

AMAJUB DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY



TENDER DOCUMENT

PROVISION FOR WATER METER READING SERVICES A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS

BID No- T2026/17

CLOSING DATE: 19 OCTOBER 2026

COMPULSORY BRIEFING: NONE

CLOSING TIME: 12H00

NAME OF BIDDER:

POSTAL ADDRESS:

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TELEPHONE NUMBER:

FAX NUMBER:

E- MAIL ADRESS:

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PART A

INVITATION TO BID

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE AMAJUBA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY					
BID NUMBER:	T2026/17	CLOSING DATE:	19 OCTOBER 2026	CLOSING TIME:	12H00
DESCRIPTION	PROVISION FOR WATER METER READING SERVICES A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS				
THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT FORM (MBD7).					
BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT					
AMAJUBA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY RECEPTION AREA AT B9356, AMAJUBA ROAD, SECTION 1 MADADENI					
SUPPLIER INFORMATION					
NAME OF BIDDER					
POSTAL ADDRESS					
STREET ADDRESS					
TELEPHONE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
CELLPHONE NUMBER					
FACSIMILE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
E-MAIL ADDRESS					
VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER					
TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS	TCS PIN:		OR	CSD No:	
ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES OFFERED?	☐ Yes ☐ No [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]		ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES OFFERED? ☐ Yes ☐ No [IF YES, ANSWER PART B:3]		
TOTAL NUMBER OF ITEMS OFFERED			TOTAL BID PRICE FOR 36 MONTHS		R.....
SIGNATURE OF BIDDER			DATE		
CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED					
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:			TECHNICAL INFORMATION MAY BE DIRECTED TO:		
DEPARTMENT	BTO		CONTACT PERSON	Mandisa Dlamini	
CONTACT PERSON	Sabelo Zulu		TELEPHONE NUMBER	034 329 7200	
TELEPHONE NUMBER	034 329 7200		FACSIMILE NUMBER		
FACSIMILE NUMBER			E-MAIL ADDRESS	mandisad@amajuba.gov.za	
E-MAIL ADDRESS	sabeloz@amajuba.gov.za				

PART B
TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

1. BID SUBMISSION:	
1.1.	BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE STIPULATED TIME TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.
1.2.	ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS PROVIDED (NOT TO BE RE-TYPED) OR ONLINE
1.3.	THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.
2. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS	
2.1	BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.
2.2	BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR UNIQUE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN) ISSUED BY SARS TO ENABLE THE ORGAN OF STATE TO VIEW THE TAXPAYER'S PROFILE AND TAX STATUS.
2.3	APPLICATION FOR THE TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) CERTIFICATE OR PIN MAY ALSO BE MADE VIA E-FILING. IN ORDER TO USE THIS PROVISION, TAXPAYERS WILL NEED TO REGISTER WITH SARS AS E-FILERS THROUGH THE WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA.
2.4	FOREIGN SUPPLIERS MUST COMPLETE THE PRE-AWARD QUESTIONNAIRE IN PART B:3.
2.5	BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID.
2.6	IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED, EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER.
2.7	WHERE NO TCS IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.
3. QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS	
3.1.	IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)? ☐ YES ☐ NO
3.2.	DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA? ☐ YES ☐ NO
3.3.	DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA? ☐ YES ☐ NO
3.4.	DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA? ☐ YES ☐ NO
3.5.	IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF TAXATION? ☐ YES ☐ NO
IF THE ANSWER IS "NO" TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THEN IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER FOR A TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS SYSTEM PIN CODE FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS) AND IF NOT REGISTER AS PER 2.3 ABOVE.	

NB: FAILURE TO PROVIDE ANY OF THE ABOVE PARTICULARS MAY RENDER THE BID INVALID.
NO BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE.

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED:

DATE:

AMAJUBA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY
INVITATION TO BID
BID No.: T2026/17

PROVISION FOR WATER METER READING SERVICES A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS

Bids are hereby invited from suitably qualified and experienced service providers registered on the Central Supplier database for the provision of water meter reading services at Amajuba District Municipality for a period of 36 months. Bid documents with detailed information can be downloaded from these websites www.amajuba.gov.za and e tender website.

This bid will be evaluated on price and functionality in terms of the 80/20 preference point system as prescribed in the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (No 5 of 2000) and Preferential Procurement Regulations of 2022 where 80/20 points system will be applied wherein 80 points are for price and 20 for specific goals.

Bidders are required to submit original tax clearance or income tax reference number, security pin and TCC number. The tender validity period is 90 days after tender closing date.

The specific goals allocated points in terms of this tender	Number of points allocated (80/20 system)	Verification documentation
<u>HDI Points:</u> 1. Business owned more than 50% by black person. 2. Gender = Female 3. Youth	5 5 5	1. CSD Report/ company registration certificate 2. ID copies/CSD report 3. ID copies/CSD report
<u>Specific goals:</u> 4. Promotion of business located within Amajuba District	5	4. Attached municipal rates and taxes or municipal charges to the municipality / municipal entity, or to any other municipality / municipal entity, that is not older than 3 months.

Completed bid documents in sealed envelopes endorsed “**Bid no: T2026/17: PROVISION FOR WATER METER READING SERVICES A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS**” must be deposited in the Municipality’s tender box located in the Reception of the Amajuba District Municipality B9356 Amajuba Road, Section 1 on or before the closing date, whereby bids will be opened in public. Bid envelopes that are not sealed and numbered will not be considered. Late bids will not be accepted. The Amajuba DM is not obliged to award the lowest or any bid.

All technical enquiries must be directed to **Mandisa Dlamini** on 034 329 7200 or by email mandisad@amajuba.gov.za and regarding SCM related procedures, kindly contact **Sabelo Zulu** on 034 329 7200 or by email sabeloz@amajuba.gov.za

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Closing date: Monday, 19 October 2026 @12h00 noon

MRS CB MKHIZE
MUNICIPAL MANAGER



SECTION A

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTICES TO BIDDERS REGARDING THE COMPLETION OF BIDDING FORMS

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE NATIONAL TREASURY SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS ISSUED IN TERMS OF THE MUNICIPAL FINANCE MANAGEMENT ACT 56, 2003, THE AMAJUBA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK AND THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.

1. Unless inconsistent with or expressly indicated otherwise by the context, the singular shall include the plural and visa versa and with words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine and the neuter.
2. Under no circumstances whatsoever may the bid forms be retyped or redrafted.
3. The bidder is advised to check the number of pages and to satisfy himself that none are missing or duplicated.
4. Bids submitted must be complete in all respects.
5. Bids shall be lodged at the address indicated not later than the closing time specified for their receipt, and in accordance with the directives in the bid documents.
6. Each bid shall be addressed in accordance with the directives in the bid documents and shall be lodged in a separate sealed envelope, with the name and the bid number and closing date indicated on the envelope. The envelope shall not contain documents relating to any bid other than that shown on the envelope. If this provision is not complied with, the Municipality will not be held responsible for late bids.
7. All bids received in sealed envelopes with the relevant bid numbers on the envelopes are kept unopened in safe custody until the closing time of the bids.
8. A specific box is provided for the receipt of bids, via courier services should be inserted by the courier company on the tender box a special instruction must be given to the courier company, the Municipality will not be responsible for documents received late, lost or misplaced tender documents.
9. No bid sent through the post will be considered if it is received after the closing date and time stipulated in the bid documentation, and proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
10. No bid submitted by telefax, telegraphic or other electronic means will be considered.
11. Any alteration made by the bidder must be initialled.
12. Use of correcting fluid is prohibited
13. Bids will be opened in public as soon as practicable after the closing time of bid.
14. Where practical, prices are made public at the time of opening bids.
15. If it is desired to make more than one offer against any individual item, such offers should be given on a photocopy of the page in question. Clear indication thereof must be stated on the schedules attached.

SECTION B

COMPLETION OF MUNICIPAL BID DOCUMENTS (MBD FORMS)

All bidders must ensure that the following forms are fully completed, signed, and submitted with their tender. Failure to comply will render the bid non-responsive or lead to disqualification.

Form No.	Form Name	Purpose / What to Declare	Consequence of Non-Compliance
MBD 1	Invitation to Bid	Confirms bidder's details and acceptance of bid conditions. Bidders must complete all parts, offer validity period, and signature.	Omission of bidder details automatically disqualifies the bid, as the offer cannot be evaluated.
MBD 4	Declaration of Interest	Requires bidders declare interest and to declare any relationship with municipal employees, councillors, or other state officials. All directors, shareholders, and partners must be listed including JV partners in case of a joint venture if the form is not completed separately by the joint venture partners. Bidders must also declare if they have an interest in any other company to avoid false declarations.	Failure to disclose relationships or interests constitutes a false declaration under the Municipal Supply Chain Management Regulations, 2005 (Reg. 38) and may lead to disqualification, blacklisting, or cancellation of the contract. Bidders to note that the failure to declare interest on other related companies constitutes a false declaration and bidders will be disqualified for non-disclosure.
MBD 6.1	Preference Points Claim Form (Specific Goals)	Used to claim preference points for specific goals in line with the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2022.	Bidder forfeits preference points if not claimed and if the form is not fully completed and signed. Bidders must claim points by writing the number of points claimed and not by ticking.
MBD 8	Declaration of Bidder's Past Supply Chain Practices	Declares whether the bidder has been restricted, terminated, or failed to perform on any previous government contract.	Failure to disclose or false declaration may result in disqualification or blacklisting.
MBD 9	Certificate of Independent Bid Determination	Confirms that the bid was prepared independently without collusion or price fixing.	Omission renders bid non-responsive.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Incomplete, unsigned, or missing mandatory documents cannot be rectified after closing. Bidders are strongly advised to review their submission using a compliance checklist before submission/delivery.

