



Republic of Mauritius

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

CONTINENTAL SHELF, MARITIME ZONES ADMINISTRATION AND EXPLORATION

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

OPEN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL BIDDING

Call for Expression of Interest

(Authorised under Section 24 (2) of the Public Procurement Act 2006)

Project: Sponsor of Application for Exploration of minerals in the International Seabed Areas Beyond the limits of National Jurisdiction

Reference: CSMZAE/EOI/2016/03

1. The Government of the Republic of Mauritius intends to sponsor applications from Companies to conduct exploration of minerals in the international seabed areas beyond the limits of National Jurisdiction. In this context, qualified National and International Companies are invited to submit Expression of Interest (EOI) for a sponsorship certificate in accordance with the provisions of the International Seabed Authority Regulations and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.
2. The objectives and other relevant details are provided in the EOI document which may be downloaded from the public procurement portal on: publicprocurement.govmu.org and the department website: pmo.govmu.org
3. Companies should have at least 5 years' experience in the relevant field, the required financial and technical expertise and should have been committed to projects of similar nature and complexity in the past supported by documentary evidence.
4. Selection of Companies will be in accordance to the provisions of the Public Procurement Act 2006.
5. Following this exercise, Companies will be shortlisted and a Request for Proposal (RFP) document will be issued to them at a later stage.
6. Successful bidders would be required to be registered and incorporated in Mauritius, as required under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.
7. All correspondences related to this exercise shall be made in English. Any clarification sought by any Company in respect of the above shall be addressed at least fifteen (15) days before the deadline for submission of Expressions of Interest in writing to:

**The Director General,
Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration
Prime Minister's Office,
Level 7, New Government Centre,
Port Louis.
Republic of Mauritius.**

8. The Expression of Interest and all documents in a sealed envelope, clearly marked “**Sponsorship for Mineral Exploration – Reference: CSMZAE/EOI/2016/03**” shall be deposited in the Tender Box of the Prime Minister’s Office or by courier (for overseas) at the address below, on or before **Wednesday 18 January 2017 up to 13.30 hours (GMT).**

**Prime Minister's Office,
Home Affairs Division,
Registry Section / Tender Box
Level 4, New Government Centre,
Royal Street
Port Louis.
Republic of Mauritius.**

Expressions of Interest received after the set deadline or submitted by email will not be considered.

9. The Expression of Interest will be opened on the same day at 13.45 hrs in the Conference Room of the Prime Minister’s Office in the presence of Applicants’ representative who chose to attend.

18 October 2016.