

## **Media Release**

### **OUR Receives twenty-eight Bids for supply of Renewable Energy**

(KINGSTON, Jamaica; June 4, 2013): The Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR) yesterday (Monday, June 3, 2013) opened bid documents from twenty (20) interested entities who submitted proposals to supply renewable energy electricity generation of greater than 100kW and up to 115 MW to the national grid.

The bids, which were tendered by both local and international entities, included twenty eight proposals. Two proposals were received for wind, one for biomass and 25 for solar energy. Eight of the proposals were received from local companies. Evaluation of the proposals will be completed by August 5, 2013.

The documents were opened at the public session, which was attended by the bidders, at the OUR's Trafalgar Road office.

#### **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.


Jamaica's National Energy Policy (NEP) 2009-2030, identifies 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's) vision of having 12.5% electrical energy from renewable energy sources by 2015 as set out in the 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). In recognition that some renewable energy technologies require a longer construction time, the commissioning deadline was extended to mid-2016. However, successful proposals are free to commission before that time.

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