No bids/quotations will be accepted from persons in the service of the state/ persons who owe rates, services and taxes to any Municipality for a period longer than 90 days/ bidders who are listed on National Treasury list of Tender defaulters or list of restricted service providers

SECTION C - CHECKLIST

The Checklist below is attached hereto to assist Service Providers with the completion of the tender document. Service Providers are required to **TICK** the relevant boxes for verification purposes. Where information is not applicable to the tender, the symbols **N/A** must be inserted in the space provided.

The tenderer must complete and return documents, all returnable documents listed below as part of his/her tender submission:

Returnable Schedules (Documents) for Tender Evaluation Purposes	Yes	No	N/A
Has the Tender Document been completed in BLACK INK and all corrections counter-signed? (No correction fluid used)			
Is a valid Tax Clearance Status Verification Certificate with pin attached to the Tender Document?			
In case of a joint venture, has the tenderer attached a joint venture agreement signed by both parties indicating the lead partner of the joint venture (company documents to be attached for all JV Partners i.e CSD, Tax Verification certificate, etc)			
Has the compulsory "Site Inspection/Tender Briefing" meeting been attended and has the tenderer signed the register (when applicable)			
Has the tenderer fully completed the Declaration of Interest (MBD 4) form, (Directors must be listed on the table on MBD 4 form)			
Has the "Preference Points Claim Form (MBD 6.1) in terms of the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2022" been completed in its entirety and signed?			
Has the tenderer attached proof that the DIRECTOR/S of the company do not owe Municipal rates (Refer section J for the required documentation) .			
Has the tenderer attached proof that the COMPANY does not owe Municipal rates (Refer section J for the required documentation) .			
Central Supplier's Database registration certificate - Detailed CSD			
Has the "Declaration of Bidder's Past SCM practices (MBD 8)" been completed in its entirety and signed?			
Has the "Independent Bid Determination (MBD 9)" been completed in its entirety and signed.			
Has all information as required in terms of the Tender Document been submitted with the tender?			

Name of the Bidder: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SECTION D
REGISTRATION ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIERS DATABASE

1. In terms of the Amajuba District Municipality Supply Chain Management Policy Framework, all suppliers of goods and services are required to register on the Central Suppliers Database.

2. If you wish to apply for Central Supplier Database (CSD) registration, suppliers may go to www.csd.gov.za to register or call KZN Provincial Treasury on 033 897 4223/4676/4509 for assistance.

3. If a business is registered on the Database and it is found subsequently that false or incorrect information has been supplied, then the Municipality may, without prejudice to any other legal rights or remedies it may;

3.1 Recommend to National/Provincial Treasury the de-registration of the supplier from the Central Supplier Database

3.2 Cancel a bid or a contract awarded to such supplier, and the supplier would become liable for any damages if a less favourable bid is accepted, or less favourable arrangements are made.

4. The same principles as set out in paragraph 3 above are applicable should the supplier fail to update its information on the Central Suppliers Database, relating to changed particulars or circumstances.

SECTION E
DECLARATION THAT INFORMATION ON CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD) IS CORRECT AND UP TO DATE

(To be completed by bidder)

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT I (name of the authorised representative)

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WHO REPRESENTS (state name of bidder)

.....

I AM AWARE OF THE CONTENTS OF THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE WITH RESPECT TO THE BIDDER'S DETAILS AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION, AND THAT THE SAID INFORMATION IS CORRECT AND UP TO DATE AS ON THE DATE OF SUBMITTING THIS BID.

AND I AM AWARE THAT INCORRECT OR OUTDATED INFORMATION MAY BE A CAUSE FOR DISQUALIFICATION OF THIS BID FROM THE BIDDING PROCESS, AND/OR POSSIBLE CANCELLATION OF THE CONTRACT THAT MAY BE AWARDED ON THE BASIS OF THIS BID.

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SIGNATURE OF THE AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE

DATE.....

SECTION F

TAX CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

It is a condition of a bid that the taxes of the successful bidder **must** be in order, or that satisfactory arrangements have been made with South African Revenue Service (SARS) to meet the bidder's tax obligations.

1. In order to meet this requirement, bidders are required to ensure compliance with their tax obligations.
2. Bidders are required to submit their unique personal identification number (pin) issued by SARS to enable the organ of state to view the taxpayer's profile and tax status.
3. Application for the tax compliance status (TCS) certificate or pin may also be made via e-filing. in order to use this provision, taxpayers will need to register with SARS as e-filers through the website www.sars.gov.za.
4. Foreign suppliers must complete the pre-award questionnaire in part b:3.
5. Bidders may also submit a printed TCS certificate together with the bid.
6. In bids where consortia / joint ventures / sub-contractors are involved; each party must submit a separate TCS Certificate / Pin / CSD number.
7. Where no TCS is available but the bidder is registered on the central supplier database (CSD), a CSD registration printout must be provided.

SECTION G
AUTHORITY FOR SIGNATORY

Indicate the status of the tenderer by ticking the appropriate box hereunder. The tenderer **must attach the authority to sign letter or must complete** the certificate set out below for the relevant category **if the resolution letter is not attached.**

A Company	B Partnership	C Joint Venture	D Sole Proprietor	E Close Corporation

(I) CERTIFICATE FOR COMPANY

I,....., chairperson of the board of.....

hereby confirm that by resolution of the board (copy attached) taken on.....

20...., Mr./Ms.acting in the capacity of.....,

was authorised to sign all documents in connection with this tender and any contract resulting from it on behalf of the company.

As witnesses:

1.

Chairman:.....

2.

Date:

(II) CERTIFICATE FOR PARTNERSHIP

We, the undersigned, being the key partners in the business trading as

....., hereby authorize Mr/Ms

acting in the capacity of, to sign all documents in connection with this

tender and any contract resulting from it on our behalf.

Name	Address	Signature	Date

Note: This certificate is to be completed and signed by all key partners upon whom rests the direction of the affairs of the Partnership as a whole.

(III) CERTIFICATE FOR JOINT VENTURE

We, the undersigned, are submitting this tender offer in Joint Venture and hereby authorise Mr/Ms.....of the lead partner, authorised signatory of the company, to sign all documents in connection with this tender for Contract and any contract resulting from it on our behalf. This authorisation is evidenced by the attached power of attorney signed by legally authorised signatories of all the partners to the Joint Venture (Joint Venture to submit power of attorney).

Name of Firm	Address	Authorising Name and Capacity	Authorising Signature
Lead Partner:			

(IV) CERTIFICATE FOR SOLE PROPRIETOR

I,....., hereby confirm that I am the sole owner of the business trading as

As witnesses:

a. Sole Owner:
b. Date:

(V) CERTIFICATE FOR CLOSE CORPORATION

We, the undersigned, being the key members in the business trading as

hereby authorise Mr./Ms. acting in the capacity of , to sign all documents in connection with this tender and any contract resulting from it on our behalf.

Name	Address	Signature	Date

Note: This certificate is to be completed and signed by all key partners upon whom rests the direction of the affairs of the Partnership as a whole.

SECTION H

TENDER CONSENT FORM:

I _____ a natural person with
Full Name

ID No.: _____ in my capacity as _____

of _____
(Company Name and Reg. No.)

I hereby give my consent to the Amajuba District Municipality to collect, process and distribute my personal information where the Amajuba District Municipality is legally required to do so.

I understand my right to privacy and the right to have my personal information processed in accordance with the conditions for the lawful processing of personal information.

I understand the purposes for which my personal information is required and for which it will be used and consent to third parties accessing my personal information and to the Amajuba District Municipality sharing my personal information strictly for verification purposes.

I understand that, should I refuse to provide the Amajuba District Municipality with the required consent and/ or information, the Amajuba District Municipality will be unable to consider my application for the above-mentioned tender.

I declare that all my personal information supplied to the Amajuba District Municipality is accurate, up to date, not misleading and that it is complete in all respects and will be held and/ or stored securely for the purpose for which it was collected and that I will immediately advise the Amajuba District Municipality of any changes to my Personal Information should any of these details change.

tick the appropriate box:

☐	I / We hereby consent to the above
☐	I/We hereby withhold consent and understand the implication of my/our decision and will not hold the Amajuba District Municipality responsible for not considering my/our bid.

Signed at this day of20.....

..... Signature of data subject/ designated person

..... Signature.....

