

Request for Proposal

Supply of IT Workstations and Peripherals over a three (3) year period

Full Name of Bidding Entity:	
Contact Person:	
Contact Number:	
Contact Email Address:	
Advertisement Date:	11 September 2026
Compulsory Briefing Session Date/Time:	N/A
Closing Date/Time:	02 October 2026 at 11h00
Issued by:	Wesgro

**PART A
INVITATION TO BID**

ZERO-TOLERANCE TO FRAUD, THEFT AND CORRUPTION (ANTI-FRAUD, THEFT AND CORRUPTION)

THE WCG IS COMMITTED TO GOVERN ETHICALLY AND TO COMPLY FULLY WITH ANTI-FRAUD, THEFT AND CORRUPTION LAWS AND TO CONTINUOUSLY CONDUCT ITSELF WITH INTEGRITY AND WITH PROPER REGARD FOR ETHICAL PRACTICES.

THE WCG HAS A ZERO TOLERANCE APPROACH TO ACTS OF FRAUD, THEFT AND CORRUPTION BY ITS OFFICIALS AND ANY SERVICE PROVIDER CONDUCTING BUSINESS WITH THE WCG.

THE WCG EXPECTS ALL ITS OFFICIALS AND ANYONE ACTING ON ITS BEHALF TO COMPLY WITH THESE PRINCIPLES TO ACT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE WCG AND THE PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES.

THE WCG IS COMMITTED TO PROTECTING PUBLIC REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, ASSETS AND REPUTATION FROM ANY ATTEMPT BY ANY PERSON TO GAIN FINANCIAL OR OTHER BENEFIT IN AN UNLAWFUL, DISHONEST OR UNETHICAL MANNER.

INCIDENTS AND SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES WILL BE THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED AND WHERE CRIMINAL ACTIVITY IS CONFIRMED, RESPONSIBLE PARTIES WILL BE PROSECUTED TO THE FULL EXTENT OF THE LAW.

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF WESGRO					
BID NUMBER:	SCM002-2026	CLOSING DATE:	02 October 2026	CLOSING TIME:	11h00
DESCRIPTION	Supply of IT Workstations and Peripherals over a three (3) - year period				
BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MUST BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT (STREET ADDRESS)					
Ground floor, Media 24 building, 40 Heerengracht Street, City Centre, Cape Town					
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO			TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:		
CONTACT PERSON	Carol Siyakwazi		CONTACT PERSON	Fahd Saliegh	
TELEPHONE NUMBER	N/A		TELEPHONE NUMBER	N/A	
FACSIMILE NUMBER	N/A		FACSIMILE NUMBER	N/A	
E-MAIL ADDRESS	scm@wesgro.co.za		E-MAIL ADDRESS	scm@wesgro.co.za	
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					
SUPPLIER COMPLIANCE STATUS	TAX COMPLIANCE SYSTEM PIN:		AND	CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE No:	MAAA
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE	[TICK APPLICABLE BOX] ☐ Yes ☐ No		B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT		[TICK APPLICABLE BOX] ☐ Yes ☐ No
IF YES, WAS THE CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY A VERIFICATION AGENCY ACCREDITED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL ACREDITATION SYSTEM (SANAS)	[TICK APPLICABLE BOX] ☐ Yes ☐ No				
[A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE/SWORN AFFIDAVIT (FOR EMEs& QSEs) MUST BE SUBMITTED TOGETHER WITH A COMPLETED 6.1 IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR PREFERENCE POINTS FOR B-BBEE]					
ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS/ SERVICES/ WORKS OFFERED?	☐ Yes ☐ No [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]		ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?		☐ Yes ☐ No [IF YES, ANSWER THE QUESTIONNAIRE BELOW]
QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS					
IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)? ☐ YES ☐ NO DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA? ☐ YES ☐ NO DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA? ☐ YES ☐ NO DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA? ☐ YES ☐ NO 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 BELOW.					

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 IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN THE BID DOCUMENT.
1.3. THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT, 2000 AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2022, THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.
1.4. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT FORM (WCB07).
1.5. BIDDERS MUST INITIAL EACH PAGE OF THE BID.
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 TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) OR PIN MAY ALSO BE MADE VIA E-FILING THROUGH THE WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA.
2.4 BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE WITH TOGETHER WITH THE BID.
2.5 IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED; EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE AND CSD NUMBER AS MENTIONED IN 2.3 ABOVE.
2.6 WHERE NO TCS PIN IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.
2.7 NO BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE, COMPANIES WITH DIRECTORS WHO ARE PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE, OR CLOSE CORPORATIONS WITH MEMBERS PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE."
NB: FAILURE TO PROVIDE / OR COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE PARTICULARS MAY RENDER THE BID INVALID

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED:

(Proof of authority must be submitted e.g. company resolution)

DATE:

1. INTRODUCTION

Wesgro is the official Tourism, Trade and Investment Promotion and Facilitation agency for the Western Cape. Wesgro is a legislated Schedule 3C Public Entity, as provided for in the Western Cape Investment and Trade Promotion Agency Amendment Act, 2013. The Agency is governed by a Board of Directors appointed by the Executive Authority in terms of section 3 of the Act.

Being a leading regional Tourism, Trade and Investment Promotion Agency is our vision.

Together with partners, drive inclusive and sustainable economic growth, strengthen competitiveness, and create jobs in Cape Town and the Western Cape is our mission.

For the 2026/27 financial year, our strategy will be to:

- a) A differentiated Cape Town & the Western Cape as a leading regional economy.
- b) Increased foreign and domestic investment into Cape Town & the Western Cape.
- c) Growth in Western Cape exports of goods and services.
- d) Growth in leisure tourism consideration in international and local markets as well as growth in business events.
- e) Future-fit, relevant and trusted Wesgro.

2. OBJECTIVES AND BACKGROUND

As The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to appoint a suitably qualified and experienced service provider for the supply and delivery of end-user computing workstations, peripherals and device rental services to Wesgro for a period of three (3) years.

The RFP is intended to support Wesgro's device lifecycle replacement programme and evolving operational requirements through the procurement of devices and workstations over the three-year contract period. The actual number and type of workstations purchased each year will be determined according to Wesgro's operational requirements, device lifecycle replacement priorities, user profiles, available budget and internal approvals.

Peripherals will be procured on an as-and-when-required basis throughout the three-year contract period to support workstation deployments, replace faulty or obsolete equipment, and address approved operational requirements, subject to available budget and internal approvals.

3. SCOPE OF WORK REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Standard Business Laptops - Enterprise-grade business laptop - Dell or technically equivalent.

All business laptops supplied must be enterprise-grade devices suitable for mainstream professional business workloads and optimised for mobility and power efficiency.

Component	Minimum Requirement
Device Classification	Enterprise-grade business laptop suitable for professional business use.
Manufacturer / Product Family	Dell Pro or technically equivalent enterprise-grade business laptop.
Processor	Current-generation Intel Core Ultra 7, vPro enabled, U-series mobile processor or technically equivalent enterprise-class processor, suitable for mainstream professional business workloads and optimised for mobility and power efficiency. High-performance gaming and workstation-class processors are excluded.
Memory (RAM)	Minimum 16GB DDR5 RAM; 32GB or higher may be specified where justified by the user profile or workload.
Storage	Minimum 512GB NVMe SSD.
Display	13.3-inch to 14-inch FHD or higher-resolution, non-touch display.
Graphics	Integrated enterprise-grade graphics or better.
Ports	USB Type-C/Thunderbolt or equivalent, USB 3.0 or later, and HDMI or equivalent display connectivity.
Wireless Connectivity	Minimum Wi-Fi 6 and Bluetooth 5.0 or later.
Mobile Connectivity	LTE or later-generation mobile connectivity capability, where required by the user profile.
Security	TPM 2.0 or later, Secure Boot, BIOS/UEFI security and support for full-disk encryption.
Operating System	Microsoft Windows 11 Professional OEM or the latest supported professional desktop operating system approved by Wesgro.
Battery	Manufacturer standard battery suitable for normal business mobility and professional use.
Enterprise Management	Must support enterprise endpoint management, security configuration, encryption, and compliance monitoring.
Warranty	Minimum five (5) year manufacturer warranty and enterprise support.
Support	Next business day onsite support or equivalent enterprise support for the warranty period.

3.2 Developer Laptops - Dell Precision or Equivalent

These devices are intended for users performing software development, application development, advanced data analytics, data modelling, artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), statistical analysis, virtualisation, containerisation, database development, automation, scripting and other computationally intensive professional workloads.

