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New Chairman Convenes BISP Meeting

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On June 22, 2021, the Project Steering Committee for the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP) convened a meeting under the newly appointed Chairman Dr. Osmond Martinez, chief executive officer in the Ministry of Economic Development. The Project Steering Committee is the body responsible for providing policy direction and oversight for the implementation of the BISP.

Chairman Martinez reviewed the US\$30 million project funded by the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) and with the committee, charted an implementation plan to guide the work of the Project Execution Unit for the next 12 months. The plan includes procurement of works, goods and services for the four security departments as shown below:

Agency	Goods	Works	Consultancies
Belize Defence Force	Troop Lifting Vehicles Medical Equipment Office Equipment Communication Equipment Kitchen Equipment	Procurement of Prefab building (Medical Centre) Rehabilitations: Fairweather, Belizario, Price Barracks.	Design of Dormitories Pre-investment Studies for Sewer System at Price Barracks Design of Buildings at Fairweather & Belizario Camps
Belize Police Department	Patrol Vehicles		Design of Police Stations, Dorms & Sub-Stations Pre-Investment Study for Camera & Network System
National Forensic Science Service	Procurement of Laboratory & Cremation Equipment		Design of Medical & Forensic Laboratory Pre-Investment Study on Laboratory & Morgue Equipment
Belize Coast Guard			Pre-Investment Study on Patrol Boats

The committee pledged to accomplish the above procurement processes and agreed to meet by the end of July 2021 for a status update.

Present at the meeting were Mr. Victor Espat, CEO, Ministry of Infrastructure Development; Mr. Kevin Arthurs, CEO, Ministry of Home Affairs and New Growth Industries; Brigadier General (Ret'd) Dario Tapia, CEO, Ministry of National Defence and Border Security; Mr. Rene Nunez, representative from the Ministry of Finance; Mr. Elvis Requena, programme coordinator, Ministry of Economic Development; and Mr. Carlos Pol, technical focal point for CABEI.

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