

**National and International Open Call for Expression
of Interest within the Framework of the Electricity
Act, 2015 and The Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)
2020 of Jamaica**



Competitive Procurement Process for Independent
Power Producers of Electricity
from Renewables Sources

Expression of Interest (EoI)

**Supply up to Net 100 MW of the Electricity Generation
from Renewable Energy Based Power Generation Facilities
on a Build, Own and Operate (BOO) Basis**

May 12, 2023

Call for the Expression of Interest (EoI)

For Independent Power Producers of Electricity from Renewables Sources

The Generation Procurement Entity (GPE) is established as part of the modern regulatory framework for the efficient management of the electricity sector under the Electricity Act, 2015.

The GPE now invites all Interested Parties to participate in the Call for the Expression of Interest (EoI) for new renewable energy generation capacity in Jamaica. The Call for EoI is developed in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Open Call for Tender, which is to be launched during 2023, for the selection of the successful bidders, pursuant to sections 4 and 20 of the Electricity Act, 2015 and the Integrated Resource Plan 2020 (IRP).

1. Introduction and Background

The IRP, as published by the Ministry of Science, Energy and Technology (MSET), encapsulates the country's long-term vision for the electricity sector during the 2021 - 2040 horizon. The IRP identifies priority investments in generation and the expansion of the grid. (The IRP can be viewed on www.mset.gov.jm.)

Jamaica has numerous options for the generation of power, prioritizing new renewable resources in the current process. The generation mix selected for the IRP's horizon focuses on the following priorities: decarbonization, resilience and reduction in the price of electricity.

Further to the objectives and mandates in the IRP, the Government of Jamaica (GOJ) has announced its revised goal of renewable energy generation to 50% by 2030.

The GPE anticipates that mobilization of significant amounts of public and private investments will be required to allow for the timely commissioning of the targeted additional capacity.

2. Purpose of the EoI

The purpose of this Call for the EoI is to signal the beginning of the procurement period for new electricity generation capacity from renewable energy sources. The successful bidders that are approved by the Cabinet will construct, operate, and deliver renewable energy to the National Grid, through the completion of construction, testing and the execution of a standard Power Purchase Agreement.

The Call for the EoI will enable the GPE to identify and characterize an incipient portfolio of projects that can support the country's goal to increase renewable energy sources in two types of products: a) Energy Product and b) Firmness Capacity, to provide reliability to the system.

Based on the information collected, key inputs will be generated for future versions of the procurement instruments that will result in the definitive Open Call for Tender.

The Call for the EoI is the first step in the Open Call for Tender for new generation capacity.

3. Timeline

Activity	Dates
Call for Expression of Interest	May 12, 2023
Advertisement and Publication of the draft of the RFP & PPA Term Sheets (Initiation of Consultation Period)	June 2, 2023 (estimated)
Culmination of Consultation Period ¹	July 7, 2023
End of Response Period	July 21, 2023 at 23:59 p.m.
Presentation of Expressions of Interest	July 28, 2023 at 23:59 p.m.
Webinar Communication of next steps	August 16, 2023 (estimated)
Launch of the auction - Publication of definitive RFP & PPA documents	August 25, 2023 (estimated)
Presentation of Bids (Technical and Economic)	November 24, 2023 (estimated)

The time zone for all purposes will be the one in force in Kingston, Jamaica (GMT – 5 hours).

4. Methodology

Interested Parties shall download a copy of the Call for the EoI and Annexes at <http://www.jis.gov.jm/>.

The Call for the EoI will remain open for seven (7) weeks until June 30, 2023. During the seven-week period, the GPE will open a 6-week consultation window to receive questions regarding the Open Call for Tender process and draft documentation.

Interested Parties that wish to present questions and/or requests for clarifications must abide by the following process:

1. Questions and requests for clarifications must be sent via email to info@gpe.gov.jm using the subject “EoI Consultation + Company Name”. Inquiries by other means will not be accepted.
2. Questions and requests for clarifications must be presented using the form attached as Annex II, which will be available at <http://www.jis.gov.jm/>

The questions and requests for clarifications received will be answered within the period established in the table indicated above. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the GPE reserves the right to respond in full or in part to queries received during the consultation period.

The GPE may make, on its own initiative, clarifications to the Call for the EoI to further specify the scope or interpret any element of the content that, in its opinion, has not been sufficiently

¹ Questions received will be addressed upon submission, and the corresponding answers will be published on a weekly basis.

clear and makes it difficult to express interest.

The GPE may modify the provisions of this document either on its own initiative or in response to any clarification requested by any Interested Party until or before the expiration of the term to apply.

The modifications that are carried out will be informed on <http://www.jis.gov.jm/> - These modifications will form an integral part of this document.

5. Content of the Expressions of Interest

All information requested will be collected through an online form attached to this document as Annex III, which will be available on <http://www.jis.gov.jm/>

On or before the deadline to present EoI, Interested Parties must submit their EoI to info@gpe.gov.jm, using the subject "EoI Submission + Company Name" or the address below:

THE GENERATION PROCUREMENT ENTITY
5th Floor, PCJ Resource Centre
36 Trafalgar Road, Kingston 10, Jamaica

6. Participants|Interested Parties

National and foreign individuals and/or legal entities may participate in this EoI (Interested Parties).

7. General Considerations

Responsibilities of the Parties

When participating in the EoI process, Interested Parties shall take into consideration the following:

- i. Completion of the form by the Interested Party does not commit the GPE in any way.
- ii. Submission of the form by an Interested Party does not commit an Interested Party to the GPE in any way.
- iii. The GPE will maintain the confidentiality of all information provided by the Interested Parties that is not of public or general knowledge nature.

Responsibility of the GPE and the Call for the EoI

All expenses and costs of any kind incurred by the applicants for the purposes indicated in the preceding paragraphs will be their exclusive responsibility, without having the right to demand any reimbursement or compensation from the GPE for said concept or any other that has been originated as a consequence of this process.

Confidentiality

The GPE will adopt all measures aimed at maintaining the confidentiality of the information presented or exchanged by the Interested Party or Parties during the EoI process, the nature of which will be reserved only for the purposes of this call. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the GPE may use and disseminate freely and without limitations of any kind, all information that is not confidential or reserved by the Interested Party/ies in this call. If there is any information that any Interested Party/ies considers to be of a confidential and/or reserved nature, they must clearly identify it for the purpose of non-disclosure when submitting the EoI as per point 5 above. The GPE reserves the right to make public the information or non-sensitive data related to the expressions of interest received for statistical use, without mentioning or identifying the interested parties. By participating in the EoI all Interested Parties consent to the use of data in this manner.

Annexes:

Annex II - Consultation and/or Request for Clarification Form

Annex III – Content Table for the Expression of Interest