Component	Minimum Requirement
Device Classification	Enterprise-grade high-performance mobile workstation suitable for software development, Data Science, advanced analytics and computationally intensive professional workloads.
Manufacturer / Product Family	Dell Precision or technically equivalent enterprise-grade professional mobile workstation.
Processor	Current-generation Intel Core Ultra 7, vPro enabled, H-series or higher, or technically equivalent to high-performance enterprise-class mobile processor, suitable for software development, data analytics and computationally intensive professional workloads. Higher performance processor classes may be specified where justified by the intended workload.
Memory (RAM)	Minimum 32GB DDR5 RAM; 64GB or higher may be specified where justified by the intended workload.
Storage	Minimum 1TB NVMe SSD. Additional storage capacity may be specified where justified by the intended workload.
Display	Minimum 14-inch FHD or higher-resolution display.
Graphics	Integrated enterprise-grade graphics as a minimum. Dedicated professional or high-performance GPU may be specified where required for AI, machine learning, data visualisation, video processing or other GPU-accelerated workloads.
Ports	USB Type-C/Thunderbolt or equivalent, USB 3.0 or later, HDMI and/or DisplayPort, and Ethernet or suitable adapter.
Wireless Connectivity	Minimum Wi-Fi 6 and Bluetooth 5.0 or later.
Mobile Connectivity	LTE or later-generation mobile connectivity capability, where required by the user profile.
Security	TPM 2.0 or later, Secure Boot, BIOS/UEFI security and support for full-disk encryption.
Operating System	Microsoft Windows 11 Professional OEM, Windows 11 Pro for Workstations, or another operating system approved by Wesgro for the intended technical workload.
Battery	Manufacturer standard battery suitable for professional mobile workstation use.
Enterprise Management	Must support enterprise endpoint management, security configuration, encryption, and compliance monitoring.
Development Compatibility	Must support applicable software development, virtualisation and containerisation technologies, including Docker or equivalent platforms, where required.
Warranty	Minimum five (5) year manufacturer warranty and enterprise support.
Support	Next business day onsite support or equivalent enterprise support for the warranty period.

3.3 Desktop Workstations - Dell or Equivalent

Desktop Workstations may be procured to support administrators, interns, display boards, video conferencing, access control systems, ICT administration, shared workstations and other approved operational requirements requiring fixed enterprise computing devices.

Component	Minimum Requirement
Device Classification	Enterprise-grade desktop computer suitable for professional business and operational use.
Manufacturer / Product Family	Dell or technically equivalent enterprise-grade desktop computer.
Form Factor	All-in-One, Mini PC, Micro Form Factor, Small Form Factor or equivalent enterprise-grade desktop form factor, as required by the intended use case.
Processor	Current-generation Intel Core Ultra 7 processor, vPro enabled, or technically equivalent enterprise-class processor suitable for mainstream professional business workloads. High-performance gaming and workstation-class processors are excluded unless specifically required by the approved use case.
Memory (RAM)	Minimum 16GB DDR5 RAM; 32GB or higher may be specified where justified by the intended use case or workload.
Storage	Minimum 512GB NVMe SSD.
Graphics	Integrated enterprise-grade graphics or better. A discrete or professional GPU may be specified where justified by the intended technical workload.
Display – All-in-One	Minimum 24-inch FHD (1920 × 1080) IPS or higher-resolution display, non-touch unless otherwise required.
External Display – Mini/Micro/SFF	Compatible with Wesgro's approved monitor standard. External monitors may be procured separately according to operational requirements.
Ports	USB Type-C where supported by the selected form factor, USB 3.0 or later, HDMI and/or DisplayPort, and Ethernet.
Network Connectivity	Minimum Gigabit Ethernet.
Wireless Connectivity	Minimum Wi-Fi 6 and Bluetooth 5.0 or later, where required by the intended use case.
Security	TPM 2.0 or later, Secure Boot, BIOS/UEFI security and support for full-disk encryption.
Operating System	Microsoft Windows 11 Professional OEM or the latest supported professional desktop operating system approved by Wesgro.
Enterprise Management	Must support enterprise endpoint management, security configuration, encryption and compliance monitoring.
Warranty	Minimum five (5) year manufacturer warranty and enterprise support.
Support	Next business day onsite support or equivalent enterprise support for the warranty period.

3.4 Apple Devices

Apple devices procured under this contract may include MacBook Air and MacBook Pro models or equivalent, depending on the approved user profile and operational requirements at the time of each purchase order.

Component	MacBook Air 13-inch	MacBook Pro 14-inch	MacBook Pro 16-inch
Device Classification	Professional mobile business laptop	Professional high-performance laptop	Professional high-performance large-screen laptop
Processor	Current-generation Apple Silicon processor applicable to the MacBook Air product range	Current-generation Apple Silicon processor applicable to the MacBook Pro product range	Current-generation Apple Silicon Pro-series processor or higher applicable to the MacBook Pro product range
Memory (Unified RAM)	Minimum 16GB	Minimum 16GB	Minimum 16GB; 24GB, 32GB or higher may be specified where justified by the intended workload
Storage	Minimum 512GB SSD	Minimum 1TB SSD	Minimum 1TB SSD
Display	Minimum 13-inch Apple display using the current display technology applicable to the model	Minimum 14-inch Apple display using the current display technology applicable to the model	Minimum 16-inch Apple display using the current display technology applicable to the model
Graphics	Integrated Apple Silicon GPU appropriate to the current-generation configuration	Integrated Apple Silicon GPU appropriate to professional and creative workloads	Higher-performance integrated Apple Silicon GPU appropriate to advanced professional and creative workloads
Ports	USB-C/Thunderbolt or the current Apple-supported equivalent	USB-C/Thunderbolt and other connectivity provided by the current MacBook Pro model	USB-C/Thunderbolt and other connectivity provided by the current MacBook Pro model
Wireless Connectivity	Current Apple-supported Wi-Fi and Bluetooth standards	Current Apple-supported Wi-Fi and Bluetooth standards	Current Apple-supported Wi-Fi and Bluetooth standards
Security	Apple hardware-based security architecture, Secure Boot or equivalent and FileVault encryption support	Same	Same
Operating System	Latest commercially supported version of macOS compatible with the supplied device	Same	Same
Enterprise Management	Must support enterprise Mobile Device Management (MDM), security configuration, encryption and compliance monitoring	Same	Same
Warranty	Minimum three (3) years AppleCare+ or the maximum manufacturer-backed coverage commercially available	Same	Same
Extended Lifecycle Protection	Options to extend warranty/support coverage towards Wesgro's five-year device lifecycle should be provided where commercially available	Same	Same

3.5 Peripherals

The type and quantity of peripherals procured in any given year shall be determined according to Wesgro's operational requirements, existing equipment availability, compatibility requirements, available budget and internal approvals. Peripherals may be purchased together with a workstation or independently as replacement, additional or standalone equipment.

Peripheral	Minimum Requirement
Business Monitor	Dell or equivalent. Minimum 24-inch FHD (1920 × 1080) IPS display; HDMI and DisplayPort and/or USB-C connectivity. Where USB-C is provided, it should support power delivery/charging appropriate to compatible devices. Height-adjustable stand preferred. Minimum three (3) year manufacturer warranty.
USB-C / Thunderbolt Docking Station	Dell WD19S or technically equivalent enterprise-grade docking station compatible with approved Windows devices and, where applicable, Apple devices. Must support USB-C or Thunderbolt connectivity, external displays, USB peripherals, Gigabit Ethernet and power delivery appropriate to the connected device.
Multiport Hub for Apple Devices	Apple-compatible, enterprise-grade USB-C or Thunderbolt multiport hub suitable for approved MacBook devices. Must provide, at a minimum, HDMI display output, USB-A connectivity, USB-C Power Delivery pass-through charging and additional USB-C connectivity. Where required, the hub may also include Gigabit Ethernet and SD/microSD card reader connectivity.
Wireless Keyboard	Dell or equivalent full-size, enterprise-grade wireless keyboard with appropriate regional layout and compatibility with Windows or macOS, as specified.
Wireless Mouse	Dell or equivalent enterprise-grade wireless optical mouse compatible with Windows or macOS, as specified. Bluetooth shall be the primary connectivity method, with USB receiver connectivity as a secondary method.
Laptop Stand	Adjustable laptop stand suitable for approved business laptops and mobile workstations. Must provide a stable platform, support appropriate ergonomic positioning and facilitate airflow and device cooling during prolonged use.
Gel Mouse Pad	Ergonomic mouse pad incorporating integrated gel wrist support and suitable for prolonged office use.
Gel Keyboard Wrist Rest	Ergonomic gel wrist support suitable for use with a full-size business keyboard.
Replacement Laptop Charger / Power Adapter – Windows Devices	Genuine OEM or OEM-approved power adapter compatible with the applicable workstation, with appropriate wattage, connector type and applicable safety certification.
Replacement Laptop Charger / Power Adapter – Apple Devices	Genuine Apple power adapter compatible with the applicable MacBook or iPad device, with the appropriate wattage and required charging cable, where applicable.
Enterprise Wireless Headset with Active Noise Cancellation	Jabra Evolve2 or technically equivalent enterprise-grade, over-the-ear wireless headset with Active Noise Cancellation, integrated boom microphone, Bluetooth connectivity and compatibility with Microsoft Teams and other Wesgro-approved business collaboration platforms.
Enterprise Wireless Earbuds with Active Noise Cancellation	Poly Voyager Free 60 UC or technically equivalent enterprise-grade true wireless earbuds with Active Noise Cancellation, integrated microphones with background noise reduction, Bluetooth connectivity, portable charging case and compatibility with Microsoft Teams and other Wesgro-approved business collaboration platforms. Where applicable, a USB Bluetooth adapter shall be included.

