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RECOMMENDATIONS MADE FOR ADDITIONAL FREE TO AIR TELEVISION BROADCASTERS

The Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago has recommended to the Minister of Public Administration that Concessions be granted to **Trinidad Publishing Company Limited (CNC3)** and **Synergy Entertainment Network Limited** to provide Free to Air Television Broadcasting Services for periods of ten years.

On April 27th 2007, the Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago invited interested parties to submit Expressions of Interest for the provision of Free to Air Television Broadcasting Services. Based on responses to the above, the Board of the Authority took a decision to open the Free-to-Air television market to allow for three (3) additional National, two (2) additional Major Territorial and two (2) additional Minor Territorial providers of television broadcasting services.

A Request for Proposals was issued by the Authority on 7th August 2007 with a closing date of Friday September 28th 2007.

Six proposals were received by the Authority prior to the closing date.

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Ms. Beverly Beckles; Ms. Gillian Bishop; Dr. Ronald Ramkissoon; Mr. Wayne Nakhid; Mr. Samuel Henry;
Mr. Hayden Newton; Mr. Terrence Pierre.*

Based on the evaluation of the proposals received, the Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago has recommended to the Minister of Public Administration that Concessions be granted to **Trinidad Publishing Company Limited (CNC3)** and **Synergy Entertainment Network Limited**.

The Board has also agreed that since only two companies satisfied the criteria for the award of Concessions for the provision of Free to Air Television Broadcasting services, the Authority will re-issue the Request for Proposals in the near future in order to accommodate additional providers of Free to Air Television services.

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