satisfactory. Aggregate extracted for sea beaches shall not be used.

Once a stockpile has been produced, sampled, and tested for QC under the procedure for stockpile method, no further materials may be added to the stockpile. Stockpiles tested under the procedure for control may continue to have materials added, provided that sampling and testing show that materials in the stockpile are according to this specification and that the process remains in under control.

## 7.0 Evaluation of Tender

### Evaluation Criteria

The following evaluation criteria will be used to evaluate Tenders received in response to this ITT. The Administrative Compliance would be applied before the remaining criteria and is either pass or fail, with failure meaning that bids would be deemed Non-compliant.

Only technically responsive bidders will be deemed qualified for the Framework Agreement to supply the aforementioned Material to the Ministry of Communications, Works and Labour as and when needed. Bidders must achieve a minimum score of 65% of the total technical score to qualify to be considered technically responsive.

Criteria Description	Weight(%)
Administrative Compliance	Pass/Fail
Evidence of Availability of Base Material	30
Technical Compliance	50
Experience in Similar Contracts	20

Tenderers that fail to meet the above qualifying score will be rejected and shall not qualify for the Framework Agreement.

### Administrative Compliance (Pass/Fail)

Tenderers must submit all the documents requested in the tender document. The tender checklist under **section 9** of this ITT provides a list of requirements which need to be fulfilled. All Tenderers are required to fully complete the Form of Tender including the commencement time and the proposed completion time which are highlighted. In addition, they need to fully complete the Bill of Quantities provided. A valid Tax Compliance Certificate need to be submitted with their submission. Tenderers should sign and date the Anti-Collusion statement. Similarly details of previous experience must be submitted in accordance with the Technical Compliance below. This is a **Pass/Fail** criterion. If **all** the above requirements are fulfilled, then the tenderer would move onto the other evaluation criteria. If any of the above mentioned items are not submitted, then the tender would be deemed non-compliant and rejected.

**Evidence of Availability of Base Material (30%)**

Bidders are required to provide evidence that they have ownership or access to the Base Material and Aggregates and are able to supply each time a contract is place between them and the Government of Montserrat. Bidders are also required to state the duration they it will take them to complete a delivery of Base Material and Aggregates into Montserrat.

A higher than normal weighting has been given to the provision of evidence of availability of the material and can supply the base material and aggregate into Montserrat at the earliest time.

The percentage for this criterion will be calculated proportionately in comparison to other delivery time submissions from tenders.

**Technical Compliance (50%)**

Adherence to technical specification is paramount. The procuring entity is particular that the stated specification is received from the supplier.

Bidders are required to provide their test results to confirm that their Base Material and Aggregates are the same in size and quality than those stated in the Specifications provided this ITT.

The percentage for this criterion will be calculated proportionately in comparison to other submissions from tenders with the bench mark being the specifications provided. The test results of the material would be used as the basis for awarding of scores.

**Experience in Similar Contracts (20%)**

Bidders need to provide details of at least 1 previous successfully completed contract within the past 5 years of a similar nature to the scope of works of this Invitation to Tender. These details should include but are not limited to the following; the entity or person for which the Base Material and Aggregates was supplied to, contact information for the entity or person, the value of the works. The percentage for this criterion will be calculated proportionately in comparison to other submissions from bidders.

<b>Start Date or Date of Award</b>	<b>Description of Works</b>	<b>Name and contact details of Client</b>	<b>Price of Contract</b>	<b>Date Completed</b>

## 8.0 Respondent's Identification Details

A	PERSONAL INFORMATION
Company Name----- Registration number -----	
Company address----- -----	
Contact person-----	Position-----
Telephone number-----	Fax number-----
Website-----	Email address:-----

B	QUESTIONNAIRE (TICK WHERE APPLICABLE)	
1	Your entity operates as which one of the following?	√
		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
2	How many years has your entity been in operation?	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Number of Employees within your entity?	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
4	How many similar contracts has your entity successfully completed in the last 2 years?	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
6	What is the highest sum of any of the contracts completed in the last 2 years?	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Has your entity failed to complete a contract for a public or private entity?	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>

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SIGNATURE

I hereby certify that the information outlined in this document is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand false statement may result in denial of a contract and possible debarment from future prospects.

