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**OUR GETS 17 RENEWABLE ENERGY BIDS**

**(Kingston, Jamaica, 2016 January 27):** The Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR) on Wednesday January 27, 2016, received seventeen (17) bids from ten (10) entities wanting to set up electricity generation projects from renewable energy sources to contribute up to 37 megawatts (MW) to the national grid.

The submissions were opened at the OUR offices following the international issue of requests for proposals on July 31, 2015. The successful projects will operate on a Build, Own and Operate (BOO) Basis.

Entities were allowed to submit proposals for the supply of one or more plants of varying configurations greater than 100 kilowatts (kW) and up to 37 MW (Net) of renewable energy-based electricity generation.

In the lead-up to the submission of the proposals, great interest was shown by potential investors who attended the pre-bid meeting in Kingston last August.

Eleven (11) base or primary proposals and six (6) alternative proposals were received on January 27, 2016.

The following are the bids received:

Company Name	Proposed Generating Capacity	Energy Source
1. Green Waste to Energy Inc	24.7 MW	Waste to Energy
2. Wigton Wind Farm	37 MW	Wind
3 a). WRB Enterprises Ltd	20 MW	Solar PV
3 b). WRB Enterprises Ltd	37 MW	Solar PV
	32 MW (alternative proposal)	Solar PV
	27 MW (alternative proposal)	Solar PV
	22 MW (alternative proposal)	Solar PV
4. Great Valley 2011 Wind Farm Ltd	26.4 MW	Wind
5. Tamarind Energy Ltd	36.3 MW	Wind
	26.4 MW (alternative proposal)	Wind
6. BMR Jamaica Wind Ltd	9.9 MW (an expansion project)	Wind
7. Eight Rivers Energy Company Ltd	37 MW	Solar PV
	21 MW (alternative proposal)	Solar PV
8 Petroleum Corporation of Jamaica	2 MW	Hydro
9. Jamaica Energy Partners Ltd	37 MW	Solar PV
	37 MW (alternative proposal)	Solar PV
10. Bio Energy Resource Solutions Ltd	30 MW	Bio-mass Thermal

The evaluation of the bids are expected to be completed by April 26, 2016.

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### BACKGROUND

This latest invitation completes a Request for Proposals process started in 2012 to receive offers for the supply of one or more plants of varying configurations greater than 100kW and up to 115 MW of renewable energy. At that time 78 MW was identified from three (3) successful bidders. This was later upgraded to 80.3 MW.

Cabinet undertook responsibility for procurement of electricity generation in mid-2014, but requested that the OUR complete the procurement of the remaining 37 MW (Net) of generation capacity from the previous 115 MW process.

The Ministry of Science, Technology, Energy and Mining (MSTEM) has portfolio responsibility for the energy sector and therefore, formulates and implements Jamaica's energy policy. The National Energy Policy 2009 – 2030 (NEP) has identified fuel diversification and the development of the country's renewable energy sources as two of its main objectives. The request for supply of electrical energy and/or capacity from renewable sources embodied in 37MW RFP is in keeping with the Government of Jamaica's efforts to achieve the targets set in the NEP for incorporation of renewable energy sources in the country's energy mix.

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