3.6 Tablet Devices

The successful bidder shall supply current-generation Apple tablet devices or equivalent, or the applicable successor models, in accordance with the minimum requirements below.

Component	iPad for General Use	iPad for Executive Use
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Device Classification	Professional tablet for general business, mobility, presentations, meetings and fieldwork	Premium professional tablet for executive mobility, meetings, document review and business productivity
Model	Current-generation Apple iPad Air or equivalent successor model	Current-generation Apple iPad Pro or equivalent successor model
Processor	Current-generation Apple Silicon processor applicable to the iPad Air product range	Current-generation Apple Silicon processor applicable to the iPad Pro product range
Memory (RAM)	Manufacturer-standard memory appropriate to the current device configuration	Manufacturer-standard memory appropriate to the current device configuration
Storage	Minimum 256GB	Minimum 256GB
Display	Minimum 11-inch Liquid Retina or current equivalent Apple display technology	Minimum 11-inch display using the current premium display technology applicable to the iPad Pro product range; larger display option where required
Connectivity	Wi-Fi and cellular capability, including 5G or current equivalent mobile connectivity	Wi-Fi and cellular capability, including 5G or current equivalent mobile connectivity
Wireless	Current Apple-supported Wi-Fi and Bluetooth standards applicable to the supplied model	Current Apple-supported Wi-Fi and Bluetooth standards applicable to the supplied model
Security	Apple hardware-based security, biometric authentication, device encryption and enterprise MDM compatibility	Apple hardware-based security, biometric authentication, device encryption and enterprise MDM compatibility
Operating System	Latest commercially supported version of iPadOS compatible with the supplied device	Latest commercially supported version of iPadOS compatible with the supplied device
Enterprise Management	Must support enterprise Mobile Device Management, security configuration, encryption and compliance monitoring	Must support enterprise Mobile Device Management, security configuration, encryption and compliance monitoring
Accessories	Protective cover as a minimum; compatible keyboard and stylus may be included where required by the user profile	Protective cover as a minimum; compatible keyboard and stylus may be included where required
Warranty	Minimum three (3) years AppleCare+ or the maximum manufacturer-backed coverage commercially available	Minimum three (3) years AppleCare+ or the maximum manufacturer-backed coverage commercially available
Extended Lifecycle Protection	Options to extend warranty and support coverage towards Wesgro's five-year device lifecycle should be provided where commercially available	Options to extend warranty and support coverage towards Wesgro's five-year device lifecycle should be provided where commercially available

3.7 Asset Lifecycle & Security Requirements

All devices supplied under this contract shall support Wesgro's end-user computing standards, cybersecurity requirements, asset lifecycle management processes and enterprise management environment.

The successful bidder shall ensure that all equipment supplied is compatible with Wesgro's existing ICT environment and capable of supporting enterprise deployment, management and security controls.

As a minimum, all devices supplied under this contract shall comply with the following requirements:

Requirement	Minimum Requirement
Current Commercial Models	Devices supplied shall be current commercially available enterprise models supported by the manufacturer.
Operating System Licensing	Devices shall be supplied with genuine OEM operating system licences applicable to the device specification.

Enterprise Compatibility	Devices shall be fully compatible with Wesgro's Microsoft enterprise environment, endpoint management platform and approved security solutions.
Security Features	Devices shall support the security capabilities specified within the applicable technical specifications contained in this RFP.
Driver and Firmware Support	Manufacturer-supported drivers, firmware and BIOS updates shall be available for the duration of the applicable warranty period.
Asset Identification	Each device shall include the manufacturer's serial number and any additional information reasonably required to support Wesgro's ICT asset management processes.
Product Documentation	Product documentation, warranty information and applicable manufacturer support details shall be supplied where applicable.

3.8 Warranty & Support Requirements

The successful bidder shall provide manufacturer-backed warranty and support services for all equipment supplied under this contract for the applicable warranty period specified in the relevant technical specifications.

Each device and peripheral supplied under this contract shall be covered by the applicable manufacturer warranty for the full warranty period, commencing from the date of delivery or invoice (as applicable), irrespective of the remaining contract period.

The successful bidder shall be responsible for facilitating and managing the manufacturer warranty process for all equipment supplied under this contract, including warranty registration or activation (where applicable), warranty administration and coordination of warranty claims for the duration of the applicable warranty period.

The successful bidder shall, as a minimum, comply with the following warranty and support requirements:

Requirement	Minimum Requirement
Manufacturer Warranty	All equipment shall be supplied with the applicable manufacturer warranty specified in the relevant technical specifications contained in this RFP.
Warranty Registration / Activation	The successful bidder shall facilitate and manage the manufacturer warranty registration and/or activation process (where applicable) to ensure that all devices are fully covered from the applicable warranty commencement date. Evidence of successful warranty registration or activation shall be provided to Wesgro upon request.
Enterprise Support	Enterprise support shall be provided for the duration of the applicable warranty period.
Support Response	Next-business-day onsite support or an equivalent enterprise support service shall be provided where applicable to the supplied device.
Replacement Components	Replacement components shall be genuine manufacturer parts or manufacturer-approved equivalent parts supported under the applicable warranty.
Warranty Administration	The successful bidder shall manage and coordinate all warranty claims, repairs and manufacturer engagements on behalf of Wesgro for the duration of the applicable warranty period.
Fault Resolution	Faults shall be logged, tracked and resolved in accordance with the applicable manufacturer support processes and agreed service levels.
Software and Firmware Updates	Manufacturer-supported firmware, BIOS and device drivers shall remain available throughout the applicable warranty period.
End-of-Life Notification	Wesgro shall be notified where a supplied device reaches manufacturer end-of-sale or end-of-support during the contract period, together with recommended replacement or successor models where applicable.

3.9 Supply Chain & Technology Refresh

The successful bidder shall maintain sufficient supply chain capability to support the delivery of equipment and peripherals throughout the three (3) year contract period.

The successful bidder shall ensure the continued availability of products meeting the minimum technical specifications contained in this RFP and shall promptly notify Wesgro of any product discontinuation, supply constraints or manufacturer changes that may affect the fulfilment of purchase orders.

Where a specified product becomes unavailable, discontinued or reaches manufacturer end-of-sale during the contract period, the successful bidder shall propose an alternative product that meets or exceeds the applicable minimum technical specifications contained in this RFP. No substitute product may be supplied without the prior written approval of Wesgro.

The successful bidder shall, as a minimum, comply with the following supply chain requirements:

Requirement	Minimum Requirement
Product Availability	Maintain the ability to supply products meeting the minimum technical specifications contained in this RFP throughout the contract period.
Supply Chain Continuity	Maintain sufficient supplier, distributor and manufacturer relationships to minimise supply disruptions and support timely fulfilment of purchase orders.
Product Discontinuation	Notify Wesgro in writing of any product discontinuation, end-of-sale or significant manufacturer changes that may affect product availability.
Alternative Products	Where a specified product is no longer available, propose an alternative product that meets or exceeds the applicable minimum technical specifications contained in this RFP. Supply of alternative products shall be subject to Wesgro's prior written approval.
Lead Times	Advise Wesgro of the estimated delivery lead time for each purchase order and promptly notify Wesgro of any anticipated delays.
Manufacturer Authorisation	Equipment shall be sourced through authorised manufacturers, distributors or reseller channels to ensure product authenticity, warranty eligibility and manufacturer support.
Notification of Delays	Wesgro shall be informed without undue delay of any circumstances that may impact the timely delivery of equipment or peripherals.
Specification Compliance	All products supplied under this contract shall meet or exceed the minimum technical specifications contained in this RFP. Wesgro reserves the right to reject any product that does not comply with the approved specifications.

4. DELIVERABLES

The successful bidder shall provide the following deliverables throughout the three (3) year contract period, on an as-and-when-required basis, in accordance with Wesgro's operational requirements and approved purchase orders.

