

The Government of Jamaica



Invitation to express interest to prequalify
for the development, construction,
operation and maintainance of

Highway 2000 Project in Jamaica

1. Warburg Dillon Read in association with CFAS Ltd. (the "Financial Advisers") acting on behalf of the Government of Jamaica, wishes to invite expressions of interest in pre-qualifying to tender for the above captioned project. The Government of Jamaica, represented by the Agricultural Credit Bank of Jamaica Ltd. ("ACB"), plans to develop a modern multi-lane tolled highway of approximately 230 km. that will connect the capital Kingston in the south east with the city of Montego Bay in the north west and Ocho Rios on the north central coast ("Highway 2000"). The Government of Jamaica plans to transfer responsibility for the preparation of the development and administration of Highway 2000 to the National Roads Operating and Construction Company Ltd, which is currently being established. The Government of Jamaica is seeking to invite private sector companies to undertake the development, construction, financing, operation and maintenance of Highway 2000. Highway 2000 is to be implemented on a build-operate-transfer ("BOT") basis under a concession agreement over a specified period of time to be agreed.
2. Highway 2000 will be designed to modern geometric standards in accordance with general practice in the United States, Canada and the European Union. It will be a four to six lane controlled access tolled highway with grade separated intersections with all other roads and railways. Access to and egress from Highway 2000 will be via high speed ramps grouped at interchanges.
3. Highway 2000 is a "green-field" project, which will traverse all types of terrain. It will connect with the main urban/industrial/commercial centres of Kingston, Spanish Town, Old Harbour, Mandeville, Montego Bay and Ocho Rios reducing transit times between these urban areas by half. It is the intention of the Government of Jamaica that construction of Highway 2000 should commence before the end of year 2000.
4. Expressions of interest are hereby invited from enterprises, consortia, or joint venture partners with good financial capability and a demonstrable track record in the development, construction, management and operation of tolled or shadow-tolled highways (all of which constitute pre-qualification criteria in accordance with the documents to follow), to pre-qualify for selection to receive a preliminary information memorandum along with the necessary tender documents which will shortly be issued by ACB in respect of Highway 2000.
5. The Government of Jamaica, ACB and the Financial Advisers do not bind themselves to pre-qualify any applicant and also reserve the right to reject any application for the pre-qualification documentation.
6. Interested parties should submit a request for pre-qualification documentation within the set deadline to:

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7. Requests for pre-qualification documentation should be sent by facsimile transmission, email or courier to arrive at the above addresses no later than Friday, 22 October 1999.
8. The documentation will be despatched as soon as possible thereafter. Neither ACB nor the Financial Advisers, however, accept any responsibility for ensuring proper delivery of the relevant documentation. Completed pre-qualification applications should subsequently be sent to the above parties and addresses to arrive no later than 15 November 1999.