SECTION I

RATES AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE (PROOF OF LOCALITY)

In terms of section 38(d) of the National Treasury Municipal Supply Chain Management Regulation the Amajuba District Municipality reserves the right to reject any tender if any municipal rates and taxes or municipal service charges owed by that tenderer or any of its directors to the municipality or to any other municipality or municipal entity are in arrears **for more than 3 (three) months/90 days**.

Tenderers are required to submit proof that the company and directors do not owe municipal rates and tariffs for the municipality.

This serves to confirm that _____ **(Company Name) municipal rates and taxes are paid up to date and the following is attached:** Your tender will be rejected if you have not attach proof that your company does not owe rates for a period longer than 90 days

Proof that the Bidder (Company) does not owe rates	Tick whichever is attached.
Municipal Statement not older than 90 days and not owing more than 90 days	
Valid Lease agreement (Must be active and must be signed by both parties)	
Municipal Rates clearance certificate / Affidavit if the company is operating in rural areas (non-ratable area). Affidavit to state the reason why they are not responsible for paying rates	
Letter or rates statement from the landlord or body corporate if the company is renting and does not have a lease agreement.	
An original copy of an affidavit if the company has not attached any of the document above mentioned documents - the affidavit must clearly state the reasons why the company is not owing rates and taxes or any Municipal charges.	

(Company Director/s) municipal rates and taxes are paid up to date and the following is attached:

Please note that you are required to attach proof that each director does not owe rates and taxes or Municipal service charges for a period longer than 90 days. Your tender will be rejected if you have not attach proof that each director does not owe rates for a period longer than 90 days.

Proof that the director/s do not owe rates for more than 90 days	Tick whichever is attached.
Municipal Statement not older than 90 days and not owing more than 90 days	
Valid Lease agreement (Must be active and must be signed by both parties)	
Municipal Rates clearance certificate / Affidavit if the director/s is operating in rural areas (non-ratable area). Affidavit to state the reason why they are not responsible for paying rates	
Letter or rates statement from the landlord or body corporate if the company is renting and does not have a lease agreement.	
An original copy of an affidavit if the director/s has not attached any of the document above mentioned document - the affidavit must clearly state the reasons why the director/s do not owe rates and taxes or any Municipal charges.	

NB: TENDERERS TO NOTE THAT THEY NEED TO SUBMIT PROOF THAT BOTH THE COMPANY AND THE DIRECTOR/S DO NOT OWE RATES/ TAXES.

Signed at this day of20.....

..... Signature of data subject/ designated person

..... Signature.....



TERMS OF REFERENCE

APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR WATER METER READING SERVICES **FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS**

1. INTRODUCTION

Amajuba District Municipality is a Category C Water Services Authority responsible for the provision of water and sanitation services within its area of jurisdiction.

The Municipality hereby invites suitably qualified and experienced service providers to render monthly water meter reading services in support of accurate billing, revenue management, and financial reporting in compliance with mSCOA and applicable legislation.

2. LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

This appointment shall be governed by:

- Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA), 2003 (Act 56 of 2003)
- Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000)
- Municipal Supply Chain Management Regulations, 2005
- Municipal Standard Chart of Accounts (mSCOA) Regulations
- Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA)
- ADM SCM Policy

The procurement process shall comply with Section 112 of the MFMA and applicable SCM Regulations.

3. PURPOSE OF THE APPOINTMENT

The purpose of this tender is to appoint a service provider to:

- Conduct accurate monthly water meter readings.
- Support revenue enhancement through improved billing accuracy.
- Ensure data integrity for mSCOA-compliant billing and financial reporting.
- Reduce estimated billing and billing exceptions.

4. BID REQUIREMENTS

- 4.1 Bidders must attach CVs of staff with certified copies of qualifications.
- 4.2 Attach proof of registration with COIDA
- 4.3 Attached Letter of intent or Formal quotation for Public Liability Insurance (minimum R1 million)
- 4.4 Detailed Project Proposal with clear phases and timelines. The proposals should include the following;

Methodology Approach – Approach to monthly meter reading across the district, including deployment strategy, staffing and supervision, adherence to billing cycle timelines, quality control measures, exception handling (zero consumption, abnormal readings, inaccessible meters), re-read processes, data validation, and fraud prevention controls.

The methodology must clearly demonstrate the bidder's technological capability, including system functionality, electronic data capture, GPS tracking, secure data management, compatibility with the Municipality's billing and mSCOA financial system, and the ability to support future upgrades and integration.

5. SCOPE OF WORK

5.1 Meter Reading Services

The service provider shall:

Conduct physical monthly readings of all allocated water meters.

- Complete readings within the municipal billing cycle (approximately 30 days).
- Capture readings electronically using handheld or mobile-enabled devices.
- Ensure devices are GPS-enabled and capable of recording geo-location and time stamps.
- Ensure the system supports secure digital upload of readings to the Municipality's billing system.
- Perform re-reads (check readings) as instructed.
- Perform final readings upon request.
- Provide valid no-read codes with supporting evidence where required.
- Identify meters not appearing on the billing system.
- Report suspected tampering, bypasses, illegal connections or irregularities.

The service provider's technology must be capable of updates and configuration adjustments to accommodate system changes during the contract period.

This contract excludes meter maintenance, installation, replacement or repair.

5.2 Data Capture and Submission

The service provider must:

- Submit meter readings in electronic format compatible with the Municipality's mSCOA-compliant financial/billing system.
- Ensure data export format aligns with the Municipality's financial system requirements.
- Ensure readings are uploaded within agreed timelines to allow billing processing.
- Maintain historical reading data for audit purposes.

The system must allow seamless import into the Municipality's mSCOA billing environment without manual manipulation.

5.3 Monthly Reporting

The service provider shall submit the following monthly reports:

- Total meters allocated
- Total meters read
- Actual billable reading percentage
- Meters not read with codes
- Abnormal consumption reports
- Zero consumption reports
- Inaccessible meters
- Suspected tampering cases

- Variance reports
- GPS exception report (where applicable)

Reports must support internal audit and AG audit requirements.

6. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (KPIs)

The following minimum performance ratios shall apply:

- Minimum 90% actual billable reading ratio during first contract year.
- Minimum 95% actual billable reading ratio from year two onwards.
- 100% submission of monthly reports within agreed timelines.

Failure to meet performance standards may result in penalties or contract review. Performance will be reviewed quarterly.

7. BACK-OFFICE REQUIREMENTS

The service provider must:

- Have operational capacity within KwaZulu-Natal.
- Provide vehicles for field operations.
- Ensure all meter readers wear visible identification and safety clothing.
- Maintain a local coordination office.
- Attend monthly performance meetings with Revenue Section.

8. EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

The service provider must:

- Provide handheld devices with camera capability (minimum 5MP).
- Provide compatible meter reading software.
- Ensure compatibility with the Municipality's mSCOA financial system.
- Maintain secure and virus-protected systems.
- Ensure data confidentiality and compliance with POPIA.

No e-portal or smart metering solution is required under this tender.

9. DATA SECURITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

- All consumer and billing data remains property of ADM.
- The service provider shall not share data with third parties.
- Strict compliance with POPIA is mandatory.
- All meter reading sheets, and variance reports must be available for audit.

10. CONTRACT PERIOD

Three (3) years from date of award.

The Municipality reserves the right to terminate in terms of MFMA and SCM provisions in cases of poor performance, data manipulation or fraud and failure to meet KPIs.

11. PAYMENT TERMS

- Payment shall be made only for actual acceptable meter readings.
- No payment shall be made for re-reads unless formally instructed.
- Payment within 30 days upon submission of valid tax invoice.
- Invoices must reconcile to approved reading statistics.

Bid price - BOQ

		Number of Water Meters	Rate per meter Year 1	Year 1 Amount per Area	Rate per meter Year 2	Year 2 Amount per Area	Rate per meter Year 3	Year 3 Amount per Area
Emadlangeni (Utrecht)		1135						
Dannhauser		1790						
Durnacol		535						
Emafusini		525						
Hattingspruit		89						
Emfundweni		354						
Newcastle (Ekuseni pipeline)		1						
Newcastle boundary		3						
	TOTALS							
	OVERHEADS							
	VAT							
	TOTALS							
	TOTAL BID PRICE (FOR 36 MONTHS)							

12. EVALUATION CRITERIA

This bid will be evaluated on price and functionality in terms of the 80/20 preference point system as prescribed in the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (No 5 of 2000) and Preferential Procurement Regulations of 2022 where 80/20 points system will be applied wherein 80 points are for price and 20 for specific goals.

