

MINISTRY OF FISHERIES

Invitation for Expression of Interest

for the leasing of the Fish Auction Market at Fort Williams, Les Salines, Port Louis, Republic of Mauritius

Reference No MOF/EOI/2/2012

1. The Ministry of Fisheries is responsible for the promotion of sustainable development of the fisheries sectors and to ensure continued economic growth and social development within the framework of good governance.

2. Following a Development Aid from the Hellenic Republic, the Fish Auction Market was built in June 2011 on a plot of land of an extent of 1,642 m² leased from the Mauritius Port Authority. It is located in the Port Area at Fort Williams, Les Salines, Port Louis.

3. The main purpose for the setting up of the Fish Auction Market is to further develop the seafood industry in Mauritius. This facility would provide a platform for a modern and efficient fish marketing system for catches from the industrial, the semi-industrial and the small scale fisheries as well as the fish and by-catch obtained from the calling fishing vessels.

4. The Fish Auction Market would serve as a platform for the auctioning of fish and fish products.

5. Objective of the Exercise

The Ministry of Fisheries is inviting prospective operators and companies for the leasing of the Fish Auction Market situated at Fort Williams, Les Salines, Port Louis, Mauritius through an Expression of Interest (EOI). As a result of the invitation of the EOI, the Ministry of Fisheries shall proceed with a selection from a list of those Operators/companies submitting the EOI.

6. Evaluation criteria

For selection purposes, the operators/companies would be evaluated on the basis of, but not limited to the following :

- have at least 5 years experience in similar seafood business activity;
- have not been involved in any in any trade of fish against the international management and conservation measures;
- have the capacity to apply the CODEX standards for fish and fish products, or any other international standards as may be required for fish and fish products;
- Not be insolvent in receivership, bankrupt, subject to legal proceedings for any of these circumstances or in the process of being wound up and have the financial capacity to operate the Fish Auction Market;
- Not have had the business activities suspended;
- Have fulfilled the obligations to pay taxes and social security contributions;
- Not have conflict of interest in relation to this EOI;

- Not be subject to suspension or debarment by any Public Office of the Republic of Mauritius; and
- Not have been convicted for an offence involving fraud, corruption or dishonesty.

7. Request for proposal (RFP) will be issued to only the selected operators/companies, after having established their eligibility based on minimum qualification criteria as given above. Failure to meet any of the above criteria may lead to rejection of the EOI.

8. **The selection exercise for leasing of the Fish Auction Market is opened to both local and foreign operators/companies.**

9. Interested operators/companies, both local and foreign, who wish to be considered for the selection are requested to submit their EOI in **three(3)** copies in a sealed envelope clearly marked **Expression of Interest for leasing of Fish Auction Market – reference No MOF/EOI/2/2012 and should be addressed to the Permanent Secretary and deposited in the Tender box at the seat of the Ministry of Fisheries, 4th Floor, LIC Building, John Kennedy Street, Port Louis, Mauritius on or before Monday 2 July 2012 up to 13.30 hours (local time)**. For foreign operators/companies, the EOI should be submitted by Registered Mail or other Registered Courier Services. Electronic submission shall not be permitted to both local and foreign operators/companies. Any late EOI shall outright be rejected. The EOI will be opened at the address given above at **13.45 hrs** on the same day in the presence of representatives who wish to attend. EOI are not transferable.

10. All EOI should contain a brief describing the proposal and the modalities of its operation. **Financial proposals should not be submitted at this stage.**

11. The Ministry of Fisheries reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal and annul the Expression of Interest exercise without thereby incurring any liability whatsoever to any investor.

12. Additional information on the EOI for the leasing of the Fish Auction Market as well as the Site Plan and Ground Floor Plan of the Fish Auction Market are attached.

Date : .17 May 2012