



Office of Utility Regulation

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Regulator calls for Expressions of Interest in 3G mobile licences in Guernsey Preliminary Tender Document Published

The Regulator today (16th July 2002) published a call for expressions of interest from operators interested in acquiring 3G mobile telephony licences in Guernsey. The document also reports on a recent public consultation on mobile licence conditions and contains the preliminary tender documents setting out details of the comparative evaluation procedures that will be used to award the two 3G licences that are available.

“This is the latest in a series of steps that is moving Guernsey closer to the introduction of competition into the mobile telephony market”, said Regina Finn. “The document moves this closer by doing three things”, she went on,

- “first, it reports on the responses to the May Consultation Paper that OUR published;
- “second, it sets out the proposed design of the comparative evaluation competition that my Office will be running for the new licences, and
- “third, it calls on parties interested in the process to confirm their interest and provide views on the various key policy decisions in the proposed tender documents before the final call for tender”

OUR has appointed Andersen Management International AS (“AMI”) of Copenhagen to acts as its specialists advisors in relation to the preparation and execution of the

competition in order to assist with the award of the new licences, so written responses to the document will be submitted to Andersen Management International directly.

In the light of the responses to the calls for interest, comments received and further research the Director General will finalise the design of the competition and the tender document itself by 30th August 2002 and make it available to parties who want to apply for the licences. The submission of bids will be by 29th November 2002 and the evaluation will be carried out over the winter months so that new licences can be awarded to come into effect by 1st April 2003.

The consultation document is available on the OUR website – www.regutil.gg – or from the OUR office at Suite B1&B2, Hirzel Court, St Peter Port, Guernsey GY1 2NH, Tel 01481 711120.

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