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## OPSR congratulates ISO-certified local firms

By Alcia Clarke



Yesterday October 17th the Office of Private Sector Relations (OPSR) in collaboration with the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Commerce held a small ceremony to mark the accomplishment of two companies: Caribbean Awnings and Video Surveillance.

Both companies were recently awarded for acquiring Recognized International Certification and Standardization: a very rare accomplishment, making the two companies the first on the island to ever achieve such a prestigious rank especially on an international scale ...coincidentally, in the very same week. The director of the OPSR Ms. Jacqueline Emmanuel was delighted on behalf of the organization to congratulate the Managing Directors of the two companies Mrs. Paula Calderon (Caribbean Awnings) and Mr. Joseph Adjodha (Video Surveillance). It has always been one of the OPSR's primary objectives, towards the National Exports Strategy Implementation, to increase the amount of local firms that can acquire international certification and standardization. "We are truly satisfied with you and we are happy to be part of this. Excellence is what we should strive for and you have accomplished this." Ms. Jacqueline beamed proudly.

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Various remarks were made by the several distinguished officials who all contributed various attributes to the accomplishments of both companies. Among those was the Minister for Trade, Industry, Commerce and Consumer Affairs: Senator Guy Mayers who also expressed his congratulations to both companies' Managing Directors and offered each some economic advice. " I'm very pleased to be part of this ceremony here...we need to see the world as our market not just St. Lucia...our companies need to be internationally competitive; that is what will give us the advantage." Both company Managing Directors expressed their gratitude towards the OPSR for their support and also their various consultants.

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