



MAURITIUS RESEARCH COUNCIL

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Request for Expressions of Interest EOI/OWF/16-17/01

Expressions of Interest for the Development of Offshore Wind Farms for the Republic of Mauritius

The Republic of Mauritius, which is highly dependent on diesel and coal imports for power, is committed to transitioning into a low carbon economy, leading towards sustainable development. To this effect, the government has set up a target for increasing electricity generation from renewable energy sources to 35% by 2025. A new institution, the Mauritius Renewable Energy Agency (MARENA) has also been created for the promotion of Renewable Energy Technologies and to facilitate the implementation of projects.

The Republic of Mauritius, having a total area of 2.3 million square kilometres of Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), is geographically well placed in order to harness offshore wind energy, which can amply contribute to the country's energy security and help in exceeding the expected target of 35% of the electricity production from renewable energy sources.

Moreover, the Government of Mauritius is committed to making Ocean Economy an important industry to sustain economic diversification, job creation and wealth generation.

In view of the above and on behalf of the Government of Mauritius, the Mauritius Research Council (MRC), an apex body to promote and co-ordinate national investment in research, invites **'Expressions of Interest for the development of Offshore Wind Farms for the Republic of Mauritius'**.



The MRC is looking for reputable **consultancy firms** having past experience in development of offshore wind farms. The consultant(s) must have extensive

experience in collecting site data, conducting permitting processes, organizing social debates, preparing tender documents for procuring offshore wind turbines, and providing site supervisory services of similar projects elsewhere.

The consultant(s) shall be assessed on a number of criteria available in the EOI document at: <http://publicprocurement.govmu.org>

Further to this EOI, a Request for Proposals may be sent to the shortlisted consultant(s) only. The successful consultant(s) will be responsible to perform the tasks to be stipulated in the Request for Proposals.

Expressions of Interest (one original hard copy **and** a soft copy), in English language, together with all relevant information addressed to the **Executive Director**, in sealed envelope and clearly marked **"EOI/OWF/16-17/01 Expressions of Interest for the Development of Offshore Wind Farms for the Republic of Mauritius"** should be deposited in the Tender Box or submitted/sent by registered post /Courier Service on or before the **Thursday, 4th May 2017 at 15.00 Hours** Mauritian time (UTC/GMT+4hr) at the address mentioned below:

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NOTE:

- i. *The MRC reserves the right not to make any award or to accept or reject any EOI application following this advertisement.*
- ii. *All costs associated with the preparation of the EOI will be borne by the applicant.*
- iii. *The Applicants are encouraged to submit any other additional information they deem necessary for development of Offshore Wind Farms in Republic of Mauritius.*
- iv. *The shortlisted consultant(s) will be required to make a power point presentation to a Panel at a given date and time in Mauritius.*
- v. *The final award may be split among different consultancy firms.*

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