

INVITATION TO REGISTER INTEREST AND SUBMIT A DRAFT UNIVERSAL SERVICE PLAN AS A UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROVIDER UNDER THE COMMUNICATIONS AND MULTIMEDIA (UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROVISION) REGULATIONS 2002 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NETWORK FACILITIES AND DEPLOYMENT OF NETWORK SERVICE FOR THE PROVISIONING OF PUBLIC CELLULAR SERVICES AT THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE TARGETS UNDER THE JALINAN DIGITAL NEGARA (JENDELA) PHASE 1 INITIATIVE

Questions & Answers

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1	We would seek clarification for NFP License holders (without NSP license) if we could participate in Part 1. We have made understand that NFP licensees are eligible to participate in Part 1.	Yes, the interested licensee which holds a valid NFP(I) licence is eligible to participate in, and submit its draft plan(s) for Part 1. The Interested Licensee must fulfil and meet the eligibility criteria as specified in the Invitation.
2	<p>By referring to the page 23 of 156, there is a note at the bottom of the page stating “This is applicable for the licensees which are legally obliged to contribute to the USP Fund, whose total net revenue for the previous calendar year meets the minimum revenue threshold of RM2 million from the licensable activity”.</p> <p>As we are all aware, the year 2020 hit the nation badly in term of business revenue. Most of the NFPs were experiencing bad year with less number of new sites implementation which has impacted the</p>	<p>What the note states is as follows: If the licensee hits the minimum threshold of RM2 million, it will then have a statutory duty to contribute towards the USP Fund under the Communications and Multimedia (Universal Service Provision) Regulations 2002.</p> <p>All licensees (with the exception of Content Applications Service Providers) have a duty to submit the Return of Net Revenue (RONR) form, irrespective of whether the licensee hits this threshold by law.</p>

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	<p>company revenue wholly. We has been holding the NFP license for more than 2 years but due to the pandemic that started in the earlier of 2020, our company revenue did not hit RM2 million in that year.</p> <p>With our brief justification above, we wish MCMC could really consider our interest to participate in the Part 1 and we will give our commitment if there is possibility of our participation.</p>	<p>From the explanation, an Interested and eligible Licensee will not be prevented from participating in this initiative if it has not hit the revenue threshold of RM2 million. It is the statutory duty of the Interested Licensee though to ensure the RONR forms have been submitted each year to the Commission on time.</p>									
3	<p>In the following clause in the document:</p> <p>3.7 Interested Licensees that submit draft plans for Part 1 are not allowed to submit draft plans for Part 2, and Interested Licensees that submit draft plans for Part 2 are not allowed to submit draft plans for Part 1.</p> <p>We would like to know if a company hold two subsidiaries which both has NFP/NSP licenses. Can one subsidiary participate in part 1, and another subsidiary participate in part 2? That is assume that they have all the necessary NFP/NSP licenses.</p>	<p>All submission of draft plans will be assessed based on the entity/licensee – the participating entity must hold the relevant licences.</p> <p>The different subsidiaries can participate in any part i.e. Part 1 or Part 2, as long as it fulfils the eligibility criteria stipulated in the Invitation.</p>									
4	<p>Do MCMC conduct any Briefing/ Taklimat for this tender ? If have, what is the date?</p>	<p>Briefing session, if any, will be informed to the Interested Licensees after the Registration of Interest submission.</p>									
5	<p>Reference is made to the previous published Q&A:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="286 1137 1077 1305"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="286 1137 322 1155">No.</th> <th data-bbox="322 1137 707 1155">Questions</th> <th data-bbox="707 1137 1077 1155">Answers</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="286 1155 322 1241">17</td> <td data-bbox="322 1155 707 1241">Does transmission backhaul via fiber mandatory? Is microwave acceptable for backhaul and backbone?</td> <td data-bbox="707 1155 1077 1241">Yes, it is acceptable for microwave as backhaul transmission, however priority is given for the fiberisation of towers where possible. The use of microwave is only limited to a single hop as mentioned under subparagraph 3.14(c) in the RFP.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="286 1241 322 1305">18</td> <td data-bbox="322 1241 707 1305">If the sites are deep in rural areas, and cannot be serve by single hop microwave and fiber is not viable (or too costly), can the backhaul form with more than one microwave hop?</td> <td data-bbox="707 1241 1077 1305">Yes, it is acceptable. Please submit a clear and comprehensive draft plan(s) for the Commission's assessment i.e. number of repeater site(s) in this case.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Would like to seek further clarification repeater sites:</p>	No.	Questions	Answers	17	Does transmission backhaul via fiber mandatory? Is microwave acceptable for backhaul and backbone?	Yes, it is acceptable for microwave as backhaul transmission, however priority is given for the fiberisation of towers where possible. The use of microwave is only limited to a single hop as mentioned under subparagraph 3.14(c) in the RFP.	18	If the sites are deep in rural areas, and cannot be serve by single hop microwave and fiber is not viable (or too costly), can the backhaul form with more than one microwave hop?	Yes, it is acceptable. Please submit a clear and comprehensive draft plan(s) for the Commission's assessment i.e. number of repeater site(s) in this case.	<p>Yes, the interested licensee may propose for additional tower(s) that serves as repeaters, based on the proposed network design in the draft plan submitted.</p> <p>Please note that only 1 microwave hop is acceptable under this Invitation. As such, the use of repeaters are not at all encouraged unless this is strictly unavoidable. The fiberisation of all sites is preferred.</p>
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	<i>As alternative to fiber & VSAT, can interested licensee under Part 2 propose new build structure for Transmission Repeater. Are we allowed to claim both Capex & Opex-5years for the said new build Transmission Repeater.</i>	<p>The need for a repeater must be evidentially substantiated, and the CAPEX and OPEX breakdown for the repeater must be detailed out and provided in the Bill of Quantity for that particular site, which requires a repeater.</p> <p>The Commission will assess the feasibility of allowing any such repeater(s) and the claims made for all costs associated with any such infrastructure. Interested Licensees are strongly cautioned to ensure that costs submitted are minimised.</p>
6	Does each site need to have both 2G and 4G? Can they have standalone 4G instead of 2G?	Please refer to subparagraph 1.5 of the RFP. If the areas have been sufficiently covered with 2G service, the interested licensee is only required to submit a draft plan for 4G service.
7	<p>i. Can we withdraw after we submit our Register of Interest (RoI)?</p> <p>ii. Are we allowed to submit our proposal which is different from our RoI e.g. RoI 3 Clusters but proposal 1 cluster</p>	<p>Pursuant to regulation 6 of the USP Regulation 2002, any Interested Licensee which has registered its interest with the Commission pursuant to the Invitation issued under the USP Regulations 2002, shall submit its draft proposal(s) within the specified time frame – no later than 31 March 2021. A licensee which fails to comply with this regulation commits an offence under this Regulations.</p> <p>Pursuant to regulation 39 of the USP Regulations 2002, any interested licensee who commits an offence shall on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding RM300,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years or to both.</p> <p>As explained in the revised RFP issued on 15 January 2021, the Interested Licensee may register its interest for any cluster, or at</p>

