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Call for Applications**Registration and Appointment of Recognized Security Organizations (RSOs) for Port Facilities in Belize**

The Belize Port Authority (BPA), as the Designated Authority under the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code and the Belize Port Authority (Security) Regulations, 2011, hereby invites competent and qualified maritime security entities to apply for registration and appointment as Recognized Security Organizations (RSOs) authorized to operate within Belize.

This initiative forms part of the Authority's ongoing efforts to enhance national maritime security and strengthen port management systems. Successful applicants will be authorized to provide professional ISPS-related services to Belizean port facilities, including:

- Conducting Port Facility Security Assessments (PFSAs)
- Preparing or reviewing Port Facility Security Plans (PFSPs)
- Conducting ISPS Code training, drills, and exercises
- Supporting security compliance audits and inspections in accordance with the ISPS Code and national legislation.

Application Process

Interested organizations are invited to submit a Notice of Interest along with all required documentation as outlined in the attached BPA/OPS/SEC/RSO-2025-1.1 – Criteria for the Appointment of a Recognized Security Organization.

Approved applicants may be invited for an interview or on-site audit to verify capacity and expertise. Successful applicants will be formally notified of the outcome and will receive an official Letter of Appointment and be entered into the BPA's register of approved RSOs.

All applications must be submitted electronically to **commissioner@bmpa.bz**

Conditions of Appointment

- Appointments will be valid for two (2) years, subject to satisfactory performance and continued compliance with BPA oversight.

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- RSOs must adhere to the BPA's Guidelines for Recognized Security Organizations and maintain confidentiality of all materials and information received during assessments.
- The BPA reserves the right to accept or reject any application or to withhold appointment without assigning reason.

This effort is part of our continuous modernization of the national port security framework and formalization of RSO engagement in support of maritime safety, security, and efficiency.

For further information, please contact the Operations and Safety Department at the Belize Port Authority.

By Order of Ports Commissioner



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