12.1 Functionality criteria

Bidders scoring less than 35 points on functionality will not be further evaluated for price

Criteria	Weight
(i) Municipal Meter Reading Experience Five completed projects in the last 10 years. Attach five appointment letters (50 points) Three completed projects in the last 10 years. Attach three appointment letters (30 points) Two Completed projects in the last 10 years. Attach two appointment letters (20 points)	50
(ii) Financial Viability Bidders Must demonstrate availability of financial resources to successful deliver should they be awarded. Bank Rating from Registered financial institutions Bank Rating A - 20 points Bank Rating B - 15 points Bank Rating C - 10 points Bank Rating D - 5 points	20 Points
Total	70

13. Returnable Documents

- Certified ID copies of all members/directors of company or sole proprietor
- Bank details (together with an original cancelled cheque/ bank stamp or original letter from financial institution)
- All Municipal Bid Documents (MBD) must be completed and returned. Failure to fully complete and/or provision of incorrect information in the declaration will be regarded as a non-responsive tender.
- Copy of CSD (Central Supplier Database).
- Copy of company registration documents.
- For Joint Venture Agreements, attach the CK's of each of the joint venture members (if applicable)
- ID(s) copies of company director(s).
- Copy of current municipal account for all Director/s and Company, not owing more than 90 days or copy of lease agreement from the relevant leasing authority. If the business is operated from the residence of one of the Director/s, an original affidavit, certified, must be submitted stating the address of the premises from your local SAPS office. In a case where the directors are not liable for the payment of rates/taxes, an affidavit commissioned by SAPS stating that the director is not liable for the payment of rates must be submitted. In case the director does not own property/is a tenant, leasing agreement should be submitted to confirm the place of residence. Tenders who are not registered with any municipality for the payment of rates and services due to their location may submit proof of residence / business address certified by a Municipal Councillor, but only if the residence is the same address as the business address, accompanied by an affidavit commissioned by SAPS.
- If the bidder's place of work or the address is located in rural settlement under traditional council, the bidder must submit the proof of resident certified by the traditional council leader and proof of resident certified by ward councillor.

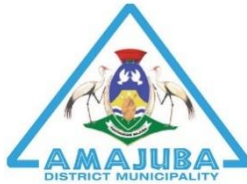
- Printed copy of SARS Tax Pin for further verification.
- Completed and signed Municipal Bidding Document attached to the tender document.

Bids will be adjudicated in terms of the Council Supply Chain Management Policy on the 80/20 Preferential Point System. It is therefore compulsory that the municipal tender document be used. Amajuba District Municipality is not bound to accept the lowest or any quote.

TOR APPROVED BY

MRS CB MKHIZE

MUNICIPAL MANAGER



MBD 4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

1. No bid will be accepted from persons in the service of the state¹.
2. Any person, having a kinship with persons in the service of the state, including a blood relationship, may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid. In view of possible allegations of favouritism, should the resulting bid, or part thereof, be awarded to persons connected with or related to persons in service of the state, it is required that the bidder or their authorised representative declare their position in relation to the evaluating/adjudicating authority.
- 3 In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.
 - 3.1 Full Name of bidder or his or her representative:.....
 - 3.2 Identity Number:
 - 3.3 Position occupied in the Company (director, trustee, hareholder²):.....
 - 3.4 Company Registration Number:
 - 3.5 Tax Reference Number:.....
 - 3.6 VAT Registration Number:
 - 3.7 The names of all directors / trustees / shareholders members, their individual identity numbers and state employee numbers must be indicated in paragraph 4 below.
 - 3.8 Are you presently in the service of the state? **YES / NO**
 - 3.8.1 If yes, furnish particulars.

¹MSCM Regulations: “in the service of the state” means to be –
(a) a member of –

- (i) any municipal council;
 - (ii) any provincial legislature; or
 - (iii) the national Assembly or the national Council of provinces;
- (b) a member of the board of directors of any municipal entity;
- (c) an official of any municipality or municipal entity;
- (d) an employee of any national or provincial department, national or provincial public entity or constitutional institution within the meaning of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No.1 of 1999);

(e) a member of the accounting authority of any national or provincial public entity; or

(f) an employee of Parliament or a provincial legislature.

Shareholder" means a person who owns shares in the company and is actively involved in the management of the company or business and exercises control over the company.

3.9 Have you been in the service of the state for the past twelve months? **YES / NO**

3.9.1 If yes, furnish particulars.....

.....

3.10 Do you have any relationship (family, friend, other) with persons
in the service of the state and who may be involved with
the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid? **YES / NO**

3.10.1 If yes, furnish particulars.

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.....

3.11 Are you, aware of any relationship (family, friend, other)etween
any other bidder and any persons in the service of the state
who
may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid? **YES / NO**

3.11.1 If yes, furnish particulars

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3.12 Are any of the company's directors, trustees, managers,
principle shareholders or stakeholders in service of the state? **YES / NO**

3.12.1 If yes, furnish particulars.

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3.13 Are any spouse, child or parent of the company's directors trustees, managers, principle shareholders or stakeholders in service of the state? **YES/NO**

3.13.1 If yes, furnish particulars.

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3.14 Do you or any of the directors, trustees, managers, principle shareholders, or stakeholders of this company have any interest in any other related companies or business whether or not they are bidding for this contract. **YES / NO**

3.14.1 If yes, furnish particulars:

.....

Full details of directors / trustees / members / shareholders.

Full Name	Identity Number	State Employee Number

.....
Signature

.....
Date

.....
Capacity

.....
Name of Bidder

MBD 6.1

PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS 2022

This preference form must form part of all tenders invited. It contains general information and serves as a claim form for preference points for specific goals.

NB: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, TENDERERS MUST STUDY THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF THE TENDER AND PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2022

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to invitations to tender:

- the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included);

a) The applicable preference point system for this tender is the 80/20 preference point system.

1.2 Points for this tender (even in the case of a tender for income-generating contracts) shall be awarded for:

- (a) Price; and
- (b) Specific Goals.

1.3 The maximum points for this tender are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
PRICE	80
SPECIFIC GOALS	20
Total points for Price and SPECIFIC GOALS	100

1.4 Failure on the part of a tenderer to submit proof or documentation required in terms of this tender to claim points for specific goals with the tender, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for specific goals are not claimed.

1.5 The organ of state reserves the right to require of a tenderer, either before a tender is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the organ of state.

2.

DEFINITIONS

- (a) **“tender”** means a written offer in the form determined by an organ of state in response to an invitation to provide goods or services through price quotations, competitive tendering process or any other method envisaged in legislation;
- (b) **“price”** means an amount of money tendered for goods or services, and includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts;
- (c) **“rand value”** means the total estimated value of a contract in Rand, calculated at the time of bid invitation, and includes all applicable taxes;
- (d) **“tender for income-generating contracts”** means a written offer in the form determined by an organ of state in response to an invitation for the origination of income-generating contracts through any method envisaged in legislation that will result in a legal agreement between the organ of state and a third party that produces revenue for the organ of state, and includes, but is not limited to, leasing and disposal of assets and concession contracts, excluding direct sales and disposal of assets through public auctions; and
- (e) **“the Act”** means the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 (Act No. 5 of 2000).

3. FORMULA FOR PROCUREMENT OF SERVICES

3.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

3.1.1 THE 80/20 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

A maximum of 80 points is allocated for price on the following basis:

80/20

$$P_s = 80 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{min}}{P_{min}} \right)$$

Where

P_s = Points scored for price of tender under consideration

P_t = Price of tender under consideration

P_{min} = Price of lowest acceptable tender

4. POINTS AWARDED FOR SPECIFIC GOALS

- 4.1. In terms of Regulation 4(2); 5(2); 6(2) and 7(2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded for specific goals stated in the tender.
- 4.2. For the purposes of this tender the tenderer will be allocated points based on the goals stated in table 1 below as may be supported by proof/ documentation stated in the conditions of this tender:

Table 1: Specific goals for the tender and points claimed are indicated per the table below.

Note to tenderers: The tenderer must indicate how they claim points for each preference point system.)

The specific goals allocated points in terms of this tender	Number of points allocated (80/20 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of points claimed (80/20 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)
1. Business owned more than 50% by black person.	5	
2. Gender = Female	5	
3. Youth	5	
Specific goals: 4. Promotion of business located within Amajuba District Municipality	5	
TOTAL POINTS CLAIMED	20	

DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

4.3. Name of company/firm.....

4.4. Company registration number:

4.5. TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

- ☐ Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
- ☐ One-person business/sole propriety
- ☐ Close corporation
- ☐ Public Company
- ☐ Personal Liability Company
- ☐ (Pty) Limited
- ☐ Non-Profit Company
- ☐ State Owned Company

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

4.6. I, the undersigned, who is duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the specific goals as advised in the tender, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I acknowledge that:

- i) The information furnished is true and correct;
- ii) The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 1 of this form;
- iii) In the event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed as shown in paragraphs 1.4 and 4.2, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the organ of state that the claims are correct;
- iv) If the specific goals have been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the organ of state may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –
 - (a) disqualify the person from the tendering process;
 - (b) recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person's conduct;
 - (c) cancel the contract and claim any damages which it has suffered as a result of having to make less favourable arrangements due to such cancellation;
 - (d) recommend that the tenderer or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted from obtaining business from any organ of state for a period not exceeding 10 years, after the *audi alteram partem* (hear the other side) rule has been applied; and
 - (e) forward the matter for criminal prosecution, if deemed necessary.

.....
SIGNATURE(S) OF TENDERER(S)

SURNAME AND NAME:

DATE:

ADDRESS:

.....

