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CONTRACTOR GENERAL SUBMITS 2008 ANNUAL REPORT TO PARLIAMENT

Kingston; September 21, 2009 – The Twenty-Second Annual Report of the Contractor General for calendar year 2008 has been submitted to Parliament.

One hundred and ten (110) copies of the 579 page Report were formally submitted today by Contractor General, Greg Christie, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to the President of the Senate, in the care of the Clerk to the Houses, Mrs. Heather E. Cooke.

Section 28 (3) of the Contractor General Act requires that the Report must now be tabled in both Houses of Parliament “*as soon as possible*”.

As is customary, immediately after the Report is tabled, the Office of the Contractor General (OCG) will convey hard copies of same to all Permanent Secretaries, the heads of major state agencies, members of the media and other stakeholders. The full contents of the Report will also be published by the OCG on its official website at www.ocg.gov.jm.

In the pursuit of his continuing strategic objective to secure greater public scrutiny of not only the Government’s contract award activities but also the work of the OCG, the Contractor General’s 2008 Annual Report will this year break new ground by providing an unprecedented wealth of information, data, analyses and commentary on Government contract awards, Government procurement issues and the work of the OCG.



At 579 pages, the 2008 Report will follow in the same vein as the Contractor General's 2005, 2006 and 2007 Annual Reports which, at 380, 396 and 446 pages respectively, have all yielded significant and consistent increases in content and have substantially enhanced the quality, value and substance of the information which is formally provided by the OCG to the Parliament of Jamaica each year. Prior to 2005, OCG Annual Reports to Parliament had ranged in content from 10 to 157 pages.

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