**TRADE LEAD** –**Expression of Interest for the supply of up to Net 100 MW of Electricity Generation from Renewable Energy based power generation facilities on a build, own and operate basis.**

**OVERVIEW** – As part of its updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) under the Paris Agreement, by 2030, Jamaica committed to reducing emissions by 25.4 percent compared to a business as usual (BAU) scenario. With international support, reductions could reach 28.5 percent. Jamaica's NDC implementation plan outlines 16 key commitments intended to meet the country’s climate ambition. These priorities focus on maintaining current forest cover, increasing energy efficiency with a greater focus on renewables, and enhanced water management.

Jamaica’s current climate ambition aligns with the country’s goal of reaching 50 percent renewable energy. However, the island does not currently have a plan to reach net-zero emissions by 2050.

Jamaica’s Vision 2030 National Development Plan provides a framework to ensure that climate change issues are mainstreamed into national policies and development activities. Adaptation to climate change is specifically addressed throughout the plan, including the following goals: hazard risk reduction and adaptation to climate change and sustainable management and use of environmental and natural resources. Vision 2030 also seeks energy security, focusing on energy efficiency, conservation, and renewable energy, in addition to addressing marine resources and biodiversity, forests and desertification.

As a result, in 2021, the Government of Jamaica updated its Climate Change Policy Framework. As part of this policy Framework, relevant sectors are expected to develop or update their plans to support climate change adaptation and mitigation, using the following principles: sustainable development, multi-sectoral approach to climate change, public participation and collaboration, the precautionary approach, transparency and accountability, best available science, polluter pays principle, inter- and intra-generational equity, and equality and non-discrimination. The specific role of private sector in relevant sectors has yet to be specified in these updated plans and policies.

In January 2022, the Government of Jamaica suspended the Common External Tariff (CET) on a priority list of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficient technologies. As a result, the CET was suspended on nine renewable energy and energy efficient items until December 31, 2023. In March 2023, the government announced plans to expand on its 2022 Electric Vehicle Strategic Framework and climate-friendly fiscal policy governing the importation of electric vehicles, to include other vehicle types beyond cars and SUVs, such as motorcycles.

In February 2022, the General Procurement Entity [GPE] was given the mandate to undertake the procurement of new electricity generation capacity in Jamaica. On May 7th, 2023, the Government of Jamaica issued an Expression of Interest for the supply of up to Net 100 MW of Electricity Generation from Renewable Energy based power generation facilities on a build, own and operate basis.

It should be noted that The Jamaica Public Service Company, in which the government has a 20 per cent stake, is the sole distributor of electricity in Jamaica. It is engaged in the generation, transmission and distribution of electricity and purchases power from a few independent power producers.

**SCOPE OF WORK**

The Generation Procurement Entity (GPE) invites expression of interest from prospective Independent Power Producers. The proposed Response is based on the documents and details of this EOI which can be viewed **May 12th, 2023,** on the Jamaica Information Service (JIS) website:

[www.jis.gov.jm](http://www.jis.gov.jm)

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION**

The deadline for submission of expressions of interest is:

**3:00pm Eastern Standard Time on June 30th, 2023,** to the address or email below.

**DETAILS**

Questions regarding this EOI may also be submitted to the address or email below. Answers/clarifications will be posted on the JIS’ website and questions should not contain confidential information.

Kindly note this is not a binding obligation but the GPE to respond to any expression of interest; the GPE reserves the right to adjust or clarify any requirement, step, or document as it may decide.

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