

RADIOFREQUENCY SPECTRUM IN THE FREQUENCY BAND 2300-2400MHz

The Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority (BOCRA or the Authority) is a statutory body established under the Communications Regulatory Authority Act of 2012 (The Act). The Authority is mandated to promote efficient provision of communications services throughout the country. The Act is available from Government Printers in Gaborone, Botswana or may be obtained at the following website: <http://www.bocra.org.bw>.

Pursuant to Section 47 of the Act, BOCRA invites licensed Operators who possess a Network Facility Provider (NFP) license in Botswana to express interest in the use of the Radiofrequency Spectrum in the band 2300 - 2400MHz band for Fixed Wireless Access connectivity.

The “new normal”, induced by COVID-19 has resulted in the congestion of telecommunications networks, BOCRA therefore intends to provide spectrum resources to address new connectivity demands and quality of service issues.

BOCRA has a 60MHz spectrum available in the 2300-2400MHz spectrum and intends to assign it as follows:

- 40MHz for national coverage allocated at 20MHz operator.
- 20MHz for regional coverage. The minimum spectrum for each regional license is 5MHz and the maximum is 10MHz. The operator is allowed to choose more than one region and at different bandwidths. The regions/ areas to be covered by regional licenses are depicted at Annexure 1.

NB: Gaborone and Francistown regions include areas within the 20km radius.

Submission Format

An Expression of Interest should be sent by e-mail to: procurement@bocra.org.bw summarizing the amount of spectrum the operator is interested in. For regional licenses, the submission should be tabulated as follows:

Table 1: Submission format for regional licenses

	Region	Spectrum (MHz)
Total		

The deadline for the expression of interest is 31st July 2020.

Notes

- Operators who offer a national mobile service are not eligible for regional spectrum.
- Responding to this invitation does not guarantee an automatic award of spectrum.
- Business case is not required for this Expression of Interest.
- Following the submissions, BOCRA will make a determination based on the outcome of the EOI within 2 weeks. For any further information regarding the EOI, please contact the Procurement Office at: **368 5500/09/33/34** e-mail: procurement@bocra.org.bw

Annexure 1

Gaborone & Greater Gaborone	Tonota	Ghanzi	Shakawe
Mogoditshane	Bobonong	Selebi Phikwe	Nata
Mmopane	Mmadinare	Mathangwane	Mmankgodi
Metsimotlhabe	Mahalapye	Mmathethe	Lerala
Gabane	Mochudi	Gweta	Letlhakeng
Tlokweng	Molepolole	Kumakwane	Molapowabojang
Phakalane	Kanye	Masunga	Otse (South East)
Francistown & Greater Francistown	Palapye	Bokaa	Gumare
Tati Town	Maun	Oodi	Tsabong
Borolong	Letlhakane	Maitengwe	Kasane
Shashe-Mooke	Jwaneng	Kang	Kopong
Tutume	Ramotswa	Sefophe	Orapa
Serowe	Lobatse	Good Hope	Shoshong
Moshupa	Tlokweng	Rakops	
Thamaga			