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MBD 8

DECLARATION OF BIDDER'S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- 1 This Municipal Bidding Document must form part of all bids invited.
- 2 It serves as a declaration to be used by municipalities and municipal entities in ensuring that when goods and services are being procured, all reasonable steps are taken to combat the abuse of the supply chain management system.
- 3 The bid of any bidder may be rejected if that bidder, or any of its directors have:
 - a. abused the municipality's / municipal entity's supply chain management system or committed any improper conduct in relation to such system;
 - b. been convicted for fraud or corruption during the past five years;
 - c. willfully neglected, reneged on or failed to comply with any government, municipal or other public sector contract during the past five years; or
 - d. been listed in the Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004).
- 4 In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.

Item	Question	Yes	No
4.1	<i>Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the National Treasury's database as a company or person prohibited from doing business with the public sector?</i> <i>(Companies or persons who are listed on this database were informed in writing of this restriction by the National Treasury after the audi alteram partem rule was applied).</i>	Yes ☐	No ☐

4.1.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.2	Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004)? (To access this Register enter the National Treasury's website, www.treasury.gov.za, click on the icon "Register for Tender Defaulters" or submit your written request for a hard copy of the Register to facsimile number (012) 3265445).	Yes ☐	No ☐
4.2.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.3	Was the bidder or any of its directors convicted by a court of law (including a court of law outside the Republic of South Africa) for fraud or corruption during the past five years?	Yes ☐	No ☐
4.3.1	If so, furnish particulars:		

Item	Question	Yes	No
4.4	Does the bidder or any of its directors owe any municipal rates and taxes or municipal charges to the municipality / municipal entity, or to any other municipality / municipal entity, that is in arrears for more than three months?	Yes ☐	No ☐
4.4.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.5	Was any contract between the bidder and the municipality / municipal entity or any other organ of state terminated during the past five years on account of failure to perform on or comply with the contract?	Yes ☐	No ☐
4.7.1	If so, furnish particulars:		

CERTIFICATION

I, THE UNDERSIGNED (FULL NAME)
 CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED ON THIS
 DECLARATION FORM TRUE AND CORRECT.

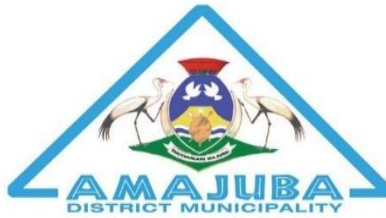
I ACCEPT THAT, IN ADDITION TO CANCELLATION OF A CONTRACT,
 ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST ME SHOULD THIS
 DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

.....
Signature

.....
Date

.....
Position

.....
Name of Bidder



MBD 9

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

- 1 This Municipal Bidding Document (MBD) must form part of all bids¹ invited.
- 2 Section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, prohibits an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if it involves collusive bidding (or bid rigging).² Collusive bidding is a *pe se* prohibition meaning that it cannot be justified under any grounds.
- 3 Municipal Supply Regulation 38 (1) prescribes that a supply chain management policy must provide measures for the combating of abuse of the supply chain management system, and must enable the accounting officer, among others, to:
 - a. take all reasonable steps to prevent such abuse;
 - b. reject the bid of any bidder if that bidder or any of its directors has abused the supply chain management system of the municipality or municipal entity or has committed any improper conduct in relation to such system; and
 - c. cancel a contract awarded to a person if the person committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of the contract.
- 4 This MBD serves as a certificate of declaration that would be used by institutions to ensure that, when bids are considered, reasonable steps are taken to prevent any form of bid-rigging.
- 5 In order to give effect to the above, the attached Certificate of Bid Determination (MBD9) must be completed and submitted with the bid:

¹ Includes price quotations, advertised competitive bids, limited bids and proposals.

² Bid rigging (or collusive bidding) occurs when businesses, that would otherwise be expected to compete, secretly conspire to raise prices or lower the quality of goods and / or services for purchasers who wish to acquire goods and / or services through a bidding process. Bid rigging is, therefore, an agreement between competitors not to compete.

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid:

T2026/17: PROVISION FOR WATER METER READING SERVICES A PERIOD OF

36 MONTHS (Bid Number and Description)

in response to the invitation for the bid made by:

AMAJUBA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

I certify, on behalf

of: _____ that:

(Name of Bidder)

1. I have read and I understand the contents of this Certificate;
2. I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this Certificate is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
3. I am authorized by the bidder to sign this Certificate, and to submit the accompanying bid, on behalf of the bidder;
4. Each person whose signature appears on the accompanying bid has been authorized by the bidder to determine the terms of, and to sign, the bid, on behalf of the bidder;
5. For the purposes of this Certificate and the accompanying bid, I understand that the word "competitor" shall include any individual or organization, other than the bidder, whether or not affiliated with the bidder, who:
 - (a) has been requested to submit a bid in response to this bid invitation;
 - (b) could potentially submit a bid in response to this bid invitation, based on their qualifications, abilities or experience; and
 - (c) provides the same goods and services as the bidder and/or is in the same line of business as the bidder
6. The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium³ will not be construed as collusive bidding.
7. In particular, without limiting the generality of paragraphs 6 above, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor regarding:
 - (a) prices;
 - (b) geographical area where product or service will be rendered (market allocation)
 - (c) methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices;
 - (d) the intention or decision to submit or not to submit, a bid;
 - (e) the submission of a bid which does not meet the specifications and conditions of the bid; or
 - (f) bidding with the intention not to win the bid.

8. In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.

9. The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.

³ Joint venture or Consortium means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge in an activity for the execution of a contract.

10. I am aware that, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided to combat any restrictive practices related to bids and contracts, bids that are suspicious will be reported to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties in terms of section 59 of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998 and or may be reported to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for criminal investigation and or may be restricted from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No. 12 of 2004 or any other applicable legislation.

.....
Signature

.....
Date

.....
Position

Name of Bidder

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

PUBLICATION REFERENCE:

In submitting their bid, bidders must respect all instructions, forms, Terms of reference, contract provisions and specifications contained in this bid dossier. Failure to submit a bid containing all the required information and documentation within the deadline specified will lead to the rejection of the bid.

1. Services to be provided

These services required by the Contracting Authority are described in these Terms of Reference/Specification.

2. Participating and sub-contracting

2.1 Participation in this bid is open to everyone.

2.2 Bids should be submitted by the same service provider or consortium, which has submitted the proposal based on the above. **No change whatsoever in the identity or composition of the bidder is permitted;**

2.3 Short-listed service provider or consortia are allowed to form alliances with any other firms or to sub-contract to each other for the purpose of this contract;

2.4 Sub-contracting will be allowed, only in so far as it was stated in the initial bid.

2.5 Duplication of bid document is prohibited.

3. The same person, who signed the corresponding must sign this document.

4. Variant solutions

Any variant solutions will not be taken into consideration.

5. Additional information before the deadline for submission of bidders

The bid dossier should be clear enough to avoid the Contracting Authority from having request additional information during the procedure. If the Contracting Authority, either on own initiative or in response to the request of a short-listed candidate, provides additional information on the bid dossier, such information will be sent in writing to all other bidders at the same time.

Bidders may submit questions in writing to the following address up to 10 days before the deadlines for submission of bids, specifying the **publication reference** and the **contract title**:

Attention: Mr Sabelo Zulu
Amajuba District Municipality
Email: sabeloz@amajuba.gov.za

Any prospective bidders seeking to arrange individual meetings with either the Contracting Authority during the bid period may be excluded from the bid procedure.

Any clarification of the bid dossier will be communicated simultaneously in writing to all bidders at the latest 7 calendar days before the deadline for submission of bids. No further clarifications will be given after this date.

Visit by individual prospective bidder during the bid period are not permitted other than the site visit for good reasons.

6. Submission of Bids

Bids must be submitted in English such that they are received before the deadline specified by in the letter of invitation to bid.

Any infringement of these rules (e.g. unsealed envelopes) is to be considered a breach of the rules, and will lead to rejection of the bid.

The envelope should carry the following information:

- a) The address for submission of bid indicated above;);
- b) The words "Not to be opened before the bid opening sessions";
- c) The pages of the Technical and Financial offers must be numbered.

7. Alterations or Withdrawal of Bids

7.1 Bidders may alter or withdraw bids by written notification prior to the deadline for submission of bids. No bid may be altered after this deadline.

7.2 Any such notification of alteration or withdrawal shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with clause 8. The envelope must be marked "Alteration" or "Withdrawal" as appropriate.

8. Costs for preparing Bids

No costs incurred by the bidder in preparing and submitting the bid shall be reimbursable. All such costs shall be borne by the bidder. In particular, if proposed key members were interviewed, all costs shall be borne by the bidder.

9. Ownership of Bids

The Contracting Authority retains ownership in all bid received (this excludes intellectual property for all but the successful bidder) under this tendering procedure. Consequently, bidders have no right to have their bids returned to them.

10. Confidentiality

The entire evaluation procedure, from the drawing up of the shortlist to the signature of the contract, is confidential. The Evaluation / Adjudication Committee's decisions are collective and its deliberations are held in closed session. The members of the Evaluation / Adjudication Committee are bound to secrecy.

The evaluation reports and written records are for official use only and may be communicated to neither the bidders nor to any party other than the Contracting Authority.

