



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

## **MINISTRY OF FINANCE**

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### **GORTT Signs Security Contract with HARRIS Corporation**

The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (GORTT) this afternoon signed a contract with HARRIS Corporation RF Communications Division - a United States based firm. This contract seeks to ensure that the Ministry of National Security and the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) remain current and take full advantage of the latest digital communications technology in service of the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago.

It would provide a Digital Public Safety Communication System to advance the mission of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service to deliver effective and efficient services to the people of Trinidad and Tobago. This first class public safety technology would position the police service for absolute success and will result in the enhancement of the capability of the police service to provide comprehensive communications in the country. The technology is state-of-the-art and will support the 21st Century Policing Initiative now being implemented by the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service.

The technology-driven modernization programme would allow the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service communication system to migrate from an analog-based to a digital-based system, to become fully compatible and interoperable with the communications and IT configurations adopted for use by the Government in all protective services and to allow for the existing equipment, components and infrastructure to be used to the maximum extent possible. Most importantly, the system would only require incremental increases in maintenance costs over time.

The digital communications system would comprise a number of sub-systems including an interface with the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service records management system and a computer-aided dispatch system. This would allow for the monitoring, tracking and logging of selected vehicles, the provision of nearest vehicle to incident information allowing for more effective dispatching. Significant upgrades will improve substantially radio communications in Tobago.

The supplier contract is being financed by a US\$26.333 million US Ex-Im Bank direct loan and a US\$4.647 million Republic Bank Limited (RBL) commercial facility, with HSBC Bank PLC being the arranger.

In summary, the technology would permit greater flexibility for the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service as it seeks to interface and interconnect with other protective services systems in place thereby ensuring an optimal response from all first responders to public safety issues. The system will be in place by the end of 2013.

Signing on behalf of the Government was Acting Minister of Finance Vasant Bharath and Ms. Cynthia Bucci, International Contract Manager represented HARRIS Corporation.

The signing ceremony took place at the Ministry of Finance Head Office at the Eric Williams Finance Building.



Caption: Ag. Finance Minister Vasant Bharath signing the Security Contracts with Ms. Cynthia Bucci, International Contracts Manger at HARRIS Corporation.



Caption: Ag. Finance Minister Vasant Bharath and Cynthia Bucci of HARRIS Corporation exchange handshakes after the sign ceremony.  
Standing next to Minister Bharath is the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of National Security Mrs. Jennifer Boucaud- Blake and Mr. Jerry Hospedales, Co-ordinator of the Budget Execution and Implementation Unit at the Ministry of Finance.

Respectfully,

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