



BID REFERENCE: NRF/SARAO SCSA/24/2025-26

**DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION AND DEPLOYMENT OF A DISTRIBUTED
NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE TO DEMONSTRATE A MESH COMPUTER
NETWORK WITH ACCOMPANYING HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE TOOLS TO
ENABLE OPEN SCIENCE RESEARCH**

BID INVITATION NOTICE

The South African Radio Astronomy Observatory ('SARAO') hereby invites submissions for the following tender -

Bid Number	Bid Description	Bid Closing Date and Time
NRF/SARAO SCSA/24/2025-26	DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION AND DEPLOYMENT OF A DISTRIBUTED NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE TO DEMONSTRATE A MESH COMPUTER NETWORK WITH ACCOMPANYING HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE TOOLS TO ENABLE OPEN SCIENCE RESEARCH	Friday, 31 October 2025 at 12.00PM

TENDER BRIEFING MEETING:

A Non-Compulsory tender briefing meeting will take place as follows –

Date: Friday, 10 October 2025

Time: 10.00AM

Zoom Link: To register in advance for the briefing session, click on the following link:
<https://ska.zoom.us/meeting/register/M1B3lgrJRyOmHW-MpPDMvQ>

After registering, bidders will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Persons attending the tender briefing meeting must be duly authorised to represent the bidder.

PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT SYSTEM:

The 80/20 price and preference points system, as prescribed by Section 4 of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2022 issued under the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, (Act No 5 of 2000) (PPPFA) will be applied to evaluate this bid

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

Bidders must satisfy the evaluation criteria in Stages 1 and 2 of the bid selection process in order to be evaluated further on price and preference (Stage 3). Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

BID SUBMISSION:

Electronic submissions must be sent to tenders@sarao.ac.za on or before the closing date, **Friday, 31 October 2025 at 12.00PM.**

Bids received after the closing date and/or time will be disqualified.

Bids must be submitted in separate electronic folders, one with the compliance and technical response, and the other with the financial response. Technical submissions must be in searchable PDF format.

Bidders may use WeTransfer, Dropbox or Google Drive to submit their bid submissions.

The bid documentation may be accessed on the SRAO website: <http://www.sarao.ac.za/tenders/>, or the National Treasury E-tenders portal: <http://www.etenders.gov.za>

BID ENQUIRIES:

Bid enquiries may be directed to, Email: tender-enquiries@sarao.ac.za