**MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND PUBLIC UTILITIES**

**(WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION)**

**PRESS NOTICE**

**EARLY MARKET ENGAGEMENT**

**Request for Information (RFI) from Potential Drilling Firms for the Drilling of Boreholes Across the Island of Mauritius**

**Reference: MEPU/WRC/RFI-DBH/25**

**Objectives**

The Water Resources Commission (WRC) (under the aegis of the Ministry of Energy and Public Utilities (MEPU) intends to embark on a drilling of boreholes campaign across Mauritius aiming at harnessing additional water resources with a view to promoting a sustainable water supply and enhancing the long-term resilience against water scarcity.

Groundwater contributes to 50% of the potable supply on the island while the remaining is derived from surface water sources such as impounding reservoirs and river intakes.

The purpose of the Request for Information (RFI) is essentially to probe the market and identify firms having the required experience and capabilities for drilling of boreholes and associated works as morefully described in the RFI document. This will allow the compilation of a pre-procurement list of contractors capable of undertaking the aforesaid works at the different locations throughout Mauritius.

**Request for Information Document**

The RFI document may be downloaded from the Public Procurement Portal (publicprocurement.govmu.org), the Ministry’s Website, (publicutilities.govmu.org), AFD dg-market (https://rb.gy/jrg97r) .

The document can also be obtained by submitting a request on the email address [wru@govmu.org](mailto:wru@govmu.org). Interested firms should provide their full contact details (e.g. name of firm, physical and email addresses, contact person, mobile, fax, etc.). Upon receipt of such request, the RFI document will be emailed to the applicant.

**Submission**

Information in response to this RFI, together with any supportive documents, shall be addressed to the Director, WRC and must be placed in a sealed envelope, clearly marked:

*“REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM POTENTIAL FIRMS INTERESTED IN THE DRILLING OF BOREHOLES ACROSS THE ISLAND OF MAURITIUS - RFI – Ref: MEPU/WRC/RFI-DBH/25”*

The sealed envelope should be deposited in the Tender Box situated at the WRC at the address mentioned below or submitted/sent by registered post or Courier Service to the **Registry of the WRC, 3rd Floor, Royal Commercial Complex, St. Ignace Street, Rose-Hill (Mauritius)**, or sent by Registered Post or Courier Services to reach the above address on or before **05 September 2025 at 13.30 hrs (Mauritian time)**.

Prospective firms requiring any clarification on this RFI shall notify the WRC by addressing a written request to the Director of WRC through email at [wru@govmu.org](mailto:wru@govmu.org) 14 days before the closing date of the RFI.

The WRC will respond to any request for clarification within 7 days before the deadline for submission of the RFI. Replies to all requests for clarifications received shall be made available to all prospective firms.

**Information to be Submitted**

The submission should comprise the following information among others:-

* Company Profile
* Experience in the field of drilling of boreholes
* Details of completed and ongoing projects
* Details of available equipment and qualified personnel.

The detailed information to be submitted are morefully described at Section 8 of the RFI.

**Note**

* All prospective firms are hereby notified that this RFI is not a bidding exercise and as such, no price should be submitted.
* This RFI involves no element of supplier selection and involves no commitment from either side.
* No prospective firm would enjoy a privileged treatment as a result of this exercise.
* The WRC shall maintain the commercial confidentiality of information received during this exercise.
* The WRC reserves the right:-

1. to annul this RFI exercise without incurring any liability to any party; and
2. not to proceed with a formal procurement exercise subsequent to this RFI.

Water Resources Commission

05 August 2025