4.1 Supply of Devices

- Supply and delivery of Business laptops as per the scope of requirements.
- Supply of Developer devices as per the scope of requirements.
- Supply of Desktop workstation devices as per the scope of requirements.
- Supply of Apple MacBook devices as per the scope of requirements.
- Supply of Tablet devices as per the scope of requirements.
- Supply of Peripherals as per the scope of requirements.
- Delivery within agreed timelines per issued Purchase Order.
- Replacement of defective-on-arrival (DOA) devices within agreed turnaround period.

4.2 Warranty & Support

- Minimum five (5) year manufacturer warranty for applicable devices as per the scope of requirements.
- Provision of warranty confirmation documentation.
- Firmware and security update support for the warranty period.

4.3 Asset Lifecycle & Security Compliance

- Devices must support enterprise security controls (TPM, Secure Boot, encryption readiness).
- Compatibility with enterprise device management platforms.
- Alignment with Wesgro ICT lifecycle and security standards.

4.4 Reporting & Documentation

- Delivery notes and invoices must contain serial numbers or universally unique identifiers (UUIDs).
- Warranty and support documentation.
- Rental usage and billing records (where applicable).
- Any documentation required for audit and governance purposes.

5. CONTRACT PERIOD

The contract will be for a period of thirty-six (36) months starting from the date of appointment.

6. TENDER EVALUATION PROCESS

The tender will be evaluated on the following phases:

No	Phase	Description
2.1	Phase 1: Mandatory requirements evaluation	All bids must comply with the mandatory requirements. Failure to comply with any of these requirements will immediately disqualify the bid.
2.2	Phase 2.1: Functional requirements evaluation	Bidders are required to achieve a combined minimum score of 70 points for functional criteria 2.1 in order to progress to be evaluated for the Price and BBB-EE.
2.3	Phase 3: Price and BBBEE	The 80/20 preference point system will be used to calculate points for Price and BBB-EE, and the highest ranked bidder shall be the successful bidder, unless objective criteria has been applied in accordance with section 2 (1) (f) of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (PPPFA).

7. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

The service provider must achieve the below mandatory requirements in order to proceed to be evaluated further. The service provider must submit the required documentation as part of their proposal. Failure to submit the required documentation will result in the bid being disqualified.

No.	Mandatory requirement	Reference to evidence submitted
1.	Provide proof of ownership or a valid authorised reseller confirmation or signed proof of partnership letter for goods and services specified under Sections 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 and 3.7	

8. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Responses will be evaluated using a predetermined set of criteria, i.e., functionality evaluation. The evaluation criteria are designed to reflect the Wesgro's requirements in terms of identifying a suitable service provider and ensure the selection process is transparent and affords all the bidders a fair opportunity for evaluation and selection.

The RFP submission will be functionally evaluated out of a **minimum of 70 points – any bidder who scores less than 70** will not be considered for further evaluation, **maximum score is 100 Price and BBBEE (Specific Goals)**.

Functional Evaluation Criteria:

The evaluation is based on functionality, which will be evaluated using the following criteria and points:

Evaluation Area	Evaluation Criterion	Maximum Points	Reference to document in proposal
Company Profile	A company profile detailing offerings and experience. The proposal should include but not be limited to years of experience and service offerings that are aligned to the industry.	Fair = 0 - 10 points Good = 11 - 20 points Excellent = 21 - 30 points	
Solution Proposal	Comprehensive, detailed proposal aligned with scope of work and deliverables. The proposal should include a detailed quotation, clarity on warranty and support information, manufacturer specifications and delivery turnaround times. Attach the vendor specification sheets for the proposed noise cancellation headsets and earbuds. These sheets must clearly indicate how the features align with the	Fair = 0 – 20 points Good = 21 – 30 points Excellent = 31 - 40 points	

Evaluation Area	Evaluation Criterion	Maximum Points	Reference to document in proposal
	requirements outlined in the scope of requirements.		
Experience & Track Record	Provide evidence of successful execution of at least three similar projects in the past three years, with three client testimonials included on the client's letterhead.	Fair = 0 - 10 points Good = 11 - 20 points Excellent = 21 - 30 points	
Total		100	

9. PRICE AND PREFERENCE

Bidders must submit pricing for all requested items. Failure to submit pricing for all requested items will result in bid disqualification. The bidder must complete the below pricing schedule:

The quantities reflected below are estimated for pricing and evaluation purposes only and do not constitute a commitment by Wesgro to purchase the stated quantities during the contract period. Actual quantities will be determined based on operational requirements, approved budgets and purchase orders issued during the contract period.

No.	Deliverables	Quantity	Unit Price	Total price (VAT excluding) in RANDS
1.	Business Laptops Dell or Equivalent	75		
2.	Desktop Workstations - Dell or Equivalent	3		
3.	MacBook Air 13-inch or Equivalent	3		
4.	MacBook Pro 14-inch or Equivalent	2		
5.	MacBook Pro 16-inch or Equivalent	1		
6.	Business Monitor	10		
7.	USB-C / Thunderbolt Docking Station	10		
8.	Multiport Hub for Apple Devices	5		
9.	Wireless Keyboard	2		
10.	Wireless Mouse	20		
11.	Laptop Stand	20		
12.	Developer Laptops - Dell Precision or Equivalent	1		
13.	Gel Mouse Pad	3		
14.	Gel Keyboard Wrist Rest	3		
15.	Replacement Laptop Charger / Power Adapter for existing – Windows Workstations	15		

No.	Deliverables	Quantity	Unit Price	Total price (VAT excluding) in Rands
16.	Replacement Laptop Charger / Power Adapter for existing – Apple MacBooks	5		
17.	Enterprise Wireless Headset with Active Noise Cancellation	20		
18.	Enterprise Wireless Earbuds with Active Noise Cancellation	5		
19.	iPad for General Use or Equivalent	1		
20.	iPad for Executive Use or Equivalent	1		
Sub-total				
Disbursements (travel/accommodation) if applicable				
VAT @ 15%				
Total Tender Price cost (VAT and disbursements included) for the full contract period (three years) and full delivery of specifications				

Preference Points Evaluation: As the RFP price is estimated to be between R1 million and R50 million including VAT, the RFP responses will be evaluated on the 80/20-point system whereby the bidder obtaining the highest number of total points will be awarded the contract unless objective criteria justify the award to another bidder.

In the event that two (2) or more bids have scored equal points in terms of price and preference, the successful bid must be the one scoring the highest number of preference points in terms of PPPFA Act 5 of 2000. However, when functionality is part of the evaluation process and two or more bids have scored equal points for preference, the successful bid must be the one scoring the highest score for functionality. Should two or more bids be equal in all respects; the award shall be decided by the drawing of lots.

To qualify for the financial evaluation, bidders must meet all requirements as outlined in this RFP. This RFP will be evaluated on the 80/20 points scoring principle as per the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 and the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2022. Points scored will be up to a maximum of 80 points for price and up to 20 points for Specific Goals (BB-EEE contribution level).

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

Where

Ps = Points scored for comparative price of bid under consideration
 Pt = Comparative price of bid under consideration
 Pmin = Comparative price of lowest acceptable bid

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Number of Points
1	20
2	18
3	14

4	12
5	8
6	6
7	4
8	2
Non-compliant contributor	0

Proposals will not be disqualified from the bidding process if the bidder did not submit a certificate substantiating the B-BBEE status level of contribution or is a non-compliant contributor. Such a bidder will score zero (0) out of a maximum of 20 points respectively for Specific Goals (BBB-EE).

10. CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION

Bidders to fully complete documentation required under the process and documentary section, including all applicable costs, in South African Rands (including VAT). In the case of the service provider using sub-contractors, the former will be responsible for ensuring delivery of services from any such sub-contractors and for making any payments to such sub-contractors. Wesgro reserves the right to subject the bidder to a performance review in terms of measuring satisfactory performance.

Bidders are required to fully comply with the relevant SCM Legislative Framework as well as application of regulatory and prescripts. Bidders are also required to take all reasonable steps to protect information, in line with the provisions of the POPIA 4 of 2014.

11. ABSENCE OF OBLIGATION & CONFIDENTIALITY

No legal or other obligation shall arise between the service provider and Wesgro unless/until both parties have signed a formal contract or Service Level Agreement in place, whereby the rand value of the award is in excess of R500,000 (VAT included).

By providing a proposal to Wesgro, the bidders accept the following:

Wesgro will issue a purchase order to the appointed service provider. Wesgro will not pay (and not be held liable) the service provider any amounts over and above the purchase order value and will not pay the service provider for any work performed outside the original RFP that was issued and advertised by Wesgro. Should you receive any instruction from Wesgro that does not come from the SCM unit to perform any work outside of the original bid specification, Wesgro will not be held liable for this payment.

12. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Wesgro will take ownership of any reports, any work and other intellectual property that will arise out of this project.

