

Content Regulatory Authority of South Africa**Title: Terms of Reference (TOR) - Research Subscription****Date: 26 January 2024****To: Supply Chain Management Unit****Introduction**

The Film and Publications Board (FPB) is a schedule 3A Public Entity established in terms of the Films and Publications Act, 65 of 1996 (“the Act”), as amended. The objective of the FPB is to regulate the creation, production, distribution and possession of films, games and certain publications by means of classification, assigning age restrictions and providing consumer advice. Additionally, the Act protects children from exposure to disturbing and harmful materials and from premature exposure to adult experiences (**Section 2b**). The FP Act further “sanctions punishment for the use of children in and exposure of children to pornography” as well as criminalising “the possession, production and distribution of child pornography (referred to as Child Sexual Exploitation Material – or CSAM)” (Section 2c and 2d). This particular focus on children has been necessitated by the realisation that the public, and young children particularly, are increasingly active in various online platforms, generating, storing and distributing content, which signals susceptibility to a mixture of physical and online harms.

Purpose of the request

The purpose of the request is to appoint a service provider for online journals, newsletters and articles database subscription and online cross country analysis (benchmarks) which include: 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 36-months).

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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, regulatory research/analysis, etc), databases, applications and benchmarks that are presented in a short, simple and understandable way.
- Provide 6 number of users that can have access on the services, as specifically defined in each subscription contract.

Indicate Compliance on the table below :

Documents	Yes	No	If No reasons for Deviation	Page number of evidence on proposal
Provide number of different deliverable categories/types (regulatory benchmark, monitoring report, country profile, country update, public document, global tech trends report...). Minimum of 2 (two) categories.				
Provide geographic scope (number of countries in national regulatory benchmarks). Minimum of 10 (ten) countries.				
Provide number of years' experience in regulatory analysis. Minimum of 5 (five) years.				
Provide reference letters on an official letter head, dated, signed detailed to research subscription online media content regulation services or List of current & past including name and contact person and numbers				

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