



Broadband Fixed Wireless Access (BFWA) – Opportunity to Roll-out Broadband Wireless Infrastructure

The Regulator today (5th June 2003) published a paper detailing the opportunities that exist to apply for a licences to deploy Broadband Fixed Wireless Access spectrum in the Bailiwick of Guernsey. Three licences are available and one application has already been made.

“BFWA systems are a means of making “last-mile” connections between users’ premises and a telecommunications network”, said John Curran, Regulatory Manager at OUR. “These links can deliver very high data rates and have the potential to transport a complete range of electronic traffic, including telephony, high-speed data, television and multimedia services. BFWA can be more quickly deployed than fixed infrastructure, because there is no need to dig up roads to lay down a network before connecting customers – something that could be particularly important in an environment such as Guernsey”.

The Information Notice provides background information on the licences available, the award process that is used by the UK Radiocommunications Agency and describes how to obtain further information on the licensing process. Interested parties have until the 24th June 2003 to make their interest in availing of the BFWA licences known.

Copies of Information Notice on BFWA licensing (OUR Document 03/14) are available from the OUR website on www.regutil.gg or by calling the Office on 01481 711120.

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For further information call the Office of Utility Regulation on 711120