



Title: Terms of Reference (TOR) - Research Subscription

Introduction

The Film and Publications Board (FPB) is a schedule 3A Public Entity established in terms of the Films and Publications Act, 11 of 2019 as amended to regulate the creation, production, distribution and possession of films, computer games and certain publications by means of classification, age restrictions and consumer advice contributing to the protection of children from sexual abuse and exploitation in pornographic films, games, and publications. The FPB executes this mandate through advising adult consumers "...to make informed viewing, reading and gaming choices, both for themselves and for children in their care" (Section 2A). This provision is meant to protect children from premature exposure to and consumption of disturbing and harmful materials as well as adult experiences (Section 2B). Further, the Act sanctions punishment for the use of children in and exposure of children to pornography (Section 2C). This particular focus on children has been necessitated by the realisation that the public, and young children, are increasingly active in the online space, generating, storing and distributing their own content, which opens everyone up to online dangers.

Purpose of the request

The purpose of the request is to appoint a services provider for online journals, newsletters and articles database subscription and online cross country analysis (benchmarks which includes cross – country analysis; licensing procedures and fees; Over The Top (OTT)market players and regulatory initiatives; global trend analysis research services for unlimited users for a period of 12- months).

Scope of deliverables

- Provide content that is relevant, complete, and up-to-date (impactful for FPB, government and industry).
- Provide content that consists of a comprehensive online repository of data and analyses on applicable policies, laws and regulations.



- Provide scope and geographic (Africa, EU, USA, Asia, BRICS etc.) coverage that is chosen by FPB.
- Provide reports not limited to (technology trends analysis, market research, tariff models etc), databases, applications and benchmarks that are presented in a short, simple and understandable way.
- Provide 5 x number of users that can have access on the services, as specifically defined in each subscription contract.

Functionality Criteria

Criteria	Weight	Applicable scores				
		1 Poor	2 Fair	3 Average	4 Good	5 Excellent
Provide no. of different deliverable categories/types (regulatory benchmark, monitoring report, country profile, country update, public document, global tech trends report...). Minimum of 2 (two) categories.	30	Two Types	Three Types	Four Types	Five Types	Six Types
Provide geographic scope (number of countries in national regulatory benchmarks).	25	N/A	N/A	Ten Countries or more	Twenty Countries or more	Thirty Countries or more



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Minimum of 10 (ten) countries.						
Provide number of years' experience in regulatory analysis. Minimum of 5 (five) years.	20	N/A	N/A	Five – years or more	Six - nine – years or more	Ten – years or more
Provide reference letters on an official letter head, dated, signed detailed to research subscription online media content regulation services.	25	1 x letter	2 x letters	3 x letters	4 x letters	5 x letters

The minimum qualifying criteria is 60%