



OFFICE OF UTILITIES REGULATION

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES)

JAMAICA

STRENGTHENING COMPETITION IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS: SUPPORT TO THE OFFICE OF UTILITIES REGULATION

Sector: TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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Technical Cooperation No. ATN/MT-9530-JA

Project No. JA-M 1004

The Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR) has received financing from the Multilateral Investment Fund (MIF) operated by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), and intends to apply part of the proceeds to payment under the project Strengthening Competition in Telecommunications, for **FEASIBILITY STUDY AND COST- BENEFIT ANALYSIS ON IMPLEMENTATION OPTIONS FOR NUMBER PORTABILITY**. The duration of the contract is three (3) months. The project team members must all be fluent in English (read, write and speak) and must have good knowledge of all the issues pertaining to the subject matter.

The consulting firm will be required to, among other things:

1. Assess the international experiences with number portability and the requirements for number portability across different telecommunications networks and technologies
2. Identify and assess all possible technical options for the implementation of number portability on mobile and fixed networks in Jamaica
3. Assess the costs, short and long term viability and risks of the implementation of each of the technical options identified in two (2) above, and quantify the benefits identified there-under so as to determine the direct and indirect benefits to be gained from the most likely scenarios for number portability implementation in Jamaica
4. Develop appropriate assessment factors to determine whether a recommended form of number portability will impose an unfair burden on any carrier or service provider

ELIGIBILITY

- Interested local firms must be in possession of a valid Tax Compliance Certificate (TCC) at the time of their submission
- Foreign firms, while not required to be in possession of the TCC at the time of submission, must provide a valid TCC at the time of contract signing
- Those expressing an interest must state and present with the expression of interest proof of nationality, as only proposals from consultants that are domiciled, or incorporated in [MIF member countries](#) are eligible for award of this contract

The OUR now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants must provide information establishing that they are qualified to perform the services, including:

- Brochures
- Description of similar assignments
- Experience in similar conditions
- Availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.

Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: *Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank* (current edition) and is open to all eligible consultants as defined in the policies.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours 8:30 a.m.— 4:30 p.m.

DEADLINE: Expressions of Interest must be delivered via direct mail or e-mail at the address indicated below by 3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on February 5, 2010

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Expressions of Interest for Feasibility Study and Cost-Benefit Analysis on Implementation Options for Number Portability

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