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OUR amends RFP for Renewable Energy

(KINGSTON, Jamaica): The Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR) has made several amendments to its Request for Proposal (RFP) for the supply of up to 115 MW of Electricity Generation Capacity from Renewable Energy Based Power Generation Facilities on a Build, Own and Operate (BOO) basis. These amendments are set out in Addendum No. 1 to the RFP and are based on feedback received from interested parties at the pre-bid meeting last month, as well as other considerations.

Among the changes made is Clause 3.2.19 of the RFP which deals with the submission of a Proposal Security. In the original document, applicants were required to submit a Proposal Security of 1% of the expected total capital cost of the proposed project upon the submission of the proposal to the OUR. This 1% should now be submitted after the applicant has been notified of his selection to develop a renewable energy project(s).

In Clause 2.1 of the RFP, the definition of “Dependable Capacity” has been amended to read *“The amount of sustained capacity (Net Production as measured at the Interconnection Point) in kW from the Complex after commissioning, and as determined by periodic testing”*.

The amendments, contained in Addendum No. 1, also include an extension of the deadline for the submission of proposals to June 3, 2013.

The extension of the deadline has resulted in an adjustment to the dates for several deliverables including the beginning of construction of the successful project/s, and the proposed commissioning dates. The adjusted timetable, as well as the details of the amendments, is included in the full text of Addendum No. 1 which can be found on the OUR’s website: www.our.org.jm.

Background:

On November 26, 2012, the Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR) issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) inviting interested entities to submit proposals for the supply of one or more plants of varying configurations greater than 100kW and up to 115 MW of renewable energy electricity generation to the national grid on a Build Own and Operate (BOO) basis.


The Ministry of Science, Technology, Energy and Mining (MSTEM) in its National Energy Policy (NEP) 2009 – 2030 has identified fuel diversification and the development of the country’s renewable energy sources as two of its main objectives. The request for renewable electrical energy and/or capacity from renewable sources is in keeping with the Government of Jamaica’s (GOJ) vision of having 12.5% electrical energy from renewable energy sources by 2015 according to NEP 2009 - 2030 and the draft National Renewable Energy Policy (NREP) 2010 – 2030.

Based on the projected system configuration for 2015 in conjunction with the NEP, 115 MW capacity from renewable energy sources is required to be commissioned by 2015, which is the subject of this Request for Proposal (RFP).

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