
Generation Procurement Entity

MARKET UPDATE

Competitive Procurement Process for Independent Power Producers of Electricity from
Renewable Sources



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Update on the Development of the Renewable Energy and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Competitive Procurement

The Generation Procurement Entity (GPE) wishes to provide the market with an update regarding the ongoing development of its competitive procurement process for new renewable electricity generation and Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS).

Following the successful publication of the Request for Information (RFI) on March 19, 2026, and the completion of a series of market engagement activities, including stakeholder consultations held during June 2026, the GPE has continued to refine the procurement framework and bidding documents based on stakeholder feedback, technical analyses, policy considerations, and evolving market conditions.

These engagements have provided valuable input from prospective bidders, financiers, technology providers, industry associations, development partners, and other stakeholders. The GPE thanks all participants for their constructive contributions, which have strengthened the design of the forthcoming competitive procurement process.

Key Procurement Updates

Following the conclusion of the consultation process, the GPE advises the market of the following principal features of the forthcoming Request for Proposals (RFP):

No.	Procurement Update	Details
1	Renewable Energy Capacity	The procurement will seek proposals for up to 300 MW of renewable electricity generation.
2	Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)	The procurement will include up to 150 MW of battery energy storage capacity.
3	Technology-Neutral Energy Storage	The BESS component will be conducted on a technology-neutral basis, allowing commercially proven energy storage technologies capable of satisfying the technical and operational requirements of the procurement to compete.
4	Refined Procurement Documentation	The GPE has continued to enhance the RFP, draft Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), technical specifications, evaluation methodology, and associated procurement documents to improve clarity, transparency, and alignment with international best practices.

Publication Timeline

The GPE now anticipates publishing the Request for Proposals during the fourth quarter (Q4) of calendar year 2026.

The revised publication timeline allows additional time to complete the procurement documentation, incorporate stakeholder feedback, finalize technical and commercial provisions, and complete the necessary governance and approval processes to facilitate a robust, transparent, and competitive procurement.

The GPE considers that this additional period will also enhance the overall quality of the procurement documents and provide greater market certainty to prospective investors and lenders.

Commitment to a Competitive Procurement Process

The forthcoming procurement forms an important component of Jamaica's ongoing electricity sector transformation and supports the Government's objectives to increase renewable energy penetration, strengthen system reliability, improve grid resilience, and facilitate the integration of energy storage technologies through transparent and competitive procurement.

Prospective bidders are encouraged to continue monitoring the GPE's official website for future announcements regarding the publication of the RFP, procurement schedule, bidder conferences, and any related notices.

The GPE appreciates the continued interest shown by the international and local renewable energy and energy storage markets and looks forward to continued engagement as Jamaica advances this important procurement initiative.



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