13. WORKMEN AND SUPERVISION ON SITE

The service provider shall be held responsible for the conduct of his employees and the conduct of his sub-contractor's employees for the full duration of the contract, where applicable.

14. CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

The RFP document will be appended to Wesgro's Contract (SLA) with the service provider and will constitute the schedule of deliverables for the purposes of this project. All prices indicated in the quotation must remain fixed for the period of the project.

15. REPORTING

The service provider may be expected to provide an outcome-based report to a delegated official at Wesgro.

16. BRANDING

Where the RFP has made reference to a brand name, an equivalent may be submitted.

17. WESGRO RIGHTS

The following rights are reserved:

- Wesgro reserves the right to appoint more than one (1) service provider.
- Wesgro reserves the right to reject a bid if the bidder has submitted a proposal that is not according to the specifications/terms of reference.
- Wesgro reserves the right to reject a bid if the standard bidding document (s) have not been submitted or not completed in full.
- Wesgro reserves the right to not award the bid if the bid price is not market related.
- Wesgro further reserves the right to engage with the short-listed bidders for price negotiation and a site inspection where necessary.
- Wesgro reserves the right to invite the shortlisted for a presentation as part of the bid process.
- Wesgro reserves the right to not select the lowest price and/or lowest price only, provided that justifiable objective criteria are applied during the awarding process.

18. BID VALIDITY

Any RFP submitted shall remain valid, irrevocable, and open for written acceptance by Wesgro for a period of 120 days. An RFP submitted shall further be deemed to remain valid after the expiry of the above mentioned 120-day period until formal acceptance by Wesgro, unless Wesgro is notified in writing by the bidder of anything to the contrary (including any further conditions the RFP may introduce). Any further conditions that the bidder may introduce will be considered at the sole discretion of Wesgro.

19. APPEALS

The appeal period will be open for a period of 14 calendar days subsequent to the awarding of the tender to the successful bidder.

20. CLARIFICATION

Any clarification required by a bidder regarding the meaning or interpretation of the RFP or any other aspect concerning the request for proposal, are to be requested in writing by email from scm@wesgro.co.za. The request for proposal number should be mentioned in all correspondence. Telephonic requests for clarification will not be accepted. If appropriate, the clarifying information will be made available to all bidders by e-mail only.

To ensure transparency and for record purposes, all correspondence between Wesgro's Supply Chain Management (SCM) officials and bidders, will only be done via the official Wesgro SCM email address: scm@wesgro.co.za.

During the evaluation of the bids, additional information may be requested in writing from bidders, for clarity. Replies to such requests must be submitted, within the prescribed timeframe as determined by Wesgro. Failure to comply, may lead to your bid being disregarded.

21. PROCESS AND DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS

Local suppliers:

- Proof of registration on the Central Supplier Database (CSD)- full report.
- WCBD forms (WCBD1, WCBD4 and WCBD6.1)
- BBB-EE certification
- Bank confirmation letter not older than three (3) months.

Foreign suppliers:

- WCBD forms (WCBD1, WCBD4 and WCBD6.1)
- Bank confirmation letter not older than three 12 months.

22. PAYMENT TERMS

Wesgro payment terms are 30 days on receipt of invoice and services rendered/goods delivered, and is aligned to the National Treasury General Conditions of Contract (GCC).

23. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Service Providers must submit their tender response by physical submission only to the following address:
Ground floor, Media 24 building, 40 Heerengracht Street, City Centre, Cape Town

The TENDER box situated at:

Ground floor, Media 24 building, 40 Heerengracht Street, City Centre, Cape Town

Tenders can be delivered and deposited into the tender box between 08h30 and 16h00, Mondays to Fridays prior to the closing date, and between 08h30 and 11h00 on the closing date. Bidders should ensure that they allow sufficient time for traffic, flights (if flying to Cape Town from another city/country), access to the building etc, as Wesgro will not be held responsible for any delays because of these.

Please do not leave bid submissions at the security desk or at the reception or with any individual, as these submissions will be disregarded and not accepted.

ALL bid submissions must be deposited into the tender box.

Any bid submissions provided to Wesgro that is not submitted in the tender box will be disregarded.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT WESTERN CAPE- WCBD4 FORM

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS, BIDDERS PAST SCM PRACTICES AND INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

1. To give effect to the requirements of the Western Cape Provincial Treasury Instructions, 2019: Supply Chain Management (Goods and Services), Practice Note 4 of 2006 Declaration of Bidders Past SCM Practices-(SDB8), Instruction note Enhancing Compliance Monitoring and Improving Transparency and Accountability in Supply Chain Management, Practice note 7 of 2009/10 - SBD 4 Declaration of Interest, Practice Note 2010 Prohibition of Restrictive practices SBD9, Section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998 as amended together with its associated regulations, the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No 12 of 2004 and regulations pertaining to the tender defaulters register, Paragraph 16A9 of the National Treasury Regulations and/or any other applicable legislation.
2. All prospective bidders intending to do business with the Institution must be registered on the Central Supplier Database (CSD) and the Western Cape Supplier Evidence Bank (WCSEB) if they wish to do business with the Western Cape Government (WCG) via the electronic Procurement Solution (ePS).
3. **Definitions**

“**bid**” means a bidder’s response to an institution’s invitation to participate in a procurement process which may include a bid, price quotation or proposal;

“**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;

“**business interest**” means -

- (a) a right or entitlement to share in profits, revenue or assets of an entity;
- (b) a real or personal right in property;
- (c) a right to remuneration or any other private gain or benefit, or
- (d) includes any interest contemplated in paragraphs (a), (b) or (c) acquired through an intermediary and any potential interest in terms of any of those paragraphs;

“**Consortium or Joint Venture**” 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;

“**Corruption**”- General offences of corruption are defined in the Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, 2004 (Act No 12 of 2004) as:

Any person who directly or indirectly-

- (a) accepts or agrees or offers to accept any gratification from any other person, whether for the benefit of himself or herself or for the benefit of another person; or
- (b) gives or agrees or offers to give to any other person any gratification, whether for the benefit of that other person or for the benefit of another person., in order to act personally or by influencing another person so to act, in a manner—
 - (i) that amounts to the-

- (aa) illegal, dishonest, unauthorised, incomplete, or biased; or
- (bb) misuse or selling of information or material acquired in the course of the exercise, carrying out or performance of any powers, duties or functions arising out of a constitutional, statutory, contractual or any other legal obligation:
- (ii) that amounts to-
 - (aa) the abuse of a position of authority;
 - (bb) a breach of trust; or
 - (cc) the violation of a legal duty or a set of rules;
- (iii) designed to achieve an unjustified result; or
- (iv) that amounts to any other unauthorised or improper inducement to do or 45 not to do anything, of the, is guilty of the offence of corruption

“CSD” means the Central Supplier Database maintained by National Treasury;

“employee”, in relation to –

- (a) a department, means a person contemplated in section 8 of the Public Service Act, 1994 but excludes a person appointed in terms of section 12A of that Act; and
- (b) a public entity, means a person employed by the public entity;

“entity” means any -

- (a) association of persons, whether or not incorporated or registered in terms of any law, including a company, corporation, trust, partnership, close corporation, joint venture or consortium; or
- (b) sole proprietorship;

“entity conducting business with the Institution” means an entity that contracts or applies or tenders for the sale, lease or supply of goods or services to the Province;

“Family member” means a person's -

- (a) spouse; or
- (b) child, parent, brother, sister, whether such a relationship results from birth, marriage or adoption or some other legal arrangement (as the case may be);

“intermediary” means a person through whom an interest is acquired, and includes a representative or agent or any other person who has been granted authority to act on behalf of another person;

“Institution” means –

a provincial department or provincial public entity listed in Schedule 3C of the Act;

“Provincial Government Western Cape (PGWC)” means

- (a) the Institution of the Western Cape, and

(b) a provincial public entity;

“RWOEE” means -

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“spouse” means a person's -

(a) partner in marriage or civil union according to legislation;

(b) partner in a customary union according to indigenous law; or

(c) partner with whom he or she cohabits and who is publicly acknowledged by the person as his or her life partner or permanent companion.

4. Regulation 13(c) of the Public Service Regulations (PSR) 2016, effective 1 February 2017, prohibits any employee from conducting business with an organ of state, or holding a directorship in a public or private company doing business with an organ of state unless the employee is a director (in an official capacity) of a company listed in schedules 2 and 3 of the Public Finance Management Act.

a) Therefore, by 31 January 2017 all employees who are conducting business with an organ of state should either have:

(i) resigned as an employee of the government institution or;

(ii) cease conducting business with an organ of state or;

(iii) resign as a director/shareholder/owner/member of an entity that conducts business with an organ of state.