11. Ethics clauses / Corruptive practices

- a) Any attempt by a bidder to obtain confidential information, enter into unlawful agreements with competitors or influence the Evaluation / Adjudication Committee or the Contracting Authority during the process of examining, clarifying, evaluating, comparing and adjudication bid will lead to the rejection of its bid and may result in administrative penalties.
- b) The bidder must not be affected by any potential conflict of interest.
- c) The Amajuba District Municipality reserves the right to suspend or cancel funding to this project if corrupt practices of any kind are discovered at any stage of the award process or during the implementation of a contract, if the Contracting Authority fails to take all appropriate measures to remedy the situation. For the purposes of this provision, "corrupt practices" are the offer of a bribe, gift, gratuity or commission to any person as an inducement or reward for performing or refraining from any act relating to the award of a contract or implementation of a contract already concluded with the Contracting Authority.
- d) Bids will be rejected, or contracts terminated if it emerges that the award or execution of a contract has given rise to unusual commercial expenses. Such unusual commercial expenses are commissions not mentioned in the main contract or not stemming from a properly concluded contract referring to the main contract, commissions not paid in return for any actual and legitimate service, commissions paid to a payee who is not clearly identified or commissions paid to a company which has every appearance of being a front company.

Failure to comply with one or more of the ethics clauses may result in the exclusion of the bidder or contractor from other Community contracts and in penalties.

12. Documentary evidence required from the successful Bidder

The successful bidder will be informed in writing that its bid has been accepted (notification of award). Before the Contracting Authority signs the contract with a Successful bidder, a successful bidder may be requested to provide additional information as deemed necessary by the Contracting Authority.

This evidence or these documents must carry a date, which cannot be more than 180 days in relation to the deadline for the submission of the bidder. In addition, a sworn statement shall be furnished stating that the situations described in these documents have not changed since then.

If the successful bidder fails to provide these documents or is found to have provided false information, the award will be considered null and void. In such a case, the Contracting Authority may award the bid to another bidder or cancel the bid procedure.

13. Signature of contract(s)

Within 7 days of receipt of the contract already signed by the Contracting Authority, the selected bidder shall sign and date the contract and return it to the Contracting Authority.

Failure of the selected bidder to comply with this requirement may constitute grounds for the annulment of the decision to award the contract. In such a case, the Contracting Authority may award the bid to another bidder or cancel the bid procedure.

The other candidates will be informed that their bids were not accepted, by means of a standard letter.

14. Cancellation of the Bids procedure

In the event of cancellation of the bid procedure, bidders will be notified of the cancellation by the Contracting Authority. If the bid procedure is cancelled before the envelopes of any bid has been opened, the unopened and sealed envelopes will be returned to the bidders.

Cancellation may occur when:

- The bid procedure has been unsuccessful, i.e., no qualitatively or financially worthwhile bid has been received or there is no response at all;
- The economic or technical data of the project have been fundamentally altered;
- Exceptional circumstances or *force majeure* render normal performance of the contract impossible;
- All technically compliant bids exceed the financial resources available;
- There have been irregularities in the procedure, in particular where these have prevented fair competition.

In no event shall the Contracting Authority be liable for any damages whatsoever including, without limitation, damages for loss of profits, in any way connected with the cancellation of a bid even if the Contracting Authority has been advised of the possibility of damages.

The publication of a procurement notice does not commit to the Contracting Authority to implement the programmed or project announced.

15. Intentions to award

Bidders will be informed of the Municipality's intention to award (notification of the intention to award). A notice will be sent to bidders or will be uploaded on the Amajuba District Municipality Website.

THE NATIONAL TREASURY
Republic of South Africa



GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT:
GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT
July 2010

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General Conditions of Contract

1. Definitions

The following terms shall be interpreted as indicated:

- 1.1 **“Closing time”** means the date and hour specified in the bidding documents for the receipt of bids.
- 1.2 **“Contract”** means the written agreement entered into between the Purchaser and the Vendor, as recorded in the contract form signed by the parties, including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein.
- 1.3 **“Contract price”** means the price payable to the Vendor under the contract for the full and proper performance of his contractual obligations.
- 1.4 **“Corrupt practice”** means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of anything of value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement process or in contract execution.
- 1.5 **"Countervailing duties"** are imposed in cases where an enterprise abroad is subsidized by its government and encouraged to market its products internationally.
- 1.6 **“Country of origin”** means the place where the goods were mined, grown or produced or from which the services are supplied. Goods are produced when, through manufacturing, processing or substantial and major assembly of components, a commercially recognized new product results that is substantially different in basic characteristics or in purpose or utility from its components.
- 1.7 **“Day”** means calendar day.
- 1.8 **“Delivery”** means delivery in compliance with the conditions of the contract or order.

- 1.9 **“Delivery ex stock”** means immediate delivery directly from stock actually on hand.
- 1.10 **“Delivery into consignee’s store or to his site”** means delivered and unloaded in the specified store or depot or on the specified site in compliance with the conditions of the contract or order, the Vendor bearing all risks and charges involved until the supplies are so delivered and a valid receipt is obtained.
- 1.11 **“Dumping”** occurs when a private enterprise abroad markets its goods on own initiative in the RSA at lower prices than that of the country of origin and which have the potential to harm the local industries in the RSA.
- 1.12 **” Force majeure”** means an event beyond the control of the Vendor and not involving the Vendor’s fault or negligence and not foreseeable. Such events may include, but is not restricted to, acts of the Purchaser in its sovereign capacity, wars or revolutions, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions and freight embargoes.
- 1.13 **“Fraudulent practice”** means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of any bidder and includes collusive practice among bidders (prior to or after bid submission) designed to establish bid prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive the bidder of the benefits of free and open competition.
- 1.14 **“GCC”** means the General Conditions of Contract.
- 1.15 **“Goods”** means all of the equipment, machinery, and/or other materials that the Vendor is required to supply to the Purchaser under the contract.
- 1.16 **“Imported content”** means that portion of the bidding price represented by the cost of components, parts or materials which have been or are still to be imported (whether by the Vendor or his subcontractors) and which costs are inclusive of the costs abroad, plus freight and other direct importation costs such as landing costs, dock dues, import duty, sales duty or other similar tax or duty at the South African place of

entry as well as transportation and handling charges to the factory in the Republic where the supplies covered by the bid will be manufactured.

- 1.17 **“Local content”** means that portion of the bidding price which is not included in the imported content provided that local manufacture does take place.
- 1.18 **“Manufacture”** means the production of products in a factory using labour, materials, components and machinery and includes other related value-adding activities.
- 1.19 **“Order”** means an official written order issued for the supply of goods/works or the rendering of a service.
- 1.20 **“Project site”** where applicable, means the place indicated in bidding documents.
- 1.21 **“Purchaser”** means the Institution purchasing the goods/works and/or service.
- 1.22 **“Republic”** means the Republic of South Africa.
- 1.23 **“SCC”** means the Special Conditions of Contract.
- 1.24 **“Services”** means those functional services ancillaries to the supply of the goods, such as transportation and any other incidental services, such as installation, commissioning, provision of technical assistance, training, catering, gardening, security, maintenance and other such obligations of the Vendor covered under the contract.
- 1.25 **“Written”** or **“in writing”** means handwritten in ink or any form of electronic or mechanical writing.

2. Application

- 2.1 These general conditions are applicable to all bids, contracts and orders including bids for functional and professional services, sales, hiring, letting and the granting or acquiring of

rights, but **excluding immovable property**, unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents.

2.2 Where applicable, Special Conditions of Contract are also laid down to cover specific Vendors, services or works.

2.3 Where such Special Conditions of Contract are in conflict with these general conditions, the special conditions shall apply.

3. General

3.1 Unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents, the Purchaser shall not be liable for any expense incurred in the preparation and submission of a bid. Where applicable a non-refundable fee for documents may be charged.

3.2 With certain exceptions, invitations to bid are only published in the Government Tender Bulletin. The Government Tender Bulletin may be obtained directly from the Government Printer, Private Bag X85, Pretoria 0001, or accessed electronically from www.treasury.gov.za.

4. Standards

4.1 The goods/works and/or service supplied shall conform to the standards mentioned in the bidding documents and specifications.

5. Use of Contract Document and Information; Inspection

5.1 The Vendor shall not, without the Purchaser's prior written consent, disclose the contract, or any provision thereof, or any specification, plan, drawing, pattern, sample, or information furnished by or on behalf of the Purchaser in connection therewith, to any person other than a person employed by the Vendor in the performance of the contract. Disclosure to any such employed person shall be made in confidence and shall extend only so far as may be necessary for purposes of such performance.

- 5.2 The Vendor shall not, without the Purchaser's prior written consent, make use of any document or information mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 except for purposes of performing the contract.
- 5.3 Any document, other than the contract itself mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 shall remain the property of the Purchaser and shall be returned (all copies) to the Purchaser on completion of the Vendor's performance under the contract if so required by the Purchaser.
- 5.4 The Vendor shall permit the Purchaser to inspect the Vendor's records relating to the performance of the Vendor and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the Purchaser, if so required by the Purchaser.
- 5.5 The Vendor shall indemnify the Purchaser against all third-party claims of infringement of patent, trademark, or industrial design rights arising from use of the goods or any part thereof by the Purchaser.

