



OFFICE OF UTILITIES REGULATION

Regulating Utilities for the Benefit of All

INVITATION FOR BIDS Supply of up to 480MW of Base-load Generating Capacity On a Build, Own, and Operate (BOO) Basis

JAMAICA

INVITATION TO BID

The Office of Utilities Regulation (the Office/ OUR) hereby invites bids to provide new Generating Capacity amounting to 480MW net to the national grid of Jamaica on a Build Own and Operate Basis (BOO). This is required to be commissioned in two parts, 360MW by 2014 and a further 120MW by 2016.

This new capacity shall be base-load and is intended for the displacement of approximately 292 MW of aged plants with the remainder to provide for load growth. Entities may provide one or more plants of varying configurations up to 480 MW **with connections to the network of no greater than 120MW.**

BACKGROUND

The OUR is a multi-sector regulatory agency which was established in 1995 by the Office of Utilities Regulation Act (as amended in 2000) from which it derives its mandate.

The Ministry of Energy and Mining (MEM) is responsible for the energy sector. The Ministry, in its National Energy Policy 2009 – 2030 has identified fuel diversification as one of its main objectives. The policy clearly states, as part of the diversification strategy, that **“In the short to medium term, natural gas would be the fuel of choice for generation of electricity and production of Alumina”**. The Government is taking steps to introduce natural gas into Jamaica’s energy supply mix.

Prospective Bidders offering co-generation solutions must submit their Proposals for consideration as part of this solicitation. The rules for co-generation are outlined in the Guidelines for the Addition of Generating Capacity to the Public Electricity Supply System - June 2006. The document is on the OUR’s website at www.our.org.jm.

The OUR has determined that the indicative all-in avoided cost of electricity is US\$0.1005/ kWh and will be seeking to qualify Proposals offering overall tariffs reflective of this cost.

ELIGIBILITY

Interested Local Bidders are required to submit a valid Tax Compliance Certificate (TCC) with their Technical Proposals. Foreign Bidders, while not required to be in possession of a TCC at the time of bid submission, must provide a valid TCC at the time of contract signing.

COLLECTION OF BID DOCUMENTS

Bidders may obtain a copy of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Supply of up to 480MW of Base-load Electricity Generating Capacity on a Build, Own and Operate (BOO) Basis from the OUR’s website at www.our.org.jm from **December 13, 2010.**

SUBMISSION OF BIDS

Bids must be marked **“Proposal for Provision of up to 480 MW of Base-Load Generating Capacity on a Build Own and Operate Basis”** and deposited in the Tender Box provided at the address below by **3:00 p.m. EST on Thursday March 31, 2011.**

Bids must be accompanied by a non-refundable processing fee of One Hundred Thousand United States Dollars (US\$100,000.00), along with the required Proposal Security.

Electronic bidding will not be permitted and late bids will be rejected. A soft copy of the Proposal in searchable PDF format or equivalent, along with a functional electronic copy of its financial model in a Microsoft Excel spread sheet or compatible format is to be provided with each submission.

OPENING OF BIDS

Bidders are invited to witness the opening of the bids at the address below at **3:15 p.m. EST on March 31, 2011.**

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