5. Any legal person, or their family members, may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid. In view of potential conflict of interest, in the event that the resulting bid, or part thereof, be awarded to family members of persons employed by an organ of state, it is required that the bidder or his/her authorised representative declare his/her position in relation to the evaluating/adjudicating authority where the bidder is employed by the Institution
6. The bid of any bidder may be disregarded if that bidder or any of its directors abused the institution's supply chain management system; committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system; or failed to perform on any previous contract.
7. 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). Collusive bidding is a per se prohibition meaning that it cannot be justified under any grounds.
8. Treasury Regulation 16A9 prescribes that accounting officers and accounting authorities must take all reasonable steps to prevent abuse of the supply chain management system and authorises accounting officers and accounting authorities to:
 - a) disregard the bid of any bidder if that bidder, or any of its directors have abused the institution's supply chain management system and or committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system.
 - b) cancel a contract awarded to a supplier of goods and services if the supplier committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of that contract.
9. Communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium will not be construed as collusive bidding.
10. 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.

SECTION A: DETAILS OF THE ENTITY

	<i>CSD Registration Number</i>	<i>MAAA</i>
	<i>Name of the Entity</i>	
	<i>Entity registration Number (where applicable)</i>	
	<i>Entity Type</i>	
	<i>Tax Reference Number</i>	

Full details of directors, shareholder, member, partner, trustee, sole proprietor or any persons with a right or entitlement to share in profits, revenue or assets of the entity should be disclosed in the Table A below.

TABLE A

FULL NAME	DESIGNATION <i>(Where a director is a shareholder, both should be confirmed)</i>	IDENTITY NUMBER	PERSONAL TAX REFERENCE NO.	PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE ENTITY

SECTION B: DECLARATION OF THE BIDDER'S INTEREST

The supply chain management system of an institution must, irrespective of the procurement process followed, prohibit any award to an employee of the state, who either individually or as a director of a public or private company or a member of a close corporation, seek to conduct business with the WCG, unless such employee is in an official capacity a director of a company listed in Schedule 2 or 3 of the PFMA as prescribed by the Public Service Regulation 13 (c).

Furthermore, an employee employed by an organ of state conducting remunerative work outside of the employee's employment should first obtain the necessary approval by the delegated authority (RWOEE), failure to submit proof of such authority, where applicable, may result in disciplinary action.

B1.	Are any persons listed in Table A identified on the CSD as employees of an organ of state? <i>(If yes, refer to Public Service Circular EIM 1/2016 to exercise the listed actions)</i>	NO	YES
B2.	Are any employees of the entity also employees of an organ of state? <i>(If yes complete Table B and attach their approved "RWOEE")</i>	NO	YES
B3.	Are any family members of the persons listed in Table A employees of an organ of state? <i>(If yes complete Table B)</i>	NO	YES

TABLE B

Details of persons (family members) connected to or employees of an organ of state should be disclosed in Table B below.

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SECTION C: PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT AND BIDDER'S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

To enable the prospective bidder to provide evidence of past and current performance.

C1.	Did the entity conduct business with an organ of state in the last twelve months? (If yes complete Table C)	NO	YES
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C2. TABLE C

Complete the below table to the maximum of the last 5 contracts.

NAME OF CONTRACTOR	PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OR PROVINCIAL ENTITY	TYPE OF SERVICES OR COMMODITY	CONTRACT/ ORDER NUMBER	PERIOD OF CONTRACT	VALUE OF CONTRACT	
C3. Is the entity or its principals listed on the National Database as companies or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector?					NO	YES
C4. Is the entity or its principals listed on the National Treasury Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No. 12 of 2004)?					NO	YES
<i>(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) 326 5445.)</i>						
C5. If yes to C3 or C4, were you informed in writing about the listing on the database of restricted suppliers or Register for Tender Defaulters by National Treasury?				NO	YES	N/A
C6. Was the entity or persons listed in Table A convicted for fraud or corruption during the past five years in a court of law (including a court outside the Republic of South Africa)?					NO	YES
C7. Was any contract between the bidder and any organ of state terminated during the past five years on account of failure to perform on or comply with the contract?					NO	YES

SECTION D: DULY AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE TO DEPOSE TO AFFIDAVIT

This form must be signed by a duly authorised representative of the entity in the presence of a commissioner of oaths.

I, hereby
swear/affirm;

- i. that the information disclosed above is true and accurate;
- ii. that I understand the content of the document;
- iii. the entity undertakes to independently arrive at any offer at any time to the Institution without any consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. In addition, that there will be 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 the Institution.
- iv. that the entity or its representative are aware of and undertakes not to disclose the terms of any bid, formal or informal, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the awarding of the contract.

DULY AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE

I certify that before administering the oath/affirmation I asked the deponent the following questions and wrote down his/her answers in his/her presence:

- 1.1 Do you know and understand the contents of the declaration? ANSWER:
- 1.2 Do you have any objection to taking the prescribed oath? ANSWER:
- 1.3 Do you consider the prescribed oath to be binding on your conscience? ANSWER:.....
- 1.4 Do you want to make an affirmation? ANSWER:
- 2. I certify that the deponent has acknowledged that he/she knows and understands the contents of this declaration, which was sworn to/affirmed and the deponent's signature/thumbprint/mark was place thereon in my presence.

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SIGNATURE FULL NAMES Commissioner of Oaths

Designation (rank) ex officio: Republic of South Africa

Date:..... Place

Business Address:

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PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS 2022 AND IN TERMS OF THE WESTERN CAPE GOVERNMENTS INTERIM STRATEGY AS IT RELATES TO PREFERENCE POINTS

This preference form must form part of all bids invited. It contains general information and serves as a claim form for preference points for Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) Status Level of Contribution

NB: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, BIDDERS (TENDERERS) MUST STUDY THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF THE TENDER, PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2022 AND THE BROAD BASED BLACK ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT ACT AND THE CODES OF GOOD PRACTICE

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 **“acceptable tender”** means any tender which, in all respects, complies with the specifications and conditions of tender as set out in the tender document.
- 1.2 **“affidavit”** is a type of verified statement or showing, or in other words, it contains a verification, meaning it is under oath or penalty of perjury, and this serves as evidence to its veracity and is required for court proceedings.
- 1.3 **“all applicable taxes”** includes value-added tax, pay as you earn, income tax, unemployment insurance fund contributions and skills development levies;
- 1.4 **“B-BBEE”** means broad-based black economic empowerment as defined in section 1 of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- 1.5 **“B-BBEE status level of contributor”** means the B-BBEE status of an entity in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment issued in terms of section 9(1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- 1.6 **“bid”** means a written offer on the official bid documents or invitation of price quotations and **“tender”** is the act of bidding /tendering;
- 1.7 **“Code of Good Practice”** means the generic codes or the sector codes as the case may be;
- 1.8 **“consortium or joint venture”** 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;
- 1.9 **“contract”** means the agreement that results from the acceptance of a bid by an organ of state;

- 1.10 **“EME”** is an Exempted Micro Enterprise with an annual total revenue of R10 million or less.
- 1.11 **“Firm price”** means the price that is only subject to adjustments in accordance with the actual increase or decrease resulting from the change, imposition, or abolition of customs or excise duty and any other duty, levy, or tax, which, in terms of the law or regulation, is binding on the contractor and demonstrably has an influence on the price of any supplies, or the rendering costs of any service, for the execution of the contract;
- 1.12 **“Large Enterprise”** is any enterprise with an annual total revenue above R50 million;
- 1.13 **“non-firm prices”** means all prices other than “firm” prices;
- 1.14 **“person”** includes a juristic person;
- 1.15 **“price” means an amount of money tendered for goods or services, and** includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts;
- 1.16 **proof of B-BBEE status level contributor” means-**
- (a) The B-BBEE status level certificate issued by an authorized body or person;
 - (b) A sworn affidavit as prescribed in terms of the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice; or
 - (c) Any other requirement prescribed in terms of the Broad- Based Black Economic Empowerment Act.
- 1.17 **QSE** is a Qualifying Small Enterprise with an annual total revenue between R10 million and R50 million;
- 1.18 **“rand value”** means the total estimated value of a contract in Rand, calculated at the time of bid invitation, and includes all applicable taxes;
- 1.19 **“sub-contract”** means the primary contractor’s assigning, leasing, making out work to, or employing, another person to support such primary contractor in the execution of part of a project in terms of the contract.
- 1.20 **“tender”** means a written offer in the form determined by an organ of state in response to an invitation to provide or services through price quotations, competitive tendering process or any other method envisaged in legislation;
- 1.21 **“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;
- 1.22 **“the Act”** means the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 (Act No. 5 of 2000);
- 1.23 **“the Regulations”** means the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2022;

- 1.24 **“total revenue”** bears the same meaning assigned to this expression in the Codes of Good Practice on Black Economic Empowerment, issued in terms of section 9(1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act and promulgated in the *Government Gazette* on 11 October 2013;
- 1.25 **“trust”** means the arrangement through which the property of one person is made over or bequeathed to a trustee to administer such property for the benefit of another person; and
- 1.26 **“trustee”** means any person, including the founder of a trust, to whom property is bequeathed in order for such property to be administered for the benefit of another person.

2. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 2.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to all bids:
- the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included); and
 - the 90/10 system for requirements with a Rand value above R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included).
- 2.2 Preference point system for this bid:
- (a) The value of this bid is estimated to exceed/not exceed R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included) and therefore the preference point system shall be applicable; or
 - (b) Either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will be applicable to this tender (*delete whichever is not applicable for this tender*).
- 2.3 Preference points for this bid (even in the case of a tender for income-generating contracts) shall be awarded for:
- (a) Price; and
 - (b) B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution.
- 2.4 The maximum points for this bid are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
PRICE	
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR	
Total points for Price and B-BBEE must not exceed	100

- 2.5 Failure on the part of a bidder to fill in, sign this form and submit in the circumstances prescribed in the Codes of Good Practice either a B-BBEE Verification Certificate issued by a Verification Agency accredited by the South African Accreditation System (SANAS) or an affidavit confirming annual total revenue and level of black ownership together with the bid or an affidavit issued by Companies Intellectual Property Commission, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for B-BBEE status level of contribution are not claimed.
- 2.6 The organ of state reserves the right to require of a bidder, either before a bid is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the organ of state.

3. ADJUDICATION USING A POINT SYSTEM

- 3.1 Subject to Section 2 (1) (f) of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000, the **bidder obtaining the highest number of total points** will be awarded the contract.

- 3.2 A tenderer must submit proof of its B-BBEE status level of contributor in order to claim points for B-BBEE.
- 3.3 A tenderer failing to submit proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor or is a non-compliant contributor to B-BBEE will not be disqualified but will only score:
- (a) points out of 80 for price; and
 - (b) 0 points out of 20 for B-BBEE
- 3.4 Points scored must be rounded off to the nearest 2 decimal places.
- 3.5 In the event that two or more bids have scored equal total points, the successful bid must be the one scoring the highest number of preference points for B-BBEE.
- 3.6 As per section 2 (1) (f) of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000, the contract may be awarded to a bidder other than the one scoring the highest number of total points based on objective criteria in addition to those contemplated in paragraph (d) and (e) of the Act that justifies the award to another tenderer provided that it has been stipulated upfront in the tendering conditions.
- 3.7 Should two or more bids be equal in all respects; the award shall be decided by the drawing of lots.

4. FORMULAE FOR PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

4.1 POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

4.1.1 THE 80/20 OR 90/10 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEM

A maximum of 80 or 90 points is allocated for price on the following basis:

80/20

$$Ps = 80 \left(1 - \frac{Pt - P_{min}}{P_{min}} \right)$$

or

90/10

$$Ps = 90 \left(1 - \frac{Pt - P_{min}}{P_{min}} \right)$$

Where

Ps = Points scored for price of bid under consideration

Pt = Price of tender under consideration

Pmin = Price of lowest acceptable tender

5. FORMULAE FOR DISPOSAL OR LEASING OF STATE ASSETS AND INCOME GENERATING PROCUREMENT

5.1 POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

A maximum of 80 or 90 points is allocated for price on the following basis:

80/20

or

90/10

$$Ps = 80 \left(1 + \frac{Pt - P_{max}}{P_{max}} \right)$$

$$Ps = 90 \left(1 + \frac{Pt - P_{max}}{P_{max}} \right)$$

or

Where

Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration

Pt = Price of tender under consideration

Pmax = Price of highest acceptable tender

6. POINTS AWARDED FOR B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION

- 6.1 In terms of WCG interim strategy, preference points must be awarded to a bidder for attaining the B-BBEE status level of contribution in accordance with the table below:

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Number of points (90/10 system)	Number of points (80/20 system)
1	10	20
2	9	18
3	6	14
4	5	12
5	4	8
6	3	6
7	2	4
8	1	2
Non-compliant contributor	0	0

- 6.2 An **EME** must submit a valid, originally certified affidavit confirming annual turnover and level of black ownership or an affidavit issued by Companies Intellectual Property Commission

- 6.3 A **QSE that is less than 51 per cent (50% or less) black owned** must be verified in terms of the QSE scorecard issued via Government Gazette and submit a valid, original or a legible certified copy of a B-BBEE Verification Certificate issued by SANAS.

- 6.4 A ***QSE that is at least 51 per cent black owned (51% or higher)*** must submit a valid, originally certified affidavit confirming turnover and level of black ownership as well as declare its empowering status or an affidavit issued by Companies Intellectual Property Commission.

- 6.5 A **large enterprise** must submit a valid, original or originally certified copy of a B-BBEE Verification Certificate issued by a verification agency accredited by SANAS.
- 6.6 A trust, consortium or joint venture, will qualify for points for their B-BBEE status level as a legal entity, provided that the entity submits their B-BBEE status level certificate.
- 6.7 A trust, consortium or joint venture (including unincorporated consortia and joint ventures) must submit a consolidated B-BBEE status level verification certificate for every separate tender.
- 6.8 Tertiary institutions and public entities will be required to submit their B-BBEE status level certificates in terms of the specialized scorecard contained in the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice.

7. BID DECLARATION

- 7.1 Bidders who claim points in respect of B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution must complete the following:

8. B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION CLAIMED IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 6

- 8.1 B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution..... =(*maximum of 20 points*)

(Points claimed in respect of paragraph 7.1 must be in accordance with the table reflected in paragraph 6.1 and must be substantiated by means of a B-BBEE certificate issued by a Verification Agency accredited by SANAS or an affidavit confirming annual total revenue and level of black ownership in terms of the relevant sector code applicable to the tender.

9. SUB-CONTRACTING

- 9.1 Will any portion of the contract be sub-contracted? **YES/NO** (*delete which is not applicable*)

- 9.1.1 If yes, indicate:

(i) what percentage of the contract will be subcontracted? %

(ii) the name of the sub-contractor?

(iii) the B-BBEE status level of the sub-contractor?

(iv) whether the sub-contractor is an EME or QSE? **YES/NO** (*delete which is not applicable*)

- 9.1.2 Sub-contracting relates to a **particular** contract and if sub-contracting is applicable, the bidder to state in their response to a particular RFQ that a portion of that contract will be sub- contracted.

10. DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

10.1 Name of company/ entity:

10.2 VAT registration number:

10.3 Company Registration number:

10.4 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

[SELECT APPLICABLE ONE]

10.5 I/we, the undersigned, who is / are duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the B-BBEE status level of contribution indicated in paragraph 7 above, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I/we acknowledge that:

- (a) The Western Cape Government reserves the right to audit the B-BBEE status claim submitted by the bidder.
- (b) As set out in Section 130 of the B-BBEE Act as amended, any misrepresentation constitutes a criminal offence. A person commits an offence if that person knowingly:
 - (i) misrepresents or attempts to misrepresent the B-BBEE status of an enterprise;
 - (ii) provides false information or misrepresents information to a B-BBEE Verification Professional in order to secure a particular B-BBEE status or any benefit associated with compliance to the B-BBEE Act;
 - (iii) provides false information or misrepresents information relevant to assessing the B-BBEE status of an enterprise to any organ of state or public entity; or
 - (iv) engages in a fronting practice.
- (c) If a B-BBEE verification professional or any procurement officer or other official of an organ of state or public entity becomes aware of the commission of, or any attempt to commit any offence referred to in paragraph 10.5 (a) above will be reported to an appropriate law enforcement agency for investigation.

- (d) Any person convicted of an offence by a court is liable in the case of contravention of 10.5 (b) to a fine or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years or to both a fine and such imprisonment or, if the convicted person is not a natural person to a fine not exceeding 10 per cent of its annual turnover.
- (e) The purchaser may, if it becomes aware that a bidder may have obtained its B-BBEE status level of contribution on a fraudulent basis, investigate the matter. Should the investigation warrant a restriction be imposed, this will be referred to the National Treasury for investigation, processing and imposing the restriction on the National Treasury's List of Restricted Suppliers. The bidder or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, may 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.
- (f) The purchaser may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –
- (i) disqualify the person from the bidding process;
 - (ii) recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person's conduct;
 - (iii) 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; and
 - (iv) forward the matter for criminal prosecution.
- (g) The information furnished is true and correct.
- (h) The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 2 of this form.

SIGNATURE(S) OF THE BIDDER(S):

.....

DATE:

.....

ADDRESS:

.....

.....



WITNESSES:

1.
2.



