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Attention: Engineering Service Providers Registered in RAQS

As previously communicated, the Ministry of Transportation's Registry, Appraisal and Qualification System (RAQS) for Engineering Services Providers (ESP) is moving to an electronic tendering platform which will make it easier for the ESP firms to do business with the ministry. The new platform is operated by MERX.

The new RAQS ESP e-tendering portal is being implemented in a phased module approach to ensure continuity of the bidding process. The first phase was the registration module, which went live on March 6, 2019. The next module, for solicitations, will go live on June 3rd, 2019.

Effective June 3rd, 2019 registered ESP firms will be able to view and bid electronically on contract opportunities advertised on the RAQS ESP e-tendering bulletin board. As of June 3rd, 2019, no new opportunities will be posted on the legacy RAQS system. The ministry will only be accepting quotations/proposals through the RAQS ESP e-tendering portal for opportunities posted after this date; and no paper submissions will be accepted.

ESP firms will be eligible to bid on MTO opportunities in the new RAQS ESP portal in the classifications/categories of work for which they have been prequalified in the legacy RAQS system. There will be no requirement for currently qualified ESP firms to requalify to bid on work at this time.

The legacy RAQS system will remain open for qualifications of ESP firms and vendor performance (appraisals and Corporate Performance Rating) until these modules are implemented which is planned for summer/fall of 2019. Further communication on the migration to these modules will be provided at a later date. To register on the new RAQS ESP portal, please go to <https://www.raqsesp.merx.com/>

Should you have any questions regarding registration and training material contact the MERX customer service team at 1-800-964-6379 or by email at raqs@merx.com, Monday to Friday, 7 AM to 8 PM Eastern Time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Pateman".

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