

Funds being sought to fix Falmouth Post Office

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WESTERN BUREAU:

A RED flag has been raised in Falmouth, Trelawny, over the poor state of the post office, located at the corner of Market and Cornwall streets in that town.

Resident Patricia Green said the post office is in a most awful state, and argues that the building has to be closed for days sometimes whenever it rains.

"I went there at three one Friday afternoon and it was closed because it rained heavily," she told **The Gleaner**.

"The next morning, they put up signs telling people to be careful how they step because the floor is wet, and you see workers with pails

and mops to mop up water. It is a regular occurrence, which should not be allowed to continue."

Green also lamented the fact that the walls inside the facility are all cracked up and that a section of the wooden counter is rotting.

Another Falmouth resident, Orlando Dehaney, said he has known of the deplorable conditions for four years and the situation requires urgent attention.

HERITAGE MONUMENT

Postmaster General Michael Gentles is aware of the situation, and cites that the post office building is a heritage monument.

"The scope of work on the building include repairs to the roof, windows, electrical rewiring, plumbing,

flooring, so it is a major overhaul, and care has to be taken into how it's done because the Georgian architecture of the town of Falmouth has to be protected."

He said the postal service does not have money in its budget to effect the repairs to the building and has been seeking US\$180,000 (J\$15.3 million) to effect the necessary repairs to the facility.

"I have written to a number of entities asking for assistance to do so, and I have not gotten a positive response yet. I will be trying to make contact again with some of the entities, including the CHASE Fund, because we don't have any



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CONTRIBUTED

Executive director, National Solid Waste Management Authority, Joan Gordon Webley (second right), and acting principal, Kingston College, Everton Burrell (second left), share a light moment following the official launch of the 'Recycle in Schools Project', held at the North Street school last week Friday. Looking on are (from left) managing director, DECS Waste Management Services Ltd, Sheldon Beckford, and president, Fortis Pavilion, Wayne Robertson.

money in our budget. For this, you have to get special material and qualified persons."

Gentles said while the postal service started some repairs previously, they ran out of funds and the work was halted.

He indicated that a temporary location is being sought to house the post office.

"It is a site with a lot of potential once the building is repaired. There is also space to accommodate commercial shops and now, with the cruise ships stopping at the port, this would be a welcome activity," Gentles said.

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INVITATION TO TENDER

SUPPLY & INSTALLATION OF AIR CONDITIONING CHILLED WATER SYSTEM (RE-TENDER)

The University Hospital of the West Indies (UHWI) invites tenders for the supply, installation and commissioning of a 230 Ton, 415/380-240V 3-phase Air Conditioning Chilled Water System for Operating Theatres 1-5 at the hospital. Funding for the purchase of the equipment will be provided by the UHWI.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Bidders **must** provide the following documents with their bids;

- Copy of valid registration certificate with the National Contracts Commission in the Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration category, grade one (1) for the main contractor who will have overall responsibility for the supply and installation of the system and all associated works.
- Copy of valid Tax Compliance Certificate for the main contractor and sub-contractor(s), if any
- A tender bond of one (1) percent of the bid price
- Completed and signed Form of Tender.
- Completed and signed Schedules 1-4

Failure to provide **ALL** of the above will result in automatic rejection of the bid.

Tender documents may be collected from:

**The Director
Contracts and Services
Administration Building
University Hospital of the West Indies
Mona, Kingston 7**

Bidders are required to pay a non-refundable fee of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) to the Cashier, Accounts Department, Administration Building, UHWI for the tender documents which may be obtained on presentation of the receipt.

Bids in sealed envelopes must be returned no later than **12:00 p.m** local time, **Tuesday December 6, 2011** and deposited in the marked tender box located at the CEO's Office, Administration Building, UHWI.

Bid opening will commence at **12:15 p.m.** on **Tuesday December 6, 2011** in the Conference Room, UHWI. Bidders' representatives are invited to attend.

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