CONTRACT FORM - PURCHASE OF GOODS/WORKS/SERVICES

THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED IN DUPLICATE BY BOTH THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER (PART 1) AND THE PURCHASER (PART 2). BOTH FORMS MUST BE SIGNED IN THE ORIGINAL SO THAT THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER AND THE PURCHASER WOULD BE IN POSSESSION OF ORIGINALLY SIGNED CONTRACTS FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE RECORDS.

PART 1 (TO BE FILLED IN BY THE BIDDER)

1. I hereby undertake to supply all or any of the goods and/or works /services described in the attached bidding documents to (name of institution)..... in accordance with the requirements and specifications stipulated in bid number..... at the price/s quoted. My offer/s remain binding upon me and open for acceptance by the purchaser during the validity period indicated and calculated from the closing time of bid.
2. The following documents shall be deemed to form and be read and construed as part of this agreement:
 - (i) Bidding documents, viz
 - Invitation to bid;
 - Tax clearance certificate;
 - Pricing schedule(s);
 - Technical Specification(s);
 - Preference claims for Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment Status Level of Contribution in terms of the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2017; [WCBD 6.1]
 - Declaration of Interest; Declaration of bidder's past SCM practices and Certificate of Independent Bid Determination [WCBD 4]
 - Special Conditions of Contract;
 - (ii) *General Conditions of Contract; and*
 - (iii) *Other (specify)*
3. I confirm that I have satisfied myself as to the correctness and validity of my bid; that the price(s) and rate(s) quoted cover all the goods and/or works specified in the bidding documents; that the price(s) and rate(s) cover all my obligations and I accept that any mistakes regarding price(s) and rate(s) and calculations will be at my own risk.



4. I accept full responsibility for the proper execution and fulfilment of all obligations and conditions devolving on me under this agreement as the principal liable for the due fulfilment of this contract
5. I declare that I have no participation in any collusive practices with any bidder or any other person regarding this or any other bid.
6. I confirm that I am duly authorised to sign this contract.

NAME (PRINT)

CAPACITY

SIGNATURE

NAME OF FIRM

DATE

WITNESSES

1

2.

DATE:



WCBD 7.1

CONTRACT FORM - PURCHASE OF GOODS/WORKS/SERVICES

PART 2 (TO BE FILLED IN BY THE PURCHASER)

1. I..... in my capacity as..... accept your bid under reference numberdated.....for the supply of goods/works/services indicated hereunder and/or further specified in the annexure(s).
2. An official order indicating delivery instructions is forthcoming.
3. I undertake to make payment for the goods/works/services delivered in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract, within 30 (thirty) days after receipt of an invoice accompanied by the delivery note.

ITEM NO.	PRICE (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)	BRAND	DELIVERY PERIOD	B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION	MINIMUM THRESHOLD FOR LOCAL PRODUCTION AND CONTENT (if applicable)

4. I confirm that I am duly authorised to sign this contract.

SIGNED ATON.....

NAME (PRINT)

SIGNATURE

OFFICIAL STAMP

WITNESSES

1.

2.

DATE



GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC)

NOTES

The purpose of this document is to:

- (i) Draw special attention to certain general conditions applicable to government bids, contracts and orders; and
- (ii) To ensure that clients be familiar with regard to the rights and obligations of all parties involved in doing business with government.

In this document words in the singular also mean in the plural and vice versa and words in the masculine also mean in the feminine and neuter.

- The General Conditions of Contract will form part of all bid documents and may not be amended.
- Special Conditions of Contract (SCC) relevant to a specific bid, should be compiled separately for every bid (if applicable) and will supplement the General Conditions of Contract. Whenever there is a conflict, the provisions in the SCC shall prevail.



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General Conditions of Contract

1. Definitions

1. 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 supplier, 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 supplier 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 of 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 consignees 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 supplier 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 market 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 supplier and not involving the supplier'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 supplier 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 supplier 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 or 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 organization purchasing the goods.
- 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 supplier 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 supplies, 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 supplied shall conform to the standards mentioned in the bidding documents and specifications.

5. Use of contract documents and information; inspection.

- 5.1 The supplier 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 supplier 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 supplier 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 supplier's performance under the contract if so, required by the purchaser.



- 5.4 The supplier shall permit the purchaser to inspect the supplier's records relating to the performance of the supplier and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the purchaser, if so, required by the purchaser.

6. Patent rights

- 6.1 The supplier 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 Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of contract award, the successful bidder shall furnish to the purchaser the performance security of the amount specified in SCC.
- 7.2 The proceeds of the performance security shall be payable to the purchaser as compensation for any loss resulting from the supplier's failure to complete his obligations under the contract.
- 7.3 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
- 7.4 The performance security will be discharged by the purchaser and returned to the supplier not later than thirty (30) days following the date of completion of the supplier's performance obligations under the contract, including any warranty obligations, unless otherwise specified in SCC.

8. Inspections, tests and analyses

- 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 Department or an organization acting on behalf of the Department.
- 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 supplier.
- 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 supplier 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 supplier's cost and risk. Should the supplier fail to provide the substitute supplies forthwith, the purchaser may, without giving the supplier further opportunity to substitute the rejected supplies, purchase such supplies as may be necessary at the expense of the supplier.
- 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. Packing

- 9.1 The supplier 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 supplier in accordance with the terms specified in the contract. The details of shipping and/or other documents to be furnished by the supplier are specified in SCC.
- 10.2 Documents to be submitted by the supplier 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 supplier 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 supplier of any warranty obligations under this contract; and
 - (e) training of the purchaser's personnel, at the supplier's plant and/or on-site, in assembly, start-up, operation, maintenance, and/or repair of the supplied goods.
- 13.2 Prices charged by the supplier 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 supplier for similar services.

14. Spare parts

- 14.1 As specified in SCC, the supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following materials, notifications, and information pertaining to spare parts manufactured or distributed by the supplier:



- (a) such spare parts as the purchaser may elect to purchase from the supplier, provided that this election shall not relieve the supplier 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 supplier 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 supplier 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 supplier, 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 supplier in writing of any claims arising under this warranty.
- 15.4 Upon receipt of such notice, the supplier 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 supplier, 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 supplier's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the purchaser may have against the supplier under the contract.

16. Payment

- 16.1 The method and conditions of payment to be made to the supplier under this contract shall be specified in SCC.



- 16.2 The supplier 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 supplier.
- 16.4 Payment will be made in Rand unless otherwise stipulated in SCC.

17. Prices

- 17.1 Prices charged by the supplier for goods delivered and services performed under the contract shall not vary from the prices quoted by the supplier in his bid, with the exception of any price adjustments authorized in SCC or in the 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 supplier shall not assign, in whole or in part, its obligations to perform under the contract, except with the purchaser's prior written consent.

20. Subcontracts

- 20.1 The supplier 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 supplier from any liability or obligation under the contract.

21. Delays in the supplier's performance

- 21.1 Delivery of the goods and performance of services shall be made by the supplier 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 supplier or its subcontractor(s) should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery of the goods and performance of services, the supplier 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 supplier's notice, the purchaser shall evaluate the situation and may at his discretion extend the supplier'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 minor essential services executed if an emergency arises, the supplier's point of supply is not situated at or near the place where the supplies are required, or the supplier's services are not readily available.
- 21.5 Except as provided under GCC Clause 25, a delay by the supplier in the performance of its delivery obligations shall render the supplier 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 supplier'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 supplier.

22. Penalties

- 22.1 Subject to GCC Clause 25, if the supplier fails to deliver any or all of the goods 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 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 supplier, may terminate this contract in whole or in part:
 - (a) if the supplier 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 Supplier fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the contract; or
 - (c) if the supplier, 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 or services similar to those undelivered, and the supplier shall be liable to the purchaser for any excess costs for such similar goods, works or services. However, the supplier 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 supplier by prohibiting such supplier 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 supplier or any person associated with the supplier, the supplier 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 supplier 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 supplier.
- 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 supplier 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 suppliers 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 anti-dumping 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 supplier 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 is the result of an event of force majeure.
- 25.2 If a force majeure situation arises, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the purchaser in writing, the supplier 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 for insolvency

- 26.1 The purchaser may at any time terminate the contract by giving written notice to the supplier if the supplier becomes bankrupt or otherwise insolvent. In this event, termination will be without compensation to the supplier, 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 supplier 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 supplier 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 supplier any monies due the supplier.

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 supplier 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 supplier to pay penalties and/or damages to the purchaser; and
 - (b) the aggregate liability of the supplier 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 supplier 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

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 supplier 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 supplier 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 Department 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. National Industrial Participation (NIP) Programme

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

34. Prohibition of Restrictive Practices

- 34.1 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).
- 34.2 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.
- 34.3 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.