



GUIDE TO SUBMISSIONS

STATEMENT OF INTENT

FOR THE PROVISION OF A

QUASI-NATIONAL BROAD-FORMAT CHRISTIAN & RELIGIOUS

SOUND BROADCASTING SERVICE



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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The quasi-national broad-format Christian and religious sound broadcasting contract (“Contract”), currently held by Spirit Radio Limited and broadcasting as Spirit Radio, is due to expire on 31st December 2020.
- 1.2 In accordance with section 65(6) of the Broadcasting Act 2009 (“the 2009 Act”), the Contract Awards Committee (“the Committee”) placed a notice in a national newspaper and on the BAI website, www.bai.ie, on the 18th April 2019 seeking Expressions of Interest for the provision of a quasi-national broad-format Christian and religious sound broadcasting service. By the closing date of the 18th June 2019, the only expression of interest received was from the current contractor, Spirit Radio Limited.
- 1.3 The expression of interest was assessed by the Committee at its meeting of 18th July 2019. The Committee considered the respondent to be the incumbent and the submission to be made in good faith. In these circumstances, the Committee decided to invoke the fast-track procedure under section 67(2) of the 2009 Act.
- 1.4 Accordingly, the Committee on the 31st July 2019 has placed a public notice in a national newspaper, and on its website, stating its intention to invoke the fast-track application process for the quasi-national speech/news sound broadcasting contract.
- 1.5 Potential respondents must make a submission by **Thursday, 29th August 2019** stating that he or she wishes to apply for the award of a sound broadcasting contract for the quasi-national broad-format Christian and religious sound broadcasting service (“Statement of Intent”).
- 1.6 The Statement of Intent must be accompanied with a deposit of **€25,000**, which is refundable if an application is subsequently submitted to the BAI pursuant to an invitation to apply for the sound broadcasting contract for the quasi-national broad-format Christian and religious sound broadcasting service issued under section 65(8) of the 2009 Act.
- 1.7 The Statement of Intent must be submitted in the format specified in Section 2 of this document.
- 1.8 If the Committee receives a Statement of Intent and the required deposit, the Committee shall either proceed to invite applications for a sound broadcasting contract for the area concerned, or it will refer the matter to the Authority for further direction. If an invitation to apply for the award of contract is issued, it will be a contract for a quasi-national broad-format Christian and religious service for a period of 10 (ten) years to commence from 1st January 2021.
- 1.9 An indicative guide for the application for a commercial sound broadcasting contract under section 65(8) is available on request from the BAI’s offices or e-mail your request to licensing@bai.ie.
- 1.10 All statements of intent will be published on the BAI’s website once they have been considered, and the next stage determined, by the Committee.



2. PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING A STATEMENT OF INTENT

2.1 There is a statement of intent form available to potential respondents from the BAI's website, www.bai.ie, or on request from the BAI's offices at (01) 644 1200 or e-mail licensing@bai.ie. If you choose not to use the form please ensure that your submission adheres to the format outlined hereunder and that you provide all the information requested.

By submitting your Statement of Intent you are confirming the following to the BAI: -

- that you have read and understand the *Guide to Submissions: Statement of Intent for the Provision of a Quasi-National Broad-Format Christian and Religious Sound Broadcasting Service*
- that a deposit of €25,000 has been paid into the BAI bank account; and.
- that you consent to your Statement of Intent being made public.

2.2 The format for a Statement of Intent is as follows: -

2.2.1 Respondent:

2.2.1.1 Please provide a general description of the person/entity making the statement.

2.2.1.2 Please provide your contact details (name of contact person, address, telephone and e-mail).

2.2.2 Details of Statement of Intent:

The text of the Statement of Intent is to be as follows: -

I, [insert name], on behalf of [insert name of party submitting statement of intent] hereby confirm that [insert name of party submitting statement of intent] intend to apply for the sound broadcasting contract for the quasi-national broad-format Christian and religious sound broadcasting service.

I also confirm that the deposit of €25,000 has been paid to the bank account of the BAI.

2.2.3 You must sign and date the Statement of Intent.

2.3 The signed and dated Statement of Intent must be received by the BAI no later than **29th August 2019** and can be submitted by e-mail to licensing@bai.ie, or by post or by hand delivery, to:

Jill Caulfield,
Contract Awards,
BAI,
2 – 5 Warrington Place,



Dublin D02 XP29.

2.4 Payment of Cash Deposit

2.4.1 Payment of the cash deposit of €25,000 must be in the BAI bank account by the closing date, **29th August 2019**.

2.4.2 The bank account details for the payment of the cash deposit are as follows: -

Bank: Ulster Bank Limited

Account Number: 03603097

Sort Code: 985020

IBAN Number: IE85ULSB9850200603097

BIC: ULSBIE2D

2.4.3 Payment details must include information which identifies the respondent, such as the respondent's name. Accordingly, the respondent must ensure that their bank includes information to accompany the electronic transfer which clearly identifies that the payment has been made on behalf of the respondent.



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