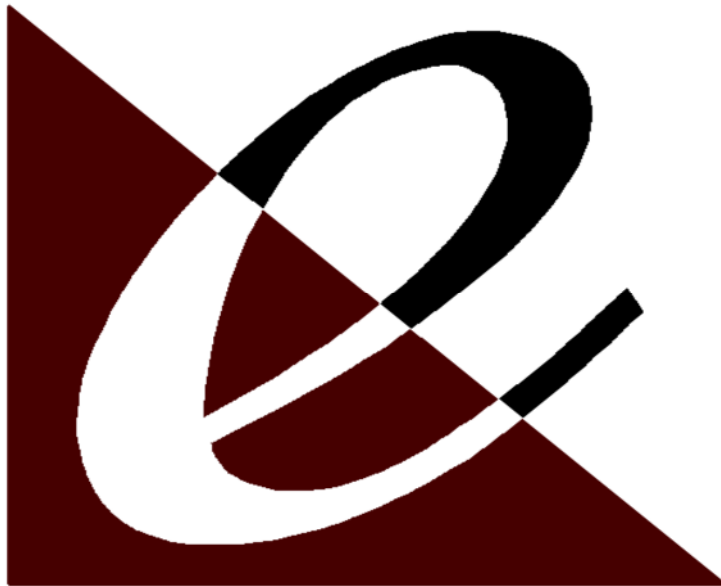


# Invitation To Comment on National Fiber Ring Proposal

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## **Section 1 - BACKGROUND**

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The Turks and Caicos Islands Government through the Telecommunications Commission, commissioned an investigation and consultations with local industry stakeholders; the best scenario to establish the National Fiber Ring. Such Ring intended to connect each inhabited Island in the archipelago. Williams EBusiness™ (WEB) is a 100% Turks & Caicos Island owned company herein comment on the above stated.

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## **Section 2 – Part B: General Request**

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In general, the ITC lacks information for a more meaningful recommendation on any of the listed Options. At best, WEB possibly Comment and have opted to not make any detail/in-depth recommendation.

The Listed Options provide for a super highway with limited to none exits/off ramps. As such, the functionality of any of the Listed Options is ill-effective to obtain The Governments' Objective of providing a seamless Broadband Connectivity to each Island, thus none improvement to the Information Communications Technologies Entertainment (ICTE) and IOT.

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## **Section 3 – Landing Sites**

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The presented Landing Sites as like the various route options seem lacking info to provide meaningful recommendation. As a Tourist destination who's number one attraction is our 'Iron Shoreline'; the seemingly random selection of Landing Sites appear not prudent to our sustaining market. Perhaps both Maritime persons and Tourist Officials be invited to the table if this is the methodology being deployed.

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## **Section 3 – Cost**

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In its present state the National Domestic Fiber Cable installation, management and maintenance would be un-affordable for the Government of Turks and Caicos Islands, even as a Joint Venture with either a Group or a single Provider/Operator. As such, WEB would recommend that the present ITC Public Notice 2016-7 be pulled and TCIG appoint a locally owned competent proven company to develop and commissioning of the Turks and Caicos Islands National Domestic Fiber Ring.

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## Section 5 – Summary

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While it is desirable for The Turks & Caicos Islands Government to improve the Information Communications Technologies Entertainment and IOT in the TCI via the building of a National Domestic Fiber Cable Ring:

- Installation cost ought not be to borne solely by the Government.
- Though the installation cost is not borne solely by the Government, the Ownership of same ought to be The People of Turks and Caicos Islands via The Government;
- Though the Ownership of The National Domestic Fiber Cable Ring remains with the Government, the Management of the same ought to be a None Government Appointment Group, made-up of both TCIG Reps and Industry Stakeholders appointees.
- Further to the foregoing, the cost of maintenance and evolution of the Cable ought to be borne by both Government and Industry Stakeholders.
- Industry Stakeholders is All-Inclusive ie.... not just License Communications Providers, but, Medical, Law, Financial Institutions, Hotels and others who either directly and or in-directly are impacted by the advancement of TCI ICTE IOT.

As Turks Islander Belongers, we clearly understand the culture, needs and aspirations of the resident Belongers and citizens of the Turks & Caicos Islands who are the customers of Information Communications Technologies Entertainment and IOT. Having had the experience of living abroad, we also understand the need and aspirations of the Diaspora. And we are confident in our ability to meet those needs.

WEB welcomes the opportunity to provide innovative idea to the development deployment and commissioning of our National Domestic Fiber Cable Ring in order for it to be the premier provider of Communications, TV, Internet and other ICT related ICT products.

We trust that our comments is received by you favorably. Should you have any questions concerning Williams eBusiness or this ITC please contact the Undersigned.

Kindest Regards

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