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Signature of Company Representative

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Date

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Company Name/Stamp

**9.0 TENDER CHECKLIST**

**Project Title: Supply of Base Material and Aggregate**

Date scheme advertised Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2021

Tender Deadline Date: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2021

Tender Deadline Time 12:00pm (**Eastern Caribbean Time**)

Below are the following documents that should be provided for a contractor’s bid to be compliant. Bidders are asked to supply and tick off the following information. Failure to provide any of the stated documents may result in the bid being considered non-compliant and rejected.

**Required Documents**

- Recent Test Results on Material Quality
- Tax Compliance Certificate (**If Locally Based**)
- Signed Anti-Collusion Statement (**Section 10.0**)
- Respondent’s Identification Details (**Section 8.0**)
- Planning Permission Certificate (**If Locally Sourced**)
- Details of Similar Contracts performed in the Past

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Signed on behalf of Contractor

.....  
Date

**GOVERNMENT OF MONTSERRAT**

**TENDER SUBMISSION ANTI-COLLUSION CERTIFICATE**

I/WE CERTIFY THAT THIS TENDER IS MADE IN GOOD FAITH, AND THAT WE HAVE NOT FIXED OR ADJUSTED THE AMOUNT OF THE TENDER BY OR UNDER OR IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY AGREEMENT OR ARRANGEMENT WITH ANY OTHER PERSON. I/WE ALSO CERTIFY THAT WE HAVE NOT AND I/WE UNDERTAKE THAT WE WILL NOT BEFORE THE AWARD OF ANY CONTRACT FOR THE WORK:

DISCLOSE THE TENDER PRICE OR ANY OTHER FIGURES OR OTHER INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE TENDER TO ANY OTHER PARTY (INCLUDING ANY OTHER COMPANY OR PART OF A COMPANY FORMING PART OF A GROUP OF COMPANIES OF WHICH I AM/WE ARE A PART OF) NOR TO ANY SUB-CONTRACTOR (WHETHER NOMINATED OR DOMESTIC) NOR SUPPLIER (WHETHER NOMINATED OR DOMESTIC) OR ANY OTHER PERSON TO WHOM SUCH DISCLOSURE COULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF PREVENTING OR RESTRICTING FULL COMPETITION IN THIS TENDERING EXERCISE

ENTER INTO ANY AGREEMENT OR ARRANGEMENT WITH ANY PERSON THAT THEY SHALL REFRAIN FROM TENDERING, THAT THEY SHALL WITHDRAW ANY TENDER ONCE OFFERED OR VARY THE AMOUNT OF ANY TENDER TO BE SUBMITTED OR OTHERWISE COLLUDE WITH ANY PERSON WITH THE INTENT OF PREVENTING OR RESTRICTING FULL COMPETITION

PAY, GIVE OR OFFER PAY OR GIVE ANY SUM OF MONEY OR OTHER VALUABLE CONSIDERATION DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO ANY PERSON FOR DOING OR HAVING DONE OR CAUSING OR HAVING CAUSED TO BE DONE IN RELATION TO ANOTHER TENDER OR PROPOSED TENDER FOR THE WORK ANY ACT OR THING OF THE SORT DESCRIBED AT I), II) OR III) ABOVE.

I/WE FURTHER DECLARE THAT I/WE HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE EITHER OF ANY SUM QUOTED OR OF ANY OTHER PARTICULARS OF ANY OTHER TENDER FOR THIS CONTRACT BY ANY OTHER PARTY.

I/WE FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE PRINCIPLES DESCRIBED ABOVE HAVE BEEN, OR WILL BE, BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL SUB-CONTRACTORS, SUPPLIERS AND ASSOCIATED COMPANIES PROVIDING SERVICES OR MATERIALS CONNECTED WITH THE TENDER AND ANY CONTRACT ENTERED INTO WITH SUCH SUB-CONTRACTORS, SUPPLIERS OR ASSOCIATED COMPANIES WILL BE MADE ON THE BASIS OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE ABOVE PRINCIPLES BY ALL PARTIES.

I/WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ANY BREACH OF THE FOREGOING PROVISIONS SHALL LEAD AUTOMATICALLY TO THIS TENDER BEING DISQUALIFIED AND MAY LEAD TO CRIMINAL OR CIVIL PROCEEDINGS. THE GOVERNMENT OF MONTSERRAT SHALL TREAT ANY TENDER RECEIVED IN CONFIDENCE BUT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE THE SAME AVAILABLE TO ANY OTHER FUNDING ORGANISATION OR STATUTORY REGULATORY AUTHORITY EITHER HAVING JURISDICTION OVER THE WORKS OR WHO MAY NOW OR AT ANY TIME IN THE FUTURE HAVE STATUTORY POWER TO REQUIRE DISCLOSURE OF THIS TENDER.

