

NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO INVOKE THE FAST-TRACK APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE AWARD OF A SOUND BROADCASTING CONTRACT



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In accordance with section 67(3) of the Broadcasting Act 2009 (“the Act”), the Contract Awards Committee of the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland (“the BAI”) hereby announces its intention to invoke the fast-track procedure for the award of a sound broadcasting contract (“Contract”) on the FM band for the provision of the following service:

National Broad-format Sound Broadcasting Service

Programming on the service will comprise a minimum of 30% speech programming with a strong emphasis on news and current affairs. The service should be of relevance to a core audience in the 20 – 44 age group.

The contract, currently held by Radio Ireland Limited and broadcasting as Today FM, is due to expire on 16th March 2017.

Any person, other than the incumbent, interested in providing the national broad-format sound broadcasting service is required to submit in writing that he/she wishes to apply for the award of the Contract, and to deposit the sum of €25,000 with the BAI by Tuesday, 7th June 2016. Such deposit is refundable, if an application for the award of the Contract is subsequently submitted to the BAI, in accordance with section 65 of the Act.

The written submission must be completed in accordance with the format set out in the “*Guide to Submissions: Statement of Intent*” document in respect of the national broad-format sound broadcasting service, which is available on the BAI’s website (www.bai.ie) or on request from the BAI’s offices (email: licensing@bai.ie or call 01 644 1200).

Please note that a submission of a Statement of Intent in response to this notice will not be regarded as an application for the Contract. An invitation to apply for the award of the Contract in accordance with section 65(8) of the Act will be issued separately, should the BAI consider it appropriate to do so. Such an invitation, if issued, will be for a Contract for a national broad-format sound broadcasting service for a period of ten (10) years, to commence from the 17th March 2017.

A submission of a Statement of Intent for the award of this Contract should be sent to:

**Jill Caulfield, Contract Awards, Broadcasting Authority of Ireland,
2-5 Warrington Place, Dublin D02 XP29.
T: 01 644 1200, E: licensing@bai.ie**

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