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		all clusters. Please make sure the cluster(s) submitted in the Registration of Interest form match with the submission of the draft plan(s).
8	<p>Section 11 (Claims for Payment) under Section IV (Payment from the USP Fund) stated in the Invitation</p> <p>Note: Section 11.1 to be read together with sub regulation 19(2) of the USP Regulations and Table A of the Schedule, whereby Universal Service Provider is entitled to claim net USP cost incurred</p> <p>Query: Is it permissible for Universal Service Provider to mark-up cost up to ten percent (10%) for the project management cost on top of the actual claim from the Receipt of Designated Universal Service Provider's acceptance of the Notification of Approval?</p>	<p>No, it is not acceptable to mark up the cost for project management. USP works on the basis of cost reimbursement only. Minimal costs incurred for project management is acceptable, but will not be considered after the issuance of the Notification of Approval.</p> <p>Any cost given must be justified and substantiated.</p>
9	<p>We had applied for the NFP & NSP licences and is waiting for the approval. Therefore, are we eligible to apply while still waiting for the approval of our licences.</p>	<p>Pursuant to subparagraph 6.1 of the Invitation, the interested licensee must hold valid NFP(I) and/or NSP(I) licences to be eligible to participate in this tender.</p> <p>At this juncture, your application for the NFP(I) and NSP(I) licences are still in process, which makes your company ineligible to participate in this exercise.</p>
10	<p>Referring to the Technical Proposal of part 2 (section B- Summary of the technical proposal – page 148). Designated USP is required to provide tower information, which is supposedly under the scope of Draft USP for Part 1.</p> <p>Question: Does it necessary for Part 2 participant to submit tower information (Structure type and Tower Height) related to part 1?</p>	<p>Yes, any interested licensee for Part 2 must submit the information on structure type and tower height for each location. This is a requirement specified in Appendix 4 of the Invitation. This will be the basis of the Commission to assess proposals from both Part 1 and Part 2.</p>

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11	<p data-bbox="271 855 1173 967">Refer to subparagraph 1.5 of the RFP, (1.5) Under this Invitation, the provision of network services to be provided shall be voice and data services (2G and 4G services).</p> <p data-bbox="271 1015 1173 1126">Question: Can the services provider provide 4G services only with voice (VoLTE) capability, regardless of whether the location already has 2G coverage or not?</p>	<p data-bbox="1173 855 2042 1046">As specified in subparagraph 1.5, in the case where 2G coverage exists and is sufficiently provided at the identified location(s), the interested licensee needs to submit a draft plan for the provisioning of 4G service only. Otherwise, the draft plan proposed by the interested licensee must have both 2G and 4G services.</p>																																							
13	<p data-bbox="271 1169 1173 1281">Can we send the Registration of Interest (for JENDELA tender) via email earlier (say few days) prior to the deadline, i.e. 2 February 2021 12pm.</p>	<p data-bbox="1173 1169 2042 1241">Yes. This is with reference to subparagraph 9.1 i.e. submission on or before 12:00pm, 2 February 2021.</p> <p data-bbox="1173 1289 2042 1393">Licensees are encouraged to submit the Registration of Interest (RoI) early. Kindly ensure adherence to the ROI submission format requirements indicated in the revised RFP.</p>																																							

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14	Can our CEO digitally sign on the Registration of Interest letter, considering MCO movement restriction?	Any form of legally accepted digital signature can be used.