



INVITATION FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

LICENSING OF THE 1900 & 2100 MHz BANDS

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This Invitation for Expressions of Interest (“Invitation”) has been prepared by the Spectrum Management Authority (herein after called the SMA) in connection with the proposed licensing of **30 MHz of mobile spectrum in the 1900 and 2100 MHz spectrum band.**

The results of this Invitation are for information purposes only. The sole purpose of this Invitation is to assist the SMA in assessing the interest of prospective applicants in obtaining licenses in the above mentioned bands.

This Invitation is not intended to form any part of the basis of any investment decision or other evaluation or any decision to participate in the award of Licences, **and should not be considered as a recommendation by the SMA or its advisers to any recipient of this Invitation to participate in the process for award of Licences.** This Invitation does not constitute the basis or any part of any contract which may be concluded in respect of any award of Licences. **By virtue of issuing this Invitation, the SMA shall not be bound to allocate or assign any spectrum whatsoever or to grant any licenses of spectrum.**

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Following the issue of this Invitation, the SMA reserves the right to make available additional relevant information through the publication of further documentation. All requests for information by recipients of this Invitation will be addressed in accordance with the Access to Information Act 2000.

Individual Expressions of Interests submitted pursuant to this Invitation will not be publicly disclosed by the SMA. Any commercial information provided to the SMA which is deemed to be of a confidential nature should be clearly identified.

Spectrum Management Authority
13 – 19 Harbour Street
Kingston



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1.0 Introduction

The radio frequency spectrum is a valuable natural resource which facilitates the use of wireless technology. It therefore plays an integral role in the development of the ICT sector and as well as an enabler of businesses in other sectors of the economy. Communicating by a wireless network enables companies in various businesses, from transportation to courier services to banking, to operate in a far more efficient manner. To date, the spectrum has facilitated a rapid advance in the use of wireless telecommunication in Jamaica.

The Spectrum Management Authority (SMA) has a total of 2 x 30MHz of spectrum available for licensing within the 1900 MHz and the 2100 MHz frequency bands. The 1900MHz and the 2100MHz bands are used for mobile services locally and internationally. The technical characteristics of the band make it ideal for the offering of mobile broadband services. On this basis, the Authority intends to licence the 30 MHz of this spectrum for the provision of wireless broadband and 3G services.

This development is in keeping with the Government of Jamaica (GOJ) policy objective of achieving universal access to broadband services and other enhanced telecommunication services for the Jamaican population.

2.0 Expressions of Interest

The SMA hereby invites prospective applicants (companies/entities) to indicate their interest in obtaining a spectrum licence in mentioned bands.

Information to be Submitted

The name and contact information of the interested party, in addition to answers to the following:

- I. Are you interested in acquiring spectrum in the 1900MHz band?
- II. If answer is yes for (I) above, then state how much. (e.g., 2x10MHz)
- III. Are you interested in acquiring spectrum in the 2100MHz band?
- IV. If answer is yes for (III) above then state how much. (e.g., 2x5MHz)

Prospective Applicants as referred to herein are defined as:

- Entities in possession of a Carrier and or Service Provider licence issued by the Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR).
- Prospective new entrants to the market wishing to provide mobile broadband services with an intention of obtaining a Carrier and or Service Provider licence from the OUR.
- Entities satisfying the above criteria and are capable of delivering the services within 6 to 12 months of receiving their licence.

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3.0 Submission of Responses

Responses are to be submitted in writing by **4:00 pm on Tuesday November 23, 2010.**

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