6. Patent Rights

- 6.1 The Vendor shall indemnify the Purchaser against all third-party claims of infringement of patent, trademark, or industrial design rights arising from use of the goods or any part thereof by the Purchaser.

7. Performance Security

- 7.1 The proceeds of the performance security shall be payable to the Purchaser as compensation for any loss resulting from the Vendor's failure to complete his obligations under the contract.
- 7.2 The performance security shall be denominated in the currency of the contract or in a freely convertible currency acceptable to the Purchaser and shall be in one of the following forms:
- a) a bank guarantee or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a reputable bank located in the Purchaser's country or abroad, acceptable to the Purchaser, in the form provided in the bidding documents or another form acceptable to the Purchaser; or

b) A cashier's or certified cheque.

- 7.3 The performance security will be discharged by the Purchaser and returned to the Vendor not later than thirty (30) days following the date of completion of the Vendor's performance obligations under the contract, including any warranty obligations, unless otherwise specified in SCC.

8. Inspection, Tests and Analysis

- 8.1 All pre-bidding testing will be for the account of the bidder.
- 8.2 If it is a bid condition that supplies to be produced or services to be rendered should at any stage during production or execution or on completion be subject to inspection, the premises of the bidder or contractor shall be open, at all reasonable hours, for inspection by a representative of the Institution or an organization acting on behalf of the Institution.
- 8.3 If there are no inspection requirements indicated in the bidding documents and no mention is made in the contract, but during the contract period it is decided that inspections shall be carried out, the Purchaser shall itself make the necessary arrangements, including payment arrangements with the testing authority concerned.
- 8.4 If the inspections, tests and analyses referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 show the supplies to be in accordance with the contract requirements, the cost of the inspections, tests and analyses shall be defrayed by the Purchaser.
- 8.5 Where the supplies or services referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 do not comply with the contract requirements, irrespective of whether such supplies or services are accepted or not, the cost in connection with these inspections, tests or analyses shall be defrayed by the Vendor.
- 8.6 Supplies and services which are referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 and which do not comply with the contract requirements may be rejected.

- 8.7 Any contract supplies may on or after delivery be inspected, tested or analysed and may be rejected if found not to comply with the requirements of the contract. Such rejected supplies shall be held at the cost and risk of the Vendor who shall, when called upon, remove them immediately at his own cost and forthwith substitute them with supplies which do comply with the requirements of the contract. Failing such removal the rejected supplies shall be returned at the Vendor's cost and risk. Should the Vendor fail to provide the substitute supplies forthwith, the Purchaser may, without giving the Vendor further opportunity to substitute the rejected supplies, purchase such supplies as may be necessary at the expense of the Vendor.
- 8.8 The provisions of clauses 8.4 to 8.7 shall not prejudice the right of the Purchaser to cancel the contract on account of a breach of the conditions thereof, or to act in terms of Clause 23 of GCC.

9. Packaging

- 9.1 The Vendor shall provide such packing of the goods as is required to prevent their damage or deterioration during transit to their final destination, as indicated in the contract. The packing shall be sufficient to withstand, without limitation, rough handling during transit and exposure to extreme temperatures, salt and precipitation during transit, and open storage. Packing, case size and weights shall take into consideration, where appropriate, the remoteness of the goods' final destination and the absence of heavy handling facilities at all points in transit.
- 9.2 The packing, marking, and documentation within and outside the packages shall comply strictly with such special requirements as shall be expressly provided for in the contract, including additional requirements, if any, specified in SCC, and in any subsequent instructions ordered by the Purchaser.

10. Delivery and Documents

- 10.1 Delivery of the goods shall be made by the Vendor in accordance with the terms specified in the contract. The details of shipping and/or other documents to be furnished by the Vendor are specified in SCC.

10.2 Documents to be submitted by the Vendor are specified in SCC.

11. Insurance

11.1 The goods supplied under the contract shall be fully insured in a freely convertible currency against loss or damage incidental to manufacture or acquisition, transportation, storage and delivery in the manner specified in the SCC.

12. Transportation

12.1 Should a price other than an all-inclusive delivered price be required, this shall be specified in the SCC.

13. Incidental Services

13.1 The Vendor may be required to provide any or all of the following services, including additional services, if any, specified in SCC:

- a) performance or supervision of on-site assembly and/or commissioning of the supplied goods;
- b) furnishing of tools required for assembly and/or maintenance of the supplied goods;
- c) furnishing of a detailed operations and maintenance manual for each appropriate unit of the supplied goods.
- d) performance or supervision or maintenance and/or repair of the supplied goods, for a period of time agreed by the parties, provided that this service shall not relieve the Vendor of any warranty obligations under this contract;
- e) training of the Purchaser's personnel, at the Vendor's plant; and /or
- f) on-site, in assembly, start-up, operation, maintenance, and/or repair of the supplied goods.

13.2 Prices charged by the Vendor for incidental services, if not included in the contract price for the goods, shall be agreed upon in advance by the parties and shall not

exceed the prevailing rates charged to other parties by the Vendor for similar services.

14. Spare Parts

- 14.1 Specified in SCC, the Vendor may be required to provide any or all of the following materials, notifications, and information pertaining to spare parts manufactured or distributed by the Vendor:
- a) such spare parts as the Purchaser may elect to purchase from the Vendor, provided that this election shall not relieve the Vendor of any warranty obligations under the contract; and
 - b) in the event of termination of production of the spare parts:
 - i. Advance notification to the Purchaser of the pending termination, in sufficient time to permit the Purchaser to procure needed requirements; and
 - ii. following such termination, furnishing at no cost to the Purchaser, the blueprints, drawings, and specifications of the spare parts, if requested.

15. Warranty

- 15.1 The Vendor warrants that the goods supplied under the contract are new, unused, of the most recent or current models, and that they incorporate all recent improvements in design and materials unless provided otherwise in the contract. The Vendor further warrants that all goods supplied under this contract shall have no defect, arising from design, materials, or workmanship (except when the design and/or material is required by the Purchaser's specifications) or from any act or omission of the Vendor, that may develop under normal use of the supplied goods in the conditions prevailing in the country of final destination.
- 15.2 This warranty shall remain valid for twelve (12) months after the goods, or any portion thereof as the case may be, have been delivered to and accepted at the final destination indicated in the contract, or for eighteen (18) months after the date of

shipment from the port or place of loading in the source country, whichever period concludes earlier, unless specified otherwise in SCC.

- 15.3 The Purchaser shall promptly notify the Vendor in writing of any claims arising under this warranty.
- 15.4 Upon receipt of such notice, the Vendor shall, within the period specified in SCC and with all reasonable speed, repair or replace the defective goods or parts thereof, without costs to the Purchaser.
- 15.5 If the Vendor, having been notified, fails to remedy the defect(s) within the period specified in SCC, the Purchaser may proceed to take such remedial action as may be necessary, at the Vendor's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the Purchaser may have against the Vendor under the contract.

16. Payment

- 16.1 The method and conditions of payment to be made to the Vendor under this contract shall be specified in SCC.
- 16.2 The Vendor shall furnish the Purchaser with an invoice accompanied by a copy of the delivery note and upon fulfilment of other obligations stipulated in the contract.
- 16.3 Payments shall be made promptly by the Purchaser, but in no case later than thirty (30) days after submission of an invoice or claim by the Vendor.
- 16.4 Payment will be made in Rand unless otherwise stipulated in SCC.

17. Prices

- 17.1 Prices charged by the Vendor for goods/works delivered and/or services rendered under the contract shall not vary from prices quoted by the Vendor in this bid, with an exception of any price adjustments authorized in SCC or Purchaser's request for bid validity extension, as the case may be.

18. Contract Amendments

- 18.1 No variation in or modification of the terms of the contract shall be made except by written amendment signed by the parties concerned.

19. Assignment

- 19.1 The Vendor shall not assign, in whole or in part, its obligations to perform under the contract, except with the Purchaser's prior written consent.

20. Subcontractors

- 20.1 The Vendor shall notify the Purchaser in writing of all subcontracts awarded under this contract if not already specified in the bid. Such notification, in the original bid or later, shall not relieve the Vendor from any liability or obligation under the contract.

21. Delay in Vendor's Performance

- 21.1 Delivery of the goods/works and/or performance of services shall be made by the Vendor in accordance with the time schedule prescribed by the Purchaser in the contract.
- 21.2 If at any time during performance of the contract, the Vendor or its subcontractor(s) should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery of the goods/works and/or performance of services, the Vendor shall promptly notify the Purchaser in writing of the fact of the delay, its likely duration and its cause(s). As soon as practicable after receipt of the Vendor's notice, the Purchaser shall evaluate the situation and may at his discretion extend the Vendor's time for performance, with or without the imposition of penalties, in which case the extension shall be ratified by the parties by amendment of contract.
- 21.3 No provision in a contract shall be deemed to prohibit the obtaining of supplies or services from a national department, provincial department, or a local authority.
- 21.4 The right is reserved to procure outside of the contract small quantities or to have essential services executed if an emergency arises, the Vendor's point of supply is

not situated at or near the place the supplies are required or the Vendor's supplies or goods are not readily available.

