E2426TSSERI Fall Arrest Systems (Once-off)- CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

RESPONSES IN RED

What can be gathered from the briefing is that Eskom requires a FAS kit for dead work only which will mean that Eskom requires the DDT12711 standard distribution fas kit (correct). The boq does not make mention of what DDT FAS kit is required which creates the confusion on exactly what is required. The references is mentioned under SOW.

The requirements of training/certification/procedures for FAS rescue in the technical needs to be clarified as there is no provision for FAS rescue kits in the BOQ (The required training should be for assembly and functionality of FAS). FAS rescue training can only be carried out by a SAQA approved training provider that is also approved by Eskom-(N/A). We are not a training provider and therefore cannot provide proof of competency as trainers. We can provide documentation that we have compliant FAS rescue kits available that is not a problem. (the manufacturer information is accepted)

The main concern is around the technical requirements. There is NO mention of "Eskom approved FAS kits" being a requirement. As mentioned in the briefing FAS kits that meet the Eskom spec as detailed in the technical requirements will only be considered. The issue comes in that a kit can be made to meet those requirements BUT still wont pass through the evaluation done by the care group for it to be approved for use. (refer to the first line from technical evaluation and also SOW)

DDT12700, DDT12701 and DDT12708 FAS is being replaced by the new standard distribution FAS kit DDT12711 with the option of the DDT12712 as an extra lanyard and there is an Eskom approved DDT12711 and DDT12712 available as per indicated on the TEAP listing. (the given standard remains the deliverable, however if there is a new standard in place will be considered as well)

Please confirm that you mentioned that it is a 32148 harness approved by Eskom and a specific manufacture ? What is the name of the manufacturer?
32-148 is Eskom working at height standard. We do not specify the Manufacturer.

Also please confirm: Does 1x Fall Arrestor System = 1x Harness + 1x Double Lanyard + 1x Work Positioning Lanyard?
The FAS need to comply with Eskom standard and include full body harness with double lanyard and work positioning lanyard.

1. **Climbing Slings Discrepancy**: The main RFQ document does not list climbing slings as a requirement. However, Specification 32-418, the referenced standards and the evaluation checklist all indicate that climbing slings are required. Please confirm whether climbing slings must be included in the bill of materials.
   Yes, please include it.
2. **Gear Bag Requirement:** The RFQ does not list a gear bag. Historically, a gear bag has been a standard inclusion with all Fall Arrest System (FAS) kits. Please confirm whether a gear bag should be quoted and supplied with each kit, and advise on the branding requirements, if applicable.

Yes, the bag is included and should be branded ERI/Eskom log

3. **Single Lanyard for Live Work:** The RFQ does not include a requirement for a single lanyard. Given that the specification requires anti-static and fire-retardant properties, which are relevant to live-line work, a single lanyard is typically required for this application. Please clarify whether this item must be included.
   We do not do live line work
4. **Proof of Webbing Testing:** The documentation does not specify whether test reports are required to confirm that the webbing meets the fire-retardant and anti-static requirements, including confirmation that these properties remain effective. Please confirm whether accredited test reports or certificates must be submitted as proof of compliance.
   Yes, should be included
5. **Separation of Products and Training Services:** While the RFQ appears to be structured around product supply, the evaluation criteria also include supporting services such as training, which are generally managed separately through our training division. Please clarify how the product supply and training requirements should be addressed within this RFQ.
   The required training should be for assembly and functionality of FAS
6. **Rescue Plans and Procedures:** Historically, rescue plans and procedures have been standardised and prescribed by Eskom. Allowing individual suppliers to submit varying plans and procedures could introduce operational and safety risks. We recommend that hardware supply and service delivery be addressed separately, with clear, standardised guidelines established for service providers. Please clarify Eskom's requirements in this regard.
   N/A