IN THIS CERTIFICATE, THE WORD 'PERSON' INCLUDES ANY PERSONS AND ANY BODY OR ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED OR UNINCORPORATED; ANY AGREEMENT OR ARRANGEMENT INCLUDES ANY TRANSACTIONS, FORMAL OR INFORMAL AND WHETHER LEGALLY BINDING OR NOT; AND 'THE WORK' MEANS THE WORK IN RELATION TO WHICH THIS TENDER IS MADE.

SIGNATURE..... IN CAPACITY OF .....

DATE.....2021

DULY AUTHORISED TO SIGN TENDERS AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE CONTENTS OF THE ANTI-COLLUSION CERTIFICATE FOR AND ON BEHALF OF:

NAME OF FIRM.....

FULL POSTAL ADDRESS.....

## **11.0 Appendix A: TERMS OF REFERENCE; FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR THE SUPPLY OF BASE MATERIAL AND AGGREGATES**

### **1. Introduction**

The Government of Montserrat through the Ministry of Communications, Works and Labour is responsible for the construction and maintenance of all major roads in Montserrat hence the ministry engages in the procurement of Base Material and Aggregates each year for use by the Public Works Department in their construction activities throughout the year.

The Procurement of the Base material is done each year thus repetitive in nature and therefore, the Ministry with the support of the Procurement Department intends to establish a Framework Agreement to avoid engaging into a fully blow procurement process each time the Base Material is supposed to be procured.

The Framework Agreement will be established through an open competitive process to give opportunity to all interested qualified companies to participate in the process.

### **2. Objective of this Framework**

The overall objective for this Framework is to ensure the efficient and effective availability and supply of Base Material and Aggregates to the Ministry of Communications, Works Labour, to enhance the availability of willing and competent suppliers, and to promote the establishment of strong partnership with supplies for the provision of these essential goods.

The Framework Agreement will also contribute to GoM's efforts to have improved procurement practices in ensuring that value for money is achieved. The Suppliers are expected to deliver quality materials completed in line with GoM requirements and within specified timelines.

### **3. Establishing the Framework**

This Framework will be established through an **“open tender” process**: a procurement procedure in which a request for tender is published inviting interested suppliers that satisfy the conditions for participation to submit tenders. All suppliers who substantially meet the administrative and technical requirements provided in the invitation to tender documents will be qualified to be part of this Framework Agreement for a minimum period of three (3) years.

Technical submissions that fulfil the minimum requirements stated in the invitation to tender documents will be regarded as standing offers from which contracts will be formed through Call-downs when the need arises for the procurement of services for which this Framework is being established.

### **4. Operation of the Framework**

Bidders who fulfil the criteria set out in the Invitation to tender documents will be placed under the Framework as Approved Suppliers of Base Material and Aggregates to the Government of Montserrat for the next three (3) years. A secondary procurement process will be undertaken



by the Office of the Premier through technical assistance of the Procurement Department to select a supplier from the Framework through a call-down each time there is a need for the purchase of Base material and aggregates.

The secondary procurement process undertaken will be as simple and efficient as possible, however shortlisted companies may be requested to samples, test certificates and any information as may be required before an award is concluded.

The selection of suppliers through secondary procurement processes will be carried out as follow;

- **a competitive basis** (e.g. inviting quotes to assessing technical/commercial characteristics from several or all members of the Framework);

## **5. Management of the Framework Agreement and Management of Resulting Contracts**

Like all procurement contracts, Framework Agreements should be effectively managed to ensure the objectives and intended benefits are actually realized during the period of the Framework. All contracts resulting from the Framework Agreement should be well managed and monitored to fulfil expected benefits.

**Effective contract management will assist in:**

- ensuring supplier performance;
- ensuring accountability and outcomes are achieved;
- ensuring continuous improvement; and

Monitoring of secondary procurements will be useful in determine which company is qualified to remain in the arrangement, companies that failed to fulfil their obligations in a contract awarded to them through a secondary procurement will be disqualified from the Framework Agreement for the remaining term.

## **6. Duration of the Framework**

This Framework Agreement shall last for a period of three (3) years from effective sign-off by the Public Procurement Board, in compliance with the 2019 Montserrat Public Procurement Regulations.