21.5 Except as provided under GCC Clause 25, a delay by the Vendor in the performance of its delivery obligations shall render the Vendor liable to the imposition of penalties, pursuant to GCC Clause 22, unless an extension of time is agreed upon pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2 without the application of penalties.

21.6 Upon any delay beyond the delivery period in the case of a supplies contract, the Purchaser shall, without cancelling the contract, be entitled to purchase supplies of a similar quality and up to the same quantity in substitution of the goods not supplied in conformity with the contract and to return any goods delivered later at the Vendor's expense and risk, or to cancel the contract and buy such goods as may be required to complete the contract and without prejudice to his other rights, be entitled to claim damages from the Vendor.

22. Penalties

22.1 Subject to GCC Clause 25, if the Vendor fails to deliver any or all of the goods/works and/or to perform the services within the period(s) specified in the contract, the Purchaser shall, without prejudice to its other remedies under the contract, deduct from the contract price, as a penalty, a sum calculated on the delivered price of the delayed goods/works and/or unperformed services using the current prime interest rate calculated for each day of the delay until actual delivery or performance. The Purchaser may also consider termination of the contract pursuant to GCC Clause 23.

23. Termination for Default

23.1 The Purchaser, without prejudice to any other remedy for breach of contract, by written notice of default sent to the Vendor, may terminate this contract in whole or in part:

- a) if the Vendor fails to deliver any or all of the goods within the period(s) specified in the contract, or within any extension thereof granted by the Purchaser pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2;
- b) if the Vendor fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the contract; or

- c) if the Vendor, in the judgment of the Purchaser, has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing the contract.
- 23.2 In the event the Purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the Purchaser may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it deems appropriate, goods/works and/or services similar to those undelivered, and the Vendor shall be liable to the Purchaser for any excess costs for such similar goods/works and/or services. However, the Vendor shall continue performance of the contract to the extent not terminated.
- 23.3 Where the Purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the Purchaser may decide to impose a restriction penalty on the Vendor by prohibiting such Vendor from doing business with the public sector for a period not exceeding 10 years.
- 23.4 If a Purchaser intends imposing a restriction on a Vendor or any person associated with the Vendor, the Vendor will be allowed a time period of not more than fourteen (14) days to provide reasons why the envisaged restriction should not be imposed. Should the Vendor fail to respond within the stipulated fourteen (14) days the Purchaser may regard the intended penalty as not objected against and may impose it on the Vendor.
- 23.5 Any restriction imposed on any person by the Accounting Officer / Authority will, at the discretion of the Accounting Officer / Authority, also be applicable to any other enterprise or any partner, manager, director or other person who wholly or partly exercises or exercised or may exercise control over the enterprise of the first-mentioned person, and with which enterprise or person the first-mentioned person, is or was in the opinion of the Accounting Officer / Authority actively associated.
- 23.6 If a restriction is imposed, the Purchaser must, within five (5) working days of such imposition, furnish the National Treasury, with the following information:
- (i) the name and address of the Vendor and / or person restricted by the Purchaser.
 - (ii) the date of commencement of the restriction
 - (iii) the period of restriction; and

- (iv) the reasons for the restriction.

These details will be loaded in the National Treasury's central database of Vendors or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector.

- 23.7 If a court of law convicts a person of an offence as contemplated in sections 12 or 13 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, No. 12 of 2004, the court may also rule that such person's name be endorsed on the Register for Tender Defaulters. When a person's name has been endorsed on the Register, the person will be prohibited from doing business with the public sector for a period not less than five years and not more than 10 years. The National Treasury is empowered to determine the period of restriction and each case will be dealt with on its own merits. According to section 32 of the Act the Register must be open to the public. The Register can be perused on the National Treasury website.

24. Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties and Rights

- 24.1 When, after the date of bid, provisional payments are required, or antidumping or countervailing duties are imposed, or the amount of a provisional payment or anti-dumping or countervailing right is increased in respect of any dumped or subsidized import, the State is not liable for any amount so required or imposed, or for the amount of any such increase. When, after the said date, such a provisional payment is no longer required or any such anti-dumping or countervailing right is abolished, or where the amount of such provisional payment or any such right is reduced, any such favourable difference shall on demand be paid forthwith by the contractor to the State or the State may deduct such amounts from moneys (if any) which may otherwise be due to the contractor in regard to supplies or services which he delivered or rendered, or is to deliver or render in terms of the contract or any other contract or any other amount which may be due to him.

25. Force Majeure

- 25.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of GCC Clauses 22 and 23, the vendor shall not be liable for forfeiture of its performance security, damages, or termination for default if and to the extent that his delay in performance or other failure to perform his obligations under the contract as a result of an event of Force Majeure.
- 25.2 If a force majeure situation arises, the Vendor shall promptly notify the Purchaser in writing of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the Purchaser in writing, the Vendor shall continue to perform its obligations under the contract as far as is reasonably practical and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the force majeure event.

26. Termination on Insolvency

- 26.1 The Purchaser may at any time terminate the contract by giving written notice to the Vendor if the Vendor becomes bankrupt or otherwise insolvent. In this event, termination will be without compensation to the Vendor, provided that such termination will not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy which has accrued or will accrue thereafter to the Purchaser.

27. Settlement of Disputes

- 27.1 If any dispute or difference of any kind whatsoever arises between the Purchaser and the Vendor in connection with or arising out of the contract, the parties shall make every effort to resolve amicably such dispute or difference by mutual consultation.
- 27.2 If, after thirty (30) days, the parties have failed to resolve their dispute or difference by such mutual consultation, then either the Purchaser or the Vendor may give notice to the other party of his intention to commence with mediation. No mediation in respect of this matter may be commenced unless such notice is given to the other party.
- 27.3 Should it not be possible to settle a dispute by means of mediation, it may be settled in a South African court of law.

27.4 Mediation proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of procedure specified in the SCC.

27.5 Notwithstanding any reference to mediation and/or court proceedings herein,

(a) the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the contract unless they otherwise agree; and

(b) the Purchaser shall pay the Vendor any monies due the Vendor.

28. Limitation of Liability

28.1 Except in cases of criminal negligence or wilful misconduct, and in the case of infringement pursuant to Clause 6;

a) the Vendor shall not be liable to the Purchaser, whether in contract, tort, or otherwise, for any indirect or consequential loss or damage, loss of use, loss of production, or loss of profits or interest costs, provided that this exclusion shall not apply to any obligation of the Vendor to pay penalties and/or damages to the Purchaser; and

b) the aggregate liability of the Vendor to the Purchaser, whether under the contract, in tort or otherwise, shall not exceed the total contract price, provided that this limitation shall not apply to the cost of repairing or replacing defective equipment.

29. Governing Language

29.1 The contract shall be written in English. All correspondence and other documents pertaining to the contract that is exchanged by the parties shall also be written in English.

30. Applicable Law

30.1 The contract shall be interpreted in accordance with South African laws, unless otherwise specified in SCC.

31. Notices

31.1 Every written acceptance of a bid shall be posted to the Vendor concerned by registered or certified mail and any other notice to him shall be posted by ordinary mail to the address furnished in his bid or to the address notified later by him in writing and such posting shall be deemed to be proper service of such notice.

31.2 The time mentioned in the contract documents for performing any act after such aforesaid notice has been given, shall be reckoned from the date of posting of such notice.

32. Taxes and Duties

32.1 A foreign Vendor shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, stamp duties, license fees, and other such levies imposed outside the Purchaser's country.

32.2 A local Vendor shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, duties, license fees, etc., incurred until delivery of the contracted goods to the Purchaser.

32.3 No contract shall be concluded with any bidder whose tax matters are not in order. Prior to the award of a bid the Purchaser must be in possession of a tax clearance certificate, submitted by the bidder. This certificate must be an original issued by the South African Revenue Services.

33. Transfer of contract

33.1. The contractor shall not abandon, transfer, cede assign or sublet a contract or part thereof without the written permission of the purchaser.

34. Amendments of contracts

34.1 No agreement to amend or vary a contract or order or conditions, stipulations or provisions thereof shall be valid and of any force unless such agreement to amend or vary is entered into in writing and signed by the contracting parties. Any waiver of the requirement that the agreement to amend or vary shall be in writing

35. National Industrial Participation Programme

35.1 The NIP Programme administered by the Department of Trade and Industry shall be applicable to all contracts that are subject to the NIP obligation.

36. Prohibition of Restrictive Practices

36.1 In terms of section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, is prohibited if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if a bidder (s) is / are or a contractor(s) was / were involved in collusive bidding (or bid rigging).

36.2 If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), based on reasonable grounds or evidence obtained by the Purchaser, has / have engaged in the restrictive practice referred to above, the Purchaser may refer the matter to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties as contemplated in the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998.

36.3 If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), has / have been found guilty by the Competition Commission of the restrictive practice referred to above, the Purchaser may, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided for, invalidate the bid(s) for such item(s) offered, and / or terminate the contract in whole or part, and / or restrict the bidder(s) or contractor(s) from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years and / or claim damages from the bidder(s) or contractor(s) concerned.

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