



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

FOR LICENCE TO PROVIDE SUBSCRIPTION TELEVISION SERVICE VIA THE INTERNET (IPTV)

The Broadcasting Commission is mandated to process applications for subscriber television licences, pursuant to the **Broadcasting and Radio Re-Diffusion Act (the Act)**.

The Commission is therefore inviting applications from entities interested in providing **subscription television services via the internet (IPTV)**.

In light of the need to meet the requirements for grant of licence as set out in the **Act** and the **Television and Sound Broadcasting Regulations (the Regulations)**, applicants should be guided as follows:

SERVICES

Applicants are required to provide a detailed description of the IPTV service they propose to offer, including programming, system information and distribution network.

OTHER SERVICES

Applicants are required to indicate whether they also intend to utilise the distribution network for delivery of other telecommunications services e.g. voice and/ or data.

Applicants are advised that, if they intend to provide data or voice services in addition the IPTV service, they should secure any relevant licences/permissions.

LICENCE FEE

The grant-of-licence fee is based on the economic value of the licence to be issued in keeping with the **Television and Sound Broadcasting Regulations** (amended in July 2007). Details of the relevant calculations are set out in the Regulations, available at the Commission's website at www.broadcastingcommission.org

FINANCIAL CAPACITY

Applicants must demonstrate that they have the means to establish and operate the business for which they are seeking a licence.

LEGAL STATUS

As specified in **S11B** of the **Act**, licensees must be companies incorporated in Jamaica or a CARICOM state and controlled by Jamaican or CARICOM nationals. Therefore, applicants are to indicate the ownership structure of the company including names, nationalities and percentage shareholdings of the major shareholders.

DISCLOSURE

Applicants are to indicate if they have any interest in an existing broadcast, STV or telecommunications entity and explain the nature and extent of those interests.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Under the **Act**, new licensees must begin roll-out of service within six (6) months of the grant of licence.

Applicants must also provide evidence of technical competence to establish and maintain a subscription television service via the internet (IPTV).

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Application packages are available online at www.broadcom.org or at a cost of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) from the offices of the Broadcasting Commission, 5th Floor, Victoria Mutual Building, 53 Knutsford Boulevard, Kingston 5.

Applicants are required to submit an original and six (6) copies of the application documents except for the following: only an original and one (1) copy of diagrams and documents relating to incorporation are required.

Applicants shall submit an original and six (6) copies of the Application Form with attachments and supporting documents, in individual envelopes with the applicant's name on each. These are to be delivered in a single package marked "***Application – Licence to Provide Subscription Television Service via the Internet (IPTV)***" and delivered to:

Broadcasting Commission
5th Floor, Victoria Mutual Building
53 Knutsford Boulevard
Kingston 5

The closing deadline for the receipt of